

Marion P Thomas Charter School Board of Trustees Meeting

November 23, 6:00 PM
125 Sussex Ave Newark NJ 07103

1) CALL TO ORDER 6:08 pm – Open Public Meetings Act

A) The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (“Act”) was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of, and to attend meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Marion P Thomas Charter School Board of Trustees has caused notice of this meeting to be advertised by having the date, time, and place thereof posted on the MPTCS website, in the office of the Clerk of the City of Newark, and was published in the Star-Ledger on 7/30/2020.

2) ROLL CALL

A) The following individuals are voting members of the Board:

Board Member	Present	Absent	Board Member	Present	Absent
			Tia Morris	X	
Lincoln Farquharson	X		Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)	X	
Briana Gilchrist		X	Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)		X
Michelle Jones		X	Tyisha Kidd		X
Aileen Dempsey	X		Rev. Ronald Slaughter	X	
Jason Denard	X		Crystal Uqdah		X

Non-Voting Board Members Present	
Chaleeta Hines (Chief School Admin)	Dominique Lee (Brick CEO)
Carriann Zielinski (Board Secretary& BA)	Tina Jalloh(Board Attorney)

3) BOARD MINUTES

A) Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from October 26 , 2020

B)

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
						Tia Morris		X			
Lincoln Farquharson	X	X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		X			
Briana Gilchrist					X	Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)					X
Michelle Jones					X	Tyisha Kidd					X
Aileen Dempsey	2	X				Pastor Ronald Slaughter		X			
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah					X

C) Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from November 19, 2020

D) Motion: Pastor Slaughter

E) Second Lincoln

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
						Tia Morris		X			

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Lincoln Farquharson	2	X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		X			
Briana Gilchrist					X	Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)					X
Michelle Jones					X	Tyisha Kidd					X
Aileen Dempsey		X				Pastor Ronald Slaughter	X	X			
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah					X

4) APPROVE THE BOARD AGENDA

- A) Approval of the Board Agenda for November 23, 2020 Board Meeting.
- B) Motion : Tia
- C) Second : Lincoln

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
						Tia Morris	X	X			
Lincoln Farquharson	2	X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		X			
Briana Gilchrist					X	Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)					X
Michelle Jones					X	Tyisha Kidd					X
Aileen Dempsey		X				Pastor Ronald Slaughter		X			
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah					X

**** Crystal Uqdah & Briana Gilchrist has joined the meeting**

5) SCHOOL UPDATE

- A) Enrollment Update:
 - i) Program Update: See Attachment Chaleeta Hines

To Amend the Agenda

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
						Tia Morris		X			
Lincoln Farquharson	X	X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		X			
Briana Gilchrist		X				Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)					X
Michelle Jones					X	Tyisha Kidd					X
Aileen Dempsey	2	X				Pastor Ronald Slaughter		X			
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah		X			

To Approve the Revisions as Stated: Academic Committee to read Curriculum and Instruction ; Add Operation Committee; Change K. Sherrer El to Lincoln for Culture Committee.

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						Tia Morris		X			
Lincoln Farquharson	X	X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		X			
Briana Gilchrist		X				Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)					X

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Michelle Jones				X	Tyisha Kidd					X
Aileen Dempsey	2	X			Pastor Ronald Slaughter		X			
Jason Denard		X			Crystal Uqdah		X			

B) COMMITTEE/ Reports UPDATES

- i) Finance Report : Carrieann Zielinski, SBA
- ii) Personnel Committee : Aileen went over October & November Personnel Reports
- iii) Culture Committee: Lincoln Focused on HIB Self Assessment. Highest score was 78 and we received 72. Moving up. Adding new personnel to this committee.
- iv) Curriculum & Instruction Committee: Lincoln Developing a policy alongside CSA and Chief Academic Officer. IEPs are not up to date but they are working on updating all policies. Where does the CSA have the authority to say no or yes? 75 students receiving 1-1 counseling.
- v) Legal Updates : No Legal Update
- vi) Alumni Committee: No Alumni Update
- vii) Operations Committee: Looking at operations to see what everyone did and what the lines of communication went. Not much to report on. Asked for an org chart. They want the public to know who is responsible for specific operations as well.



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6) MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL/RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions :

Resolution MPTCS 1123-20-1

2. The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School APPROVES The October new hires, update on vacancies, leaves, workman’s compensation & incident reports, terminations, and Settlement Agreement for the 2020-2021 SY,

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						Tia Morris		X			
Lincoln Farquharson		X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		X			
Briana Gilchrist	X	X				Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)					X
Michelle Jones					X	Tyisha Kidd					X
Aileen Dempsey	2	X				Pastor Ronald Slaughter		X			
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah		X			

Resolution MPTCS 1123-20-2

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						Tia Morris	X	X			
Lincoln Farquharson		X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		X			
Briana Gilchrist		X				Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)					X
Michelle Jones					X	Tyisha Kidd					X
Aileen Dempsey	2	X				Pastor Ronald Slaughter		X			
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah		X			

Resolution MPTCS 1123-20-3: The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves:

- 1123-20-4 November Bill List in the amount of \$3,021,999.42

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Nichelle Bowes						Tia Morris		X			
Lincoln Farquharson		X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)	2	X			
Briana Gilchrist		X				Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)					X
Michelle Jones					X	Tyisha Kidd					X
Aileen Dempsey		X				Pastor Ronald Slaughter		X			
Jason Denard	X	X				Crystal Uqdah		X			

Resolution MPTCS 1123-20-4

2. The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves the Annual Charter Fiscal Questionnaire

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
						Tia Morris		X			
Lincoln Farquharson	X	X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		X			
Briana Gilchrist		X				Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)					X
Michelle Jones					X	Tyisha Kidd					X
Aileen Dempsey		X				Pastor Ronald Slaughter	2	X			
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah		X			

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Resolution MPTCS 1123-20-5

- The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves the MPTCS TPAF Reimbursement Form

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
						Tia Morris	2	x			
Lincoln Farquharson		x				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		x			
Briana Gilchrist		x				Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)					X
Michelle Jones					X	Tyisha Kidd					X
Aileen Dempsey		x				Pastor Ronald Slaughter	X	x			
Jason Denard		x				Crystal Uqdah		x			

Resolution MPTCS 1123-20-6

The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves the HIB Scorecard

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
						Tia Morris		X			
Lincoln Farquharson	X	X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		X			
Briana Gilchrist	2	X				Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)					X
Michelle Jones					X	Tyisha Kidd					X
Aileen Dempsey		X				Pastor Ronald Slaughter		X			
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah		X			

7) CHAIRMAN UPDATE: V.ROUSE

A) Welcome to the new board members. Vice Chair Khaatim Sherrer El has resigned. Appoints Lincoln as Vice chair and puts it forth for vote. Jason has been appointed to the Finance committee. Aileen to the Finance committee. Tia will be joining the alumni committee. Briana will be joining the Culture committee. Mentioned the committees and the need

Vice President Vote: Lincoln F.

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						Tia Morris		X			
Lincoln Farquharson						Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		X			
Briana Gilchrist		X				Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)					X
Michelle Jones					X	Tyisha Kidd					X
Aileen Dempsey	X	X				Pastor Ronald Slaughter	2	X			

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Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah		X		
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8) PUBLIC COMMENT: Members of the public wishing to address the Board of Trustees (“Board”) must state their name and are requested to limit their comments to three minutes. Please be aware that all charter school employees retain the right of privacy and shall retain all rights against defamation and slander according to the laws of New Jersey. The Board shall not be held liable for comments made by members of the public. Each member of the public will be given one opportunity to address the Board

9) MOTION TO ADJOURN

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
						Tia Morris		X			
Lincoln Farquharson		X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		X			
Briana Gilchrist	2	X				Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)					X
Michelle Jones					X	Tyisha Kidd					X
Aileen Dempsey		X				Pastor Ronald Slaughter	X	X			
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah		X			

Respectfully submitted at: 11/23/20
Submitted by: Carrieann Zielinski