



MPTCS Board of Trustees
Rev. Vincent Rouse | Chairman
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Marion P Thomas Charter School Board of Trustees Meeting
 March 22, 2021, 6:00 PM
 125 Sussex Ave Newark NJ 07103

Amended Minutes

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

- 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 in August 2020.

2. ROLL CALL

- a. The following individuals are voting members of the Board:

Board Member	Present	Absent	Board Member	Present	Absent
Lincoln Farquharson	X		Tia Morris		X
Briana Gilchrist	X		Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)	X	
Michelle Jones		X	Reuel Matthew		X
Aileen Dempsey	X		Dashay Carter	X	
Jason Denard	X		Crystal Uqdah		X
Princess Towe	X		Altarik White	X	
Julio Valdieso		X			

** Julio Valdieso & Reuel Matthew joined the call after the Roll Call was taken

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

3. BOARD MINUTES

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a. Approval of Board Minutes March 1, 2021

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lincoln Farquharson		X				Tia Morris					X
Briana Gilchrist		X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		X			
Michelle Jones					X	Reuel Matthew					X
Aileen Dempsey		X				Dashay Carter		X			
Jason Denard	X	X				Crystal Uqdah					X
Altarik White	2	X				Princess Towe		X			
Julio Valdieso					X						

i. Approval of Agenda : Approve of Agenda March 22, 2021

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lincoln Farquharson	X	X				Tia Morris					X
Briana Gilchrist		X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		X			
Michelle Jones					X	Reuel Matthew					X
Aileen Dempsey		X				Dashay Carter		X			
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah					x
Altarik White	2	X				Princess Towe		x			
Julio Valdieso					X						

4. Chairman Update:

- a. Good Evening to the Village. Report that MPTCS is moving forward strong in the right direction. Congratulations to all scholars who received honor for this cycle.



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Also to staff who continue to push through virtual learning. You have all met every challenge with grace and made it through an entire year.

- i. Authorize the start of a strategic plan at the beginning of the year.
- ii. Ready to roll out transition committees.
- b.** Lincoln Vice Chair discusses the Transition Committee.

Julio Valdivieso Joined the Meeting:6:14pm

c. COMMITTEE/ Reports UPDATES

- i. Alumni Committee: No updates
- ii. Committee of the Whole: No updates.
- iii. Culture Committee : Nothing to report. Still need a parent for that committee.
- iv. Curriculum & Instruction Committee: Special Education update. Board introduced a curriculum document for transition.
- v. Finance Committee:

Finance Committee : Resolution 2021-45 through MPTCS-2021-51

Motion to package finance resolutions : Jason

Second: Julio

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Lincoln Farquharson			X			Tia Morris					X
Briana Gilchrist			X			Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)			X		
Michelle Jones					X	Reuel Matthew			X		
Aileen Dempsey			X								
Jason Denard			X			Crystal Uqdah					X
Altarik White			X			Princess Towe			X		
Julio Valdieso			X			Dashay Carter			X		



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MPTCS-2021-52 Approval of Out of District Tuition Contract :Motion to Vote

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Lincoln Farquharson	x	X				Tia Morris					X
Briana Gilchrist	2	X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		X			
Michelle Jones					X	Reuel Matthew		X			
Aileen Dempsey		X									
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah					X
Altarik White		X				Princess Towe		X			
Julio Valdieso		X				Dashay Carter		X			



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MPTCS 2021-45 Approval of January and February BSR

MPTCS-2021-48 Approval of 21-22 Budget

MPTCs-2021-49 Approval of Revised Budget

MPTCS-2021-51 Approval of ERATE Contract for 21-22 SY

Lincoln Motion

Julio Second

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lincoln Farquharson	X	x				Tia Morris					x
Briana Gilchrist		x				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		x			
Michelle Jones					x	Reuel Matthew		x			
Aileen Dempsey		x									
Jason Denard		x				Crystal Uqdah					x
Altarik White		x				Princess Towe		x			
Julio Valdieso	2	x				Dashay Carter				x	

MPTCS 2021-46 Approval of March Bill List

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lincoln Farquharson	2	X				Tia Morris					X
Briana Gilchrist		X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		X			
Michelle Jones					X	Reuel Matthew		X			
Aileen Dempsey		X									
Jason Denard	X	X				Crystal Uqdah					X
Altarik White		X				Princess Towe		X			
Julio Valdieso		X				Dashay Carter		X			



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MPTCS 2021-47 Approval of January and February Treasurer Report

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Lincoln Farquharson	2	X				Tia Morris					X
Briana Gilchrist		X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		X			
Michelle Jones					X	Reuel Matthew		X			
Aileen Dempsey		X									
Jason Denard	X	X				Crystal Uqdah					X
Altarik White		X				Princess Towe		X			
Julio Valdieso				X		Dashay Carter				X	

MPTCS-2021-50 Approval of Application and Accept Funds ESSER II, Mental, & Accelerated Grant

Motion

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lincoln Farquharson	X	X				Tia Morris					x
Briana Gilchrist		X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		x			
Michelle Jones					x	Reuel Matthew		x			
Aileen Dempsey		x									
Jason Denard	2	x				Crystal Uqdah					x
Altarik White		x				Princess Towe		x			
Julio Valdieso		x				Dashay Carter		x			

- vi. Operations Committee: No additional updates.
- vii. Personnel Committee



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MPTCS-2021-44 Approval of the Personnel Report

MPTCS 2021- 53 Approval of Settlement J.W

MPTCS-2021-54 Approval of Settlement

To packaged the Personnel Committee Resolutions

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lincoln Farquharson		x				Tia Morris					x
Briana Gilchrist		x				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		x			
Michelle Jones					x	Reuel Matthew		x			
Aileen Dempsey	X	x									
Jason Denard		x				Crystal Uqdah					x
Altarik White		x				Princess Towe	2	x			
Julio Valdieso		x				Dashay Carter				x	

To approve following resolutions :

MPTCS-2021-44 Approval of the Personnel Report

MPTCS 2021- 53 Approval of Settlement J.W

MPTCS-2021-54 Approval of Settlement F.E

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Lincoln Farquharson	x	X				Tia Morris					X
Briana Gilchrist		X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		X			
Michelle Jones					X	Reuel Matthew		X			
Aileen Dempsey		X									
Jason Denard	2	X				Crystal Uqdah					X
Altarik White		X				Princess Towe		X			
Julio Valdieso		X				Dashay Carter				X	



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MPTCS-2021-55 Provide Effective Communication regarding Health Care Benefits

Rescinded

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Lincoln Farquharson						Tia Morris					
Briana Gilchrist						Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)					
Michelle Jones						Reuel Matthew					
Aileen Dempsey	X										
Jason Denard						Crystal Uqdah					
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Julio Valdieso						Dashay Carter					

- viii. Policy Review & Select Committee : Meeting on Wednesday: Reviewing Employee Handbook





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5. Legal Updates: No updates

6. Public Comment:

Trisha Costello

Jessica Tsvang

Adeel Ahmed

China McNair Cummings

7. Closing Remarks: Thank you for your time

8. MOTION TO ADJOURN

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Lincoln Farquharson		X				Tia Morris					X
Briana Gilchrist		X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		X			
Michelle Jones					X	Reuel Matthew		X			
Aileen Dempsey		X									
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah					X
Altarik White		X				Princess Towe		X			
Julio Valdieso	2	X				Dashay Carter	X	X			

Respectfully submitted at: 3/22/2021

Submitted by: Carrieann Zielinski