



Marion P Thomas Charter School Board of Trustees Meeting

April 26, 2021, 6:00 PM
125 Sussex Ave Newark NJ 07103

Amended Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER – Open Public Meetings Act : 6:12

- 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				

Non-Voting Board Members Present	
Carriann Zielinski (Board Secretary & BA)	Tina Jalloh (Board Attorney)

3. BOARD MINUTES

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a. Approval of Board Minutes March 22, 2021

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 Proxy		X				Reuel Matthew		X			
Aileen Dempsey		X				Dashay Carter		X			
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah					X
Altarik White		X				Princess Towe		X			
Julio Valdieso	X	X									

i. Approval of Agenda : Approve of Agenda April 26, 2021

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 Proxy		X				Reuel Matthew		X			
Aileen Dempsey	X	X				Dashay Carter		X			
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah					X
Altarik White		X				Princess Towe		X			
Julio Valdieso		X									

**4. Public Comment:
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5. Executive Session

Go into Executive Session

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lincoln Farquharson		X				Tia Morris	2	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	X			

End Current CSA's contract and Hire Interim CSA

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	X									
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah					X
Altarik White		X				Princess Towe		X			
Julio Valdieso		X				Dashay Carter		X			



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Come out of Executive Session

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			

6. Chairman Update: Thank you all to the staff, scholars, parents, and admin. Thank you for joining the transition committees.

a. Curriculum Transition Committee: Jason Denard gives an update.

b. Process for choosing the new CSA: Lincoln Farquharson

i. Staff - 3 votes

ii. Parents- 2 votes

iii. Students- 1 vote

Board Member Vote : Unanimous : Angela Mincy will be the new CSA for 21-22 SY

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 (Proxy)		x				Reuel Matthew		x			
Aileen Dempsey		x									
Jason Denard		x				Crystal Uqdah					X
Altarik White		x				Princess Towe		x			
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Interim CSA has been appointed. Current CSA has been released.



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7. COMMITTEE/ Reports UPDATES

- i. Alumni Committee: Alumni passed away. Class of 2007.
- ii. Curriculum & Instruction Committee: No Updates
- iii. Finance Committee:

Finance Committee : Resolution 2021- 57 through MPTCS-2021-65

Motion to package finance resolutions :

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

Amend to remove Sustainable Jersey from the package

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				Crystal Uqdah					X
Altarik White		X				Princess Towe		X			
Julio Valdieso	X	X				Dashay Carter		X			

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Package as Amended to include MPTCS-2021-57,58,59,60,61,62,64,65

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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				Crystal Uqdah					X
Altarik White				X		Princess Towe		X			
Julio Valdieso		X				Dashay Carter	X	X			

Approve The resolutions MPTCS-2021- 57-65 removing number MPTCS-2021-63 for a later date.

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 (Proxy)		X				Reuel Matthew		X			
Aileen Dempsey	2	X									
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah					X
Altarik White				X		Princess Towe		X			
Julio Valdieso		X				Dashay Carter		X			



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MPTCS-2021-57 March BSR

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

MPTCS-2021-58 March Treasurer's Report

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 (Proxy)		X				Reuel Matthew		X			
Aileen Dempsey	2	X									
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah					X
Altarik White				X		Princess Towe		X			
Julio Valdieso		X				Dashay Carter		X			



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MPTCS 2021-59 Approval of April Bill List

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 (Proxy)		X				Reuel Matthew		X			
Aileen Dempsey	2	X									
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah					X
Altarik White				X		Princess Towe		X			
Julio Valdieso		X				Dashay Carter		X			

MPTCS 2021-60 Approval of CARES Amendment

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 (Proxy)		X				Reuel Matthew		X			
Aileen Dempsey	2	X									
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah					X
Altarik White				X		Princess Towe		X			
Julio Valdieso		X				Dashay Carter		X			

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MPTCS-2021-61 Approval of ESEA Amendment

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

MPTCS-2021-62 Approval of Perkins Amendment

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 (Proxy)		X				Reuel Matthew		X			
Aileen Dempsey	2	X									
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah					X
Altarik White				X		Princess Towe		X			
Julio Valdieso		X				Dashay Carter		X			

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MPTCS-2021-63 Sustainable Jersey for Schools Certification Program: Pulled for Interim input - Table it

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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				Crystal Uqdah					X
Altarik White					X	Princess Towe		X			
Julio Valdieso		X				Dashay Carter	X	X			

MPTCS-2021-64 Approval of Jalloh and Jalloh Legal Contract

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 (Proxy)		X				Reuel Matthew		X			
Aileen Dempsey	2	X									
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah					X
Altarik White				X		Princess Towe		X			
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MPTCS-2021-65 Approval of Treasurer Contract for 21-22 SY

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

iv. Operation Committee: No Major Updates

v. Personnel Committee:

MPTCS-2021-56 Personnel Report

MPTCS-2021-66 Interim HR Director Contract

MPTCS-2021-67 COVID 19 Policy Addendum to Handbook

Approve the Personnel Report for April

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 proxy		X				Reuel Matthew		X			
Aileen Dempsey	X	X									
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah					X
Altarik White		X				Princess Towe		X			
Julio Valdieso		X				Dashay Carter				X	

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**To approve following resolutions :
MPTCS-2021-56 Personnel Report**

MPTCS-2021-67 MPTCS-2021-67 COVID 19 Policy Addendum to Handbook

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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	X									
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah					X
Altarik White		X				Princess Towe		X			
Julio Valdieso		X				Dashay Carter				X	

vi. Policy & Review Select Committee:

MPTCS-2021-68 Approve Chief Operating Officer Policy

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	2	X									
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah					X
Altarik White					X	Princess Towe		X			
Julio Valdieso		X				Dashay Carter				X	



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MPTCS-2021-66 Approve Interim HR Director Contract

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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	X									
Jason Denard				X		Crystal Uqdah					X
Altarik White					X	Princess Towe		X			
Julio Valdieso		X				Dashay Carter			X		

vii. School Culture Committee: No update



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8. Legal Updates: No update

9. Closing Remarks: Thank you to everyone. Named Interim CSA Dr. Tannis

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN

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				Crystal Uqdah					X
Altarik White					X	Princess Towe		X			
Julio Valdieso		X				Dashay Carter	X	X			

Respectfully submitted at: 4/26/2021
Submitted by: Carrieann Zielinski

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