



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes (In person)  
Marion P. Thomas Charter High School of Culinary and Performing Arts  
125 Sussex Avenue, Newark, NJ 07103

April 11th, 2022 | 6:00 PM ET

Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87205682710?pwd=dWh4bE5qWCtkWk9PcThPSWdLbVZZUT09>

1. CALL TO ORDER – Open Public Meetings Act - 6:02

- 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 there of posted on the district’s website ([www.mptcs.org](http://www.mptcs.org)), in the office of the Clerk of the City of Newark, and was published in the Star-Ledger in April 2022.

2. ROLL CALL

- The following individuals are voting members of the Board:

Board Member	Present	Absent	Board Member	Present	Absent
Vincent Rouse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Julio Valdivieso	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dashay Carter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Allan Boomer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jasonn Denard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LaSonya Nevius	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Briana Gilchrist	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Dr. Princess Towe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Non-Voting Board Members Present	
Elijah Griffiths (Board Secretary/Administrator)	Tina Jalloh(Board Attorney)
Angela Mincy, Chief School Administrator/Superintendent	Kristina Haugen (School Business Administrator)



### 3. CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

- Thank you to our superintendent Mincy and our team as we continue to move forward to ensure we provide excellent facilities to our scholars. We appreciate this time and we continue to push forward as we move the village to higher heights as we reimagine the village. Thank you for this time so we can ensure our children have proper facilities to be educated in. (Rouse)

### 4. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

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### 5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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### 6. RESOLUTIONS



I. [2022-4-11-A: Approval of the April 11, 2022 BOT Meeting Agenda](#)

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Julio Valdivieso	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dashay Carter **	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Allan Boomer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jasonn Denard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LaSonya Nevius	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Briana Gilchrist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Dr. Princess Towe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						

Discussion:

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II. [2022-4-11-B: Approval of PAC Academy Auditorium Ceiling Repair Bid - SMAC Corp](#)

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Julio Valdivieso	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dashay Carter **	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Allan Boomer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jasonn Denard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LaSonya Nevius	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Briana Gilchrist	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Dr. Princess Towe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						

Discussion:

- I had a meeting with the SBA to talk about our finances. This is an expense that you just have to pay, like if you had a leak in your home. It is not sustainable to go without it. I was concerned to see if we had the financial resources to pay for this now. We do believe we have the financial capital to fix the roof this year. We have three bids and we're going with the middle one. The reason we did not select the lowest one was because they did not meet the bidding requirements. One big issue is they did not walk through the facility to get an accurate estimate. We have done a thorough job of reviewing. I would suggest moving forward on this contract. (Boomer)
- Part of the reason we rejected the lower bid is because they did not meet all the requirements as well as the other bid. (Haugen)
- We definitely can handle the financial expense and I want to point out that a portion of it will be covered by insurance since some of it is due to the damage that was done in the summer. There are also additional funds from the state that are about \$140,000. What is that name? (Mincy)

\*\* : Motion Seconded



- It is called the charter and renaissance school project emergent and capital maintenance funds. The total we are receiving is \$124,460. That will make the difference. I don't know the amount insurance is covering. (Haugen)
  - I believe insurance is covering \$54,000 if I am not mistaken. So it significantly also reduces the burden on the school. (Mincy)
- That would leave the balance at \$100,000 which will affect the fund balance. We talked about the budget surplus at our previous meeting. With all the additional funds we are receiving, we are in a very good financial place. And it is needed at this time, due to the danger. (Haugen)

7. PUBLIC COMMENT - It is now time for public participation. To engage in public comment, all speakers must register via the district's website no later than 5 calendar days prior to the advertised meeting by 5:00 PM ET. Please state your name and address for the record. All speakers will have 3-minutes to address the BOT.

- No registered speakers

8. CLOSED SESSION - 6:10 PM

9. CLOSING REMARKS FROM BOARD CHAIR:

*Thank you to all for your hard work and dedication to the village. Have a great evening! Committees thank you for meeting. Please come to the next meeting with a committee report.*

- I see that we have our board retreat coming up, I am wondering if we have anything we need to prepare. Or any guidance for the amount of time or days or timeline we need to be available, can we have that update ASAP? (Gilichrist)
  - Yes, please check your emails. Elijah will be sending something out to let everyone know what will be taking place. (Rouse)
  - Just so everyone knows, a save the date has gone out for Saturday June 11th 9A - 1P for the board retreat. (Griffiths)

22. MOTION TO ADJOURN: 6:13 PM ET

- Motion Carter, Second Boomer

Respectfully submitted at: 4/11/2022

Submitted by: Elijah D. Griffiths

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