



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

August 8, 2022 | 6:00 PM ET

Zoom:

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

1. CALL TO ORDER – Open Public Meetings Act - 6:03 PM

- 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), in the office of the Clerk of the City of Newark, and was published in the Star-Ledger in June 2022.

2. ROLL CALL

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

** Motion Seconded



3. CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

- Good evening! We are excited about what will take place in the village this upcoming school year. Thank you to all of our board of trustees for your continued work. We want to congratulate you for all your successes. As a board we have met and discussed our goals for this school year and discussed them with the superintendent. We are excited about where we are going and the vision case for the future. (Rouse)

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

- Superintendent Mincy gave her presentation update.
 - How did summer school work out? (Rouse)
 - Kids have different opportunities. We did not want it to be the traditional boring summer school, so kids had opportunities in culinary, yoga, dance, and other areas. We wanted to be academic but include fun experiences. We had other students from the city join us. We concluded with a carnival for all the students. Learning doesn't have to always be so rigid but fun and include opportunities for learning in other areas. (Mincy)

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Operations & Finance Committee

- Our schools will be ready to welcome our students this upcoming school year. (Gilchrist) For the finance portion, we examined our vendor bill list and looked at every bill focusing on those over \$1,000. We also focused on our cash and budget. We looked at our enrollment numbers, which we pretty much hit what we were targeting. (Boomer) Right now, we are in the process of closing out the school so we do not have the usual other finance documents. (Haugen) In operations, we talked about general facility updates. We spoke about different vendors. We talked about enrollment and our expecting to surpass our goal. We spoke about the garbage issue complaints. (Boomer)

Curriculum & Instruction Committee

- We had our first curriculum and instruction meeting of this new school year. We looked into the new science curriculum and the new program of Black Sci Girls. We also talked about Liberty Science Center partnerships since Liberty Science is located right in New Jersey and offers realistic science experiments. We look forward to seeing how our students do with new curriculum and assessments coming up. (Denard)

Personnel Committee

- We talked about the vacancies since there is a teacher shortage in the state and even nation. It was promising that MPTCS is not as worse off as some of the other school districts across NJ. We talked about the next steps with the new contract. We talked about other programs we have in the state. We went through our normal reviewed personnel documents. We ended on the framework to see the additional details in steps to note and appreciate things our staff does in the school year. (Denard)

Culture & Climate + Alumni Committee

- The alumni and culture + climate met and discussed many of the same things that Superintendent Mincy showcased. We have new student handbooks to vote on as well as changing our student pants to gray, and a new cell phone policy to restrict use to help students learn. (Gilchrist)



6. RESOLUTIONS

I. [2022-8-8-A: Approval of the August 8, 2022 BOT Meeting Agenda](#)

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"/>	Dr. Princess Towe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Jasonn Denard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Allan Boomer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Briana Gilchrist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						

Discussion:

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II. [2022-8-8-B: Approval of the July 7, 2022 BOT Meeting Minutes](#)

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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Dashay Carter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Julio Valdivieso	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Briana Gilchrist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						

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III. [2022-8-8-C: Approval of August 22' Personnel Report](#)

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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Briana Gilchrist**	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						

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IV. [2022-8-8-D: Approval of MPTCS Leadership Framework \(Building-Based Admins\)](#)

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"/>	Dr. Princess Towe**	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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V. [2022-8-8-E: Approval of August 22' Vendor Bill List](#)

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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VI. [2022-8-8-F: Approval of McGraw Hill - Inspire Science K-3](#)

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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VII. 2022-8-8-G: Approval of TPT | Black Sci Girls (STEM T&L Program)

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"/>	Dr. Princess Towe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Briana Gilchrist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						

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VIII. 2022-8-8-H: Approval of Liberty Science Center STEM Ed. Partnership

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Vincent Rouse	<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"/>
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IX. 2022-8-8-I: Approval of SPED Tuition Contract - D.E.

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X. [2022-8-8-J: Approval of Amended 22-23 Calendar \(10.5 Month Staff\)](#)

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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XI. [2022-8-8-K: Approval of MPTCS Handbooks](#)

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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 - 6:51 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.

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN: 6:55 PM ET Carter - Gilchrist**

Respectfully submitted at: 8/8/2022

Submitted by: Elijah D. Griffiths

** Motion Seconded