

# Memphis Merit Academy

## MINUTES

### Board Meeting

#### Date and Time

Thursday, January 23, 2020, at 5:30 PM

#### Location

Memphis Merit Academy Charter School  
4775 American Way  
Memphis, TN 38118  
605-472-5474 Ext 787470

PUBLIC COMMENT AT MEMPHIS MERIT ACADEMY BOARD MEETINGS - An opportunity for the public to address the Board will be provided at the conclusion of the agenda. Members of the public who wish to speak on any item are requested to identify themselves and indicate on which agenda item they wish to speak. The Board will provide an opportunity for the public to speak for a maximum of three (3) minutes, unless granted additional time at the discretion of the Board. Testimony shall be limited in content to matters pertaining to Memphis Merit Academy. The Board may not take any action on matters discussed during the public testimony period that are not listed on the agenda.

#### Board Members Present:

A. Allen, T. Barnhill, K. Gibbs, A. McBride, T. Prophet, B. Schmiedicke, M. Welch, D. Williams

#### Board Members Not Present:

K. Dixon, F. Hopkins, M. Moore, V. Ragland

#### Others Present:

L. Booker, B. McCline, V. Jackson  
Neda Rabb (online)

### I. Opening Items

#### A. Attendance taken and recorded

#### B. Call the Meeting to Order

D. Williams called the meeting of the Board of Directors of Memphis Merit Academy Charter School to order on Thursday, January 23, at 5:31 pm at 4775 American Way, Memphis, TN 38134

### II. Public Comment

#### A. Public Comment

No Public Comment

#### B. Welcome

### **III. Agenda**

#### **A. Approval of Agenda**

T. Prophet made a motion to approve the agenda

K. Gibbs seconded the motion

The Board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

#### **B. Approval of Minutes for the November 21, 2019 Board Meeting**

M. Welch made a motion to approve the minutes

T. Prophet seconded the motion

The Board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

#### **C. Mid-Year Report: State of Memphis Merit Academy**

Discussion lead by L. Booker, Head of Schools

#### **D. Presentation of Monthly Financial Review-- Neda Rabb**

T. Prophet made a motion to approve the Monthly Financial Review

A. Allen seconded the motion

The Board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

### **IV. Other Business**

#### **A. Finance Committee Updates: A. Allen**

1. In February we will receive additional funding
2. In February we anticipate a visit from a local Foundation.
3. We submitted grants for us to continue to build out our building
4. Hope Federal Credit Union did a photo shoot to feature MMA in their materials.

#### **B. Governance Committee Updates: L. Booker**

1. Can access all school policies online
2. Working emails for all Board Members
3. Will review handbooks

#### **C. Academic Achievement Committee: B. McCline**

1. Working on enrollment for 2020-2021  
--47 applicants, 60 is goal by end of January 31
2. Open House this Saturday for new student enrollment

#### **E. Development Committee: T. Prophet**

1. Possibly doing a 5-K in the neighborhood as a fundraiser.  
Sisters Strut? Black Girls Run?
2. Black History Month: Feb 27<sup>th</sup>. Living Wax Museum. Possibly using it for an event.  
Possibly get speaker from the Civil Rights Museum.  
Contact TV stations
3. Could do event for Kindergarten Graduation. Look for location that would work.

#### **F. Discussion about physical needs**

1. B. McCline is working on replacing outdoor signage with landlord
2. Working on water damage repairs

#### **G. T. Barnhill: Development/Service Opportunity**

- Looking for speaker to discuss opportunities to give back
- Possibly Lakenna Booker
- Could use MMA as their annual "Give Back" day

#### **V. Closing Items**

##### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

- T. Prophet made a motion to adjourn the meeting
- D. Williams seconded the motion
- The Board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
M. Welch/T. Barnhill

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