Mastery Schools

Mastery Charter High School
Board of Trustees Meeting

Mastery Charter School Thomas Campus
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Mastery Charter School Shoemaker Campus
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Mastery Charter School Pickett Campus
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Mastery Charter School Harrity Elementary
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Mastery Charter School Mann Elementary
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Mastery Charter School Smedley Elementary
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Mastery Charter School Clymer Elementary
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Mastery Charter School Gratz Campus
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Mastery Charter School Hardy Williams Academy
Board of Trustees Meeting

Mastery Charter School Cleveland Elementary
Board of Trustees Meeting

Mastery Charter School Pastorius-Richardson Elementary
Board of Trustees Meeting

Frederick Douglass Mastery Charter School
Board of Trustees Meeting

Mastery Charter School John Wister Elementary
Board of Trustees Meeting

Mastery Prep Elementary Charter School
Board of Trustees Meeting

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AGENDA
September 16, 2026
6:00– 8:00 p.m.
Meeting Held Virtually Via Zoom

I. Roll Call & Video

MCHS

Present: Sulaiman Rahman, Jaime Serrano, Jordan Rambo
Absent: Dee Dukes,
Quorum: 3/4

All Boards

Present: Maurice Jenkins, Gerry Emery, Ryan Stewart, Virgil Sheppard, (Dee Adeyemo and Cheryl Lynn Leaf Joined at 7:23 p.m.)
Quorum: 6/6

Begin: 6:00

II. CEO Report (Joel Boyd & Jessica Varevice)

- **School Opening & SY 27 look ahead**

Discussion:

- Gerry Emery asked about the release of state test results.
- Dr. Boyd replied that we are monitoring the situation and are managing the challenge that the delay presents.

III. Action Resolution

- **Accept Board Meeting Minutes**

R-260916-1a (MCHS only)
Resolved, to accept the minutes of the Board meeting of Mastery Charter High School from June 3, 2026, as presented. Motion to Approve **R-260916-1a**: Jaime Serrano; Second Jordan Rambo. Motion passes with unanimous approval.

R-260916-1b (All Boards, No MCHS)
Resolved, to accept the minutes of the Board meetings of Mastery Charter School Thomas Campus, Mastery Charter School Shoemaker Campus, Mastery Charter School Pickett Campus, Mastery Charter School Mann Elementary, Mastery Charter School Harrity Elementary, Mastery Charter School Smedley Elementary, Mastery Charter School Hardy Williams Academy, Mastery Charter School Gratz Campus, Mastery Charter School Clymer Elementary, Mastery Charter School Cleveland Elementary, Mastery Charter School Pastorius-Richardson Elementary, Frederick Douglass Mastery Charter School, Mastery Charter School John Wister Elementary, and Mastery Prep Elementary Charter School from June 3, 2026 as presented. Motion to Approve **R-260916-1b:** Virgil Sheppard; Second Ryan Stewart. Motion

passes with unanimous approval.

IV. Hiring, Separation, Transfer Approvals

R-260916-2a (MCHS only)
Resolved, to ratify staff hired between May 27, 2026, and September 8, 2026, as presented. Motion to Approve **R-260916-2a**: Jaime Serrano; Second Jordan Rambo. Motion passes with unanimous approval.

R-260916-2b (All Boards, No MCHS)
Resolved**,** to ratify staff hired between May 27, 2026, and September 8, 2026, as presented. Motion to Approve **R-260916-2b:** Virgil Sheppard; Second Ryan Stewart. Motion passes with unanimous approval.

R-260916-3a (MCHS only)
Resolved**,** to ratify staff separations between May 27, 2026, and September 8, 2026, as presented. Motion to Approve **R-260916-3a**: Jaime Serrano; Second Jordan Rambo. Motion passes with unanimous approval.

R-260916-3b (All Boards, No MCHS)
Resolved**,** to ratify staff separations between May 27, 2026, and September 8, 2026, as presented. Motion to Approve **R-260916-3b:** Virgil Sheppard; Second Ryan Stewart. Motion passes with unanimous approval.

R-260916-4a (MCHS only)
Resolved, to ratify transfers within Mastery Charter Schools between May 27, 2026, and September 8, 2026. Motion to Approve **R-260916-4a**: Jaime Serrano; Second Jordan Rambo. Motion passes with unanimous approval.

R-260916-4b (All Boards, No MCHS)
Resolved, to ratify transfers within Mastery Charter Schools between May 27, 2026, and September 8, 2026. Motion to Approve **R-260916-4b:** Virgil Sheppard; Second Ryan Stewart. Motion passes with unanimous approval.

V. Finance (Dan Bell)

R-260916-5a (MCHS only)
Resolved, to approve the revised FY27 budget, as presented. Motion to Approve **R-260916-5a**: Jaime Serrano; Second Jordan Rambo. Motion passes with unanimous approval.

R-260916-5b (All Boards, No MCHS)
Resolved, to approve the revised FY27 budget, as presented. Motion to Approve **R-260916-5b:** Virgil Sheppard; Second Ryan Stewart. Motion passes with unanimous approval.

R-260916-6a (MCHS only)
Resolved, to approve the reserve methodology and preliminary fund balance

designations for FY26, as presented. Motion to Approve **R-260916-6a**: Jaime Serrano; Second Jordan Rambo. Motion passes with unanimous approval.

R-260916-6b (All Boards, No MCHS)
Resolved, to approve the reserve methodology and preliminary fund balance designations for FY26, as presented. Motion to Approve **R-260916-6b:** Virgil Sheppard; Second Ryan Stewart. Motion passes with unanimous approval.

Discussion:

- Dr. Ryan Stewart requested clarification about the changes in the projected FY27 Budget.
- Dan Bell informed the Board that the projected budget has increased by almost $3 million, which is roughly a 1% increase, with 2.5 million dollars coming from the per-pupil increase.
- Dr. Stewart also asked about the presented data referring to personnel savings.
- Mr. Bell informed the Board that we have increased staffing to make sure that we have the resources to serve the multi-tiered system of support, the third-grade initiatives, and our specialized service needs.
- Dr. Stewart expressed excitement about the Finance Team's efforts and continued investments in our facilities to ensure the safety of our children.

VI. Board Appointments (Joel Boyd)

R-260916-7 (All Boards, No MCHS)
Resolved, to appoint Dee Adeyemo to a two-year term ending June 30, 2028, as a member of the Mastery Schools Board of Trustees. Motion to Approve **R-260916-7:** Virgil Sheppard; Second Ryan Stewart. Motion passes with unanimous approval.

R-260916-8 (All Boards, No MCHS)
Resolved, to appoint Cheryl Lynn Leaf to a two-year term ending June 30, 2028, as a member of the Mastery Schools Board of Trustees; and be it ***further resolved***, that during such term, Ms. Leaf shall serve on the Finance Advisory Board and the Audit Committee. Motion to Approve **R-260916-8:** Virgil Sheppard; Second Ryan Stewart. Motion passes with unanimous approval.

R-260916-9 (MCHS only)
Resolved, to appoint Dr. Ryan Stewart to a two-year term effective September 17, 2026, and ending June 30, 2028, as a member of the Mastery Charter High School Board of Trustees. Motion to Approve **R-260916-9**: Jaime Serrano; Second Jordan Rambo. Motion passes with unanimous approval.

Discussion:

- Yvette Nunez described the formal process for Board selection and then introduced the nominees recommended for appointment.
- Both Dee Adeyemo and Cheryl Lynn Leaf introduced themselves and shared their excitement about joining the Board.
- Michael Patron noted that, with the appointment of the new members, we have

six members of “All Boards” attending as of 7:23 p.m..

VII. Compliance (Michael Patron)

R-260916-10 (All Boards, No MCHS)
Resolved, to amend the Bylaws for the Mastery Schools Board of Trustees to say:

3.2. **Composition**. The Board of Trustees shall consist of no less than **five** and no more than eleven unrelated members including at least one person who is a parent of a student currently enrolled at a Mastery school in Philadelphia. Each Trustee shall be a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and shall take the Oath of Office as required under section 321 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code before entering upon the duties of office. Motion to Approve **R-260916-10:** Virgil Sheppard; Second Ryan Stewart. Motion passes with unanimous approval.

Discussion:

- Michael Patron provided rationale for the resolution amending the bylaws as presented.
- Sulaiman Rahman affirmed that the amendment provides Mastery a strategic opportunity for our Board selection process to be thorough and not rushed.

VIII. Public Comments

- No Public Comments

IX. Ended at 7:29 p.m.

- Adjourn All Boards