

# Minutes of the Board Meeting of the Tolbert Charter Academy School Board

Date: March 20, 2023

Time: 7:00 p.m. - Virtual ZOOM Online Meeting

## Board members

Mark Tolbert, President | Blaine Clark, Treasurer | Linda Edgely, Secretary | TuJuania Scott, Board Member | Aldon Jones, Board Member | Troy Nash, Board Member |

- **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Bishop Mark Tolbert, Board President. Board members present at the meeting were:

- Bishop Mark Tolbert
- Linda Edgely
- Blaine Clark
- Troy Nash
- Aldon Jones- in @ 7:09 pm

Absent:

- TuJuania Scott

Guests:

- Shelia Starks, LATCA Administrative Assistant
- Tonya Richardson, MCPSC
- Martha Munday, MCPSC

- **Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

A motion was made by Linda Edgely to accept the February 20, 2023 board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Blaine Clark.

Motion carried. Vote 4/0

- **Approval of Bills**

A motion was made by Blaine Clark to approve the monthly bills for payment. The motion was seconded by Aldon Jones.

Motion carried. Vote 4/0

- **Superintendent's Report- Dr. Mitchell (report emailed)**

- Last month I shared with you that the state legislature was discussing the issue of school choice. This would families to use "open enrollment" to go to any school they chose. We believe this would negatively impact urban schools in particular. This, to my knowledge, has moved forward as being discussed in the Senate. I will keep you posted.
- Our site visit concluded last Thursday. During this site visit, several stakeholders were interviewed as it relates to the school. The visiting team will compile a report and send it to me. Once I receive it I will share it with the board. Early comments they shared with me:

- The 3 instructional coach model has been a huge success
- Overall very positive culture reported
- Staff seemed pleased with provided resources and genuinely want to be here
- Staff is excited about school leadership overall
- We are growing academically/exceeding growth, although we have ways to go with overall achievement
- I asked the team about high-performing charter schools in the state that I could visit with similar demographics to our school. I was given the names of several schools in the St. Louis area. I plan to request meetings with the leaders of those schools and would like to potentially go visit a few of them.
- Our calendar preparation team met last week. In our March BOE meeting, we will have a proposed calendar for your consideration and approval.
- As of March 16, we have had 46 families that have accepted our offers to join the LATCA family next year through School App KC. This number continues to grow and we are doing all we can to aid the families in completing the enrollment process, in addition to our families that are already here.
- **Principal's Report (report emailed)**
  - Site Visit – The Site Visit with the Charter School Commission was completed last Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning. A focus group from the following group was interviewed: Parents, teachers, students, Counselors, Instructional Coaches, Dean, Registrar, Special Ed./ELL, Principal & Superintendent.
  - Curriculum Update – LATCA teachers completed the February Evaluate test and listed the data in a MAP/EOC standardized testing format which depicts Below Basic, Basic, Proficient & Advanced percentages. We are still showing growth in most grade levels.
  - The School Board Curriculum Committee met on Friday, March 17th.

- **Items for Discussion/Approval**

- 2023-2024 School Calendar

A motion was made by Troy Nash to approve the 2023-2024 School Calendar. The motion was seconded by Linda Edgely.

Motion carried. Vote 4/0

- Potential New Board Member: Ashton Jones

A motion was made by Aldon Jones to add Ashton Jones to the LATCA Board of Education. The motion was seconded by Linda Edgely.

Motion carried. Vote 4/0

- **Board Committee Reports**

Student Performance Committee- Dr. Donnie Mitchell - No report  
Board Governance Committee- Dr. Hayesl - No report

- **Financial Report- Blaine Clark**

A motion was made by Linda Edgely to accept and receive that financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Aldon Jones.

Motion carried. Vote 4/0

- **Next Meeting Date & Location: April 17, 2023 (7:00 pm) ZoomOnline**

- **Adjournment**

Blaine Clark made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Troy Nash. Motion carried. Vote 4/0. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Ashley Walker, HR Assistant