



**MAEF Public Charter Schools  
dba ACCEL Day and Evening Academy  
Meeting of the Board of Directors**

Thursday, April 27, 2023  
8:30 AM

**MINUTES**

**Members present:** Charlotte Greene, Jordan Jones, Ebony Milton, Richard Perry, Mark Spivey, Denisha Triplett and Kim Wiggins

**Members absent:** Lance Covan, Rob McGinley, Ronnie Stallworth, and Sarah Stashak

**Staff present:** Carolyn Akers, Monique Baugh, Marlon Firle, Erica Massey, Jeremiah Newell, Michelle Parson and Janice Rivers

**Guest present:** Nash Campbell (Board Attorney), Jill Stork (MAEF Board Member) and Rachel Young (Avizo Group, Inc)

**Chair, Richard Perry**

- Called the meeting to order at 8:35am
- Mission Moment-Renewed spirit. We are coming up on our 6<sup>th</sup> graduating class. Doing this great work has made a huge impact on a number of our scholars. Excited about the future and the path that we are on.

**Nash Campbell**

- Board member roll call

## ***Approval of Minutes***

**ACTION ITEM #1- Richard Perry asked for a motion to approve the March 23, 2023 Board of Directors meeting minutes.**

Charlotte Greene made the motion; Denisha Triplett seconded the motion. Nash Campbell did a member roll call vote: Richard Perry (Chair)-approved, Charlotte Greene-approved, Jordan Jones-approved, Ebony Milton-approved, Mark Spivey-approved, Denisha Triplett-approved, Kim Wiggins and the motion was passed with an 7-0 vote.

## ***MAEF PCS Employee Appointment***

**ACTION ITEM #2- Richard Perry asked for a motion to approve the employee appointment recommended by Dr. Firle as listed under separate cover.**

Jordan Jones made the motion; Charlotte Greene seconded the motion. Nash Campbell did a member roll call vote: Richard Perry (Chair)-approved, Charlotte Greene-approved, Jordan Jones-approved, Ebony Milton-approved, Mark Spivey-approved, Denisha Triplett-approved, Kim Wiggins and the motion was passed with an 7-0 vote.

## ***MAEF PCS Employee Appointment***

**ACTION ITEM #3- Richard Perry asked for a motion to approve the following:**

1. Appoint Dr. Firle as Superintendent of MAEF Public Charter Schools, Inc.
  - Richard Perry stated that both Dr. Newell and Dr. Firle will still report to both the MAEF Board of Directors and MAEF PCS Board of Directors.
2. Reassign Dr. Newell's duties as Superintendent to Dr. Firle.
3. Empower Richard Perry and Jordan Jones to modify/negotiate their contracts on clarity of roles and responsibilities.
  - Jordan Jones stated this is very important to allow the work to continue.
  - Dr. Firle asked if duties and responsibilities are subject to change. Richard Perry answered possibly, based upon the Leadership Team's work.
  - Dr. Firle clarified that he will have the autonomy to ask questions upon review of contracts.

Jordan Jones made the motion; Kim Wiggins seconded the motion. Nash Campbell did a member roll call vote: Richard Perry (Chair)-approved, Charlotte Greene-approved, Jordan Jones-approved, Ebony Milton-approved, Mark Spivey-approved, Denisha Triplett-approved, Kim Wiggins and the motion was passed with an 7-0 vote.

## ***Approval of both the 2023-2024 School Calendar and weekly schedule.***

**ACTION ITEM #4- Richard Perry asked for a motion to approve the 2023-2024 school calendar and weekly schedule.**

- **Dr. Firle reviewed the 2023-2024 weekly schedule with the board and answered any questions.**

Jordan Jones made the motion; Kim Wiggins seconded the motion. Nash Campbell did a member roll call vote: Richard Perry (Chair)-approved, Charlotte Greene-approved, Jordan Jones-approved, Ebony Milton-approved, Mark Spivey-approved, Denisha Triplett-approved, Kim Wiggins and the motion was passed with an 7-0 vote.

## ***Financial Report***

Dr. Newell stated that we had another good audit and thanked Michelle Parson, Mark Spivey, and Rachel Young for all their hard work.

- Audit approval- Financial Statement-September 30, 2022
- Rachel Young reviewed the audit report with the board and answered any questions. She stated that the audit is unmodified and there were no issues or findings.

## **School Leaders Report: Marlon Firle**

**Dr. Firle asked Jordan Jones to share the following quote: “Every day focus on your purpose. Remember why you do what you do. We don’t get burned out because of what we do. We get burned out because we forget why we do it.” Jon Gordon**

**Dr. Firle reviewed the following with the board and answered any questions.**

- ACAP Participation
- Middle School Plan
- Individual Senior Audits
- 75-80 Graduates
- ACCEL Graduation is May 23, 2023, at the Saenger Theater

## **School Leaders Report: Jeremiah Newell**

- Alabama Power grant (CTE Programs)
- Legislative update
- YES Center update

## ***Governance Report: Richard Perry***

- Reminder: ACCEL board members that have not completed the Statement of Economic Interest will need to get this done as soon as possible.
- Richard stated that his term as MAEF Public Charter Schools board chair is up at the end of June. Jordan Jones will become board chair.

With there being no further business Richard Perry adjourned the MAEF Public Charter Schools board meeting at 9:29am.

Respectfully submitted by,



Charlotte Greene  
ACCEL Board Secretary



Janice Rivers  
MAEF Staff