



MOVEMENT SCHOOL

Movement School Atlanta Governing Board

Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2025
Movement School Atlanta South Fulton Conference Room

Meeting Logistics			
Start Time	End Time	Next Meeting	Preparer
11:12AM	12:11PM	October 30, 2025	Lyn Carden
Attendees			
Board Members	Staff	Other	
Jason Crain Jason Terrell Dr. Charis Chambers Dupre Peoples	Jermaine Gassaway Laetitia Dowd	Gregg Stevens, Consultant Lyn Carden, Consultant	

I. Administrative Functions

- Approval of Agenda:
 - Dr. Chambers made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, the motion was seconded by Mr. Peoples, motion passed unanimously
- Approval of Meeting Minutes for August 28, 2025:
 - Mr. Peoples made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, the motion was seconded by Dr. Chambers, motion passed unanimously

II. Public Comment - No public comment

III. Superintendent and School Related Reports – Superintendent – Mr. Gassaway presented

- General School Updates and Highlights:
 - Mr. Gassaway presented stakeholder survey results to the board.
 - The board discussed the upcoming October stakeholder survey.
 - Mr. Gassaway reported on the stakeholder communication plan.
- Updated Enrollment:
 - Mr. Gassaway provided an enrollment update and discussed challenges with infinite campus data.
- Staffing Updates:
 - Mr. Gassaway provided a staffing update.
 - He notified the board that the Operations Director had resigned, but school leadership was in the final stages of interviews with a replacement.

- Academic/Curriculum Updates:
 - Mr. Gassaway reviewed MTSS placement of students.
 - The board discussed assessments, including MAP & IReady testing.
- Afterschool & Extracurriculars:
 - Mr. Gassaway notified the board that the school had finalized the agreement with the after-school vendor. He further noted that the vendor is in place and the after-school program has begun.
- Facility Updates:
 - Mr. Gassaway reported on current facility issues and strategies to resolve them.
- Mr. Gassaway reminded the board of the upcoming Fall Break.
- After a board inquiry on attendance, Mr. Gassaway reported a 94-95% attendance rate. However, he further noted that the school is struggling with tardiness. He reported on strategies for resolving the problem.
 - The board discussed the reading instruction timing due to tardiness and consideration of outcomes.

IV. Finance Report(s) – Chief Financial Officer – Ms. Dowd presented

- Financial Report(s) –
 - Ms. Dowd reviewed assets, receivables, and liabilities, and the board discussed the current cash deficit.
 - Ms. Dowd informed the board that the CMO has proposed a \$300,000 loan at zero percent interest over three years to help address the school's current financial shortfall.
 - The board discussed the loan vs. a grant, the long-term plans for ensuring self-sufficiency of the school and the causes of the deficit.
 - Ms. Dowd notified the board that the school would be presenting an amended budget at the next meeting and reviewed expenses.
 - Dr. Chambers made a motion to ratify the requested \$300,000, zero percent interest, 3-year loan, based upon the presentation made by Ms. Dowd with the understanding that additional information would be forth coming in October. The motion was seconded by Mr. Terrell, and the motion passed unanimously.
 - Dr. Chambers made a motion to accept the August financials as presented, the motion was seconded by Mr. Peoples, and the motion passed unanimously
- Updated Budget Reflecting TRS Costs: Discussed as a part of the financial presentation.

V. Consultants' Report(s) – Ed Innovation Partners

- Overall Support Update: Ms. Carden provided an update

VI. Old Business

- Site-Monitoring Update and Cadence (Due 10/31/25): Ms. Carden presented
 - The board discussed the CPF.
 - Ms. Carden reviewed the monitoring process and timeline
- Governance Training Dates and Alternate Training Opportunities: Ms. Carden reviewed the training dates.
- Mr. Crain discussed the LKES platform and Mr. Gassaway confirmed they were finalizing his credentials.

VII. New Business

- Curriculum Approval: Mr. Gassaway presented –
 - Mr. Gassaway reported on a conversation he had with the Georgia Department of Education. He noted that GaDOE stated that if the board adopted the school's curriculum, then the school would not be required to follow the state selections.
 - Mr. Gassaway reviewed the school's curriculum as follows:
 - Life Long Reader K-2
 - Red Thread for K3
 - K3 Eureka
 - Amplify for Science
 - He noted that this curriculum was research-based and successful in Movement's other schools.
 - He discussed the state required curriculum.
 - Mr. Peoples made a motion to adopt the proposed curriculum; the motion was seconded by Mr. Terrell, and the motion was unanimously approved.
- Funding Injection from Movement Schools: Discussed earlier
- School Health and Safety Visit (09/30/25 @ 10:00 AM)
 - Ms. Carden reported this visit is common practice and outlined expectations.
 - Mr. Gassaway reported on concerns the school had regarding school traffic signs.

VIII. Next Regular Meeting Date: October 30, 2025

IX. Adjourn - Dr. Chambers made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Mr. Terrell, and the motion unanimously approved at 12:11pm