



Martin Luther King Jr. Board Board Meeting

October 5, 2023 | 4:00 PM
700 Poplar Street Macon, GA 31201

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
 - A 09-07-2023 MLK Board Meeting Minutes
3. Old Business
 - A Macon Black Culture - 2023 Juneteenth Parade Financials
 - B Revised Bi-Laws Review
 - C Organization of the Year - 2 person committee
4. New Business
5. Adjournment

**MARTIN LUTHER KING BOARD MEETING
BOC CONFERENCE ROOM CITY HALL
SEPTEMBER 7, 2023
4:00 P.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Elaine Lucas, Chairperson
Rev. Dominique Johnson, Kingdom Life Church
Joyce Humphrey, Citizen
June O'Neal, Mentor's Project
Rev. Harold Young, Tubman Museum
Dr. Rev. Evans Brown, True Faith Church of God in Christ
Dr. Henry Ficklin, MBC Executive Director of Community Affairs
Charise Stephens-Merriweather, MBC Small Business Affairs

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rev. Dominique Nichols, Bibb County School District
Lisa M. Watson, Pastor, Evangelical Liberty Christian Church & EMA Program Coordinator
Rabbi Elizabeth Bahar, Temple Beth Israel

OTHERS PRESENT:

Adrianna Beavers, Assistant County Attorney
Frank Howard, Assistant County Attorney
Marshall Talley, Macon Black Culture

Call To Order

Chairperson Elaine Lucas called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

Prayer

Rev. Dominique Johnson opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes

On motion by June O'Neal, seconded by Dr. Henry Ficklin and carried unanimously, the minutes from June 1, 2023, were approved.

Attorney Support

Adrianna Beavers addressed the board regarding MBC Attorney support. Frank Howard was introduced as the new legal representative assigned to the board. Frank Howard will attend all future meetings and address any legal questions.

Financial Report

Dr. Henry Ficklin reported that FY24 Budget has been approved at \$5,000.00.

June O'Neal discussed a potential recipient of the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship. Her name is Jazmyn "Jazz" Revels. June O'Neal reported that Ms. Revels has overcome many obstacles in her young life, and she is in need as she prepares to graduate from Haverford College in Pennsylvania. June O'Neal will share Ms. Revels graduation post with the board long with her contact information.

On motion by Rev. Dominique Johnson, seconded by Dr. Henry Ficklin and carried unanimously, to award the \$500.00 Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship to Jazmyne Revels, was approved.

Old Business

Juneteenth Parade - Marshall Talley will share budget information at the next meeting.

Marshall Talley reported on future events like the New Year's Ball Drop at Rosa Parks Square, Juneteenth Padgett in 2024 and 2024 Juneteenth Parade.

New Business

June O'Neal reported on The Mentors Project and plans for a Parent University. June O'Neal stated that the intention of this Parent University is to let the parents tell us what they need.

3rd Grade shirts were discussed, and it was suggested that shirts are provided to both Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School and John R. Lewis Elementary School. In efforts to provide both schools it was discussed to ask for donations along with asking the Board of Education to purchase the shirts.

On motion by June O'Neal, seconded by Charise Stephens-Merriweather and carried unanimously, to provide 3rd grade t-shirts to both Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School and John R. Lewis Elementary School, was approved.

Commissioner Lucas expressed her interest in having the MLK Board represented at events in our community. *Example:* NAACP are having a Freedom Fund Banquet in October and the Bicentennial Committee has events that are happening as well.

On motion by Rev. Dominique Johnson, seconded by June O'Neal and carried unanimously, to purchase seats for five members of the MLK Board to attend civic functions that happen in the community, was approved.

On motion by June O'Neal and, seconded by Dr. Henry Ficklin and carried unanimously, to donate \$200.00 to participate in the Bicentennial Committee Fund Raising Project \$200.00 for 200 years to help build the Bicentennial Park, was approved.

Commissioner Lucas spoke about the Organization of the Year Project that has not had the attention that it should, and she would like to get back to work on the project. She is asking for 2 board members to help get it caught up and fully functional.

On motion by June O'Neal, seconded by Joyce Humphrey and carried unanimously, to form a committee of two to get the Organization of the Year Project caught up and functioning, was approved.

Dr. Evans Brown gave an update on the Martin Luther King Breakfast Committee. Rev. Harold Young reported on activities happening at the Tubman Museum. Rev. Dominique Johnson reported on the Community Power Association events.

MLK By-Laws

Adrianna Beavers reviewed the updated by-laws with the Board. She asked the members to review the changes, make notes and write down any questions or suggestions to be addressed at the next meeting.

Acknowledgement

The Board extended their deepest sympathy to June O'Neal whose mother passed away.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sheila F. Griggs
Deputy Clerk of Commission