

**MINUTES OF THE
MACON-BIBB MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BOARD MEETING
May 23, 2024 – 4:00 PM
BOC Conference Room**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Elaine Lucas, Chairman
Rev. Dominique Johnson, Kingdom of Life Church
Joyce Humphrey, Citizen
Dr. Rev. Evans Brown, True Faith Church of God in Christ
Dr. Henry Ficklin, MBC Executive Director of Community Affairs
Lisa M. Watson, Pastor, Evangelical Liberty Christian Church & EMA Program Coordinator

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

June O'Neal, Mentor's Project
Rev. Harold Young, Tubman Museum
Charise Stephens-Merriweather, MBC Small Business Affairs
Rev. Dominique Nichols, Bibb County School District
Rabbi Elizabeth Bahar, Temple Beth Israel

OTHERS PRESENT

Frank Howard, Assistant County Attorney
Dr. Mary H. Butler
Sheila Griggs, Deputy Clerk of Commission

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes from January 4, 2024

On motion of Paster Lisa Watson, seconded by Dr. Ficklin and passed unanimously, the minutes from January 4, 2024 meeting were approved with two corrections (spelling of Barrier and Commissioner Lucas name)
3. Old Business

Commissioner Lucas reported that she and June O'Neal went to Martin Luther King Elememtery and gave out 2024 T-Shirts to the 3rd graders. The Board was also provided with 2024 T-shirts.

 - A By-Laws Review/Approval

The Board decided to review the by-laws and make a final decision when the entire Board is present. Attorney Frank Howard has made all suggested changes by the Board.

4. New Business

Dr. Ficklin reported on the Barrier Breaker's Ceremony which will be on June 15, 2024. The event coordinators are trying to have Raphael Warnock speak at the event even if it's via zoon.

Macon Black Culture was not present at the meeting but they have Juneteenth events on their Facebook page and Board members were urged to attend as many events as possible.

The Board plans to participate in the Juneteenth parade where they will display the MLK banner on a truck as it has been done in the past.

Pastor Lisa Watson reported that EMA will hold a City Wide Revival she will email Sheila Griggs the events to share with the Board.

Rev. Evans Brown reported that the MLK Breakfast Committee will meet again in September to prepare for the 2025 breakfast.

Dr. Ficklin reported that Martin Luther King Jr. Board has an account balance of \$2,374.84.

Rev. Dominique Johnson reported that Urban GEO had a graduation on April 21, 2024. He stated that it has been 1-year of no homicides in Pleasant Hill and in celebration they will have an open house for the neighborhood. He mentioned that MVP has played a powerful role in the community.

Commissioner Lucas invited George Muhammad to report on Juneteenth Events. Mr. Muhammad shared a number of events and will email Sheila Griggs the list to share with Board members. The Board is invited to have a booth at the Freedom Festival.

The Board is interested in hosting a Gospel Youth Explosion Concert in 2025.

5. Adjournment

On motion of Dominique Johnson, seconded by Dr. Ficklin and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila F. Griggs
Deputy Clerk of Commission