

**MINUTES OF THE
MACON-BIBB MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BOARD MEETING
May 1, 2025 – 4:00 PM**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Rev. Dominique Johnson, Kingdom of Life Church
Joyce Humphrey, Citizen
June O'Neal, Mentor's Project
Dr. Rev. Evans Brown, True Faith Church of God in Christ
Charise Stephens-Merriweather, MBC Small Business Affairs
Lisa M. Watson, Pastor, Evangelical Liberty Christian Church

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Rev. Harold Young, Tubman Museum
Dr. Henry Ficklin, MBC Ex. Director of Community Affairs
Rev. Dominique Nichols, Bibb County School District
Rabbi Elizabeth Bahar, Temple Beth Israel

OTHERS PRESENT

Adrianna Beavers, Assistant County Attorney
Dr. Mary H. Butler
Marshall Talley, Macon Black Culture
Sheknita Smith, Macon Black Culture
Sheila Griggs, Deputy Clerk of Commission

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

A 03-05-2025 Meeting Minutes

On motion of Pastor Lisa Watson, seconded by Charise Stephens-Merriweather and passed unanimously, the minutes from March 5, 2025, were approved.

3. Old Business

The Board discussed the need for new appointments to the MLK Board. The concern is not being able to conduct business when a quorum is difficult to make.

Marshall Talley expressed his interest in being on the Board as a representative of Macon Black Culture.

4. New Business

- A Shirt order for Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School 3rd grade students

On motion of Pastor Lisa Watson, seconded by Rev. Dominique Johnson and passed unanimously, the Board approved the purchase of shirts for the 3rd grade students at Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School that will honor John Robert Lewis.

- B Macon Black Culture - 2025 Juneteenth Parade

On motion of Dominique Johnson, seconded by Charise Stephens-Merriweather and passed unanimously, the Board approved funding for porta potties for the 2025 Juneteenth Parade.

On motion of Dominique Johnson, seconded by Pastor Lisa Watson and passed unanimously, the Board amended the first motion to provide funding for the porta potties to read provide up to \$1,000.00 for porta potties for the 2025 Juneteenth Parade.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila F. Griggs
Deputy Clerk of Commission