

Board Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday, October 5, 2026

Time: 6:30 PM

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88445227484?pwd=8QBxsziDlwHS37xK5E0hK33Cn4ZRCQ.1>

A. Opening Items

1. Call to Order – Board President Leslie Tolliver
2. Roll Call – Secretary/Designee
3. Confirm Quorum

B. Agenda & Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of Current Meeting Agenda
2. Approval of August 31, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of September 28, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

C. Executive Director Report

1. Fundraising introductions and contacts
2. Public Hearing follow-up items
3. Authorization & Pre-Opening Transition
 - September 15, 2026 State Board of Education authorization
 - Transition into formal pre-opening year
 - Key priorities for the next 60–90 days

Pre-Opening Readiness Dashboard

Strategic Priority	Status	MCPSC Deadline / Next Milestone
Charter Authorization	● Complete	Authorized Sept. 15
Facility	● In Progress	Secure Facility — Nov. 30
Executive Coaching	● In Progress	Board-Approved Plan — Nov. 30
Academic Leadership	● In Progress	Employment Commitment — Jan. 31
Fundraising	● In Progress	\$50K — Dec. 31
Enrollment	● In Progress	43 Students — Mar. 31
Governance	● Active	Training & Pre-Opening Oversight

Community Engagement	● Active	Emerald Evening
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- Partnerships- All partnerships will require official MOU's. SLU (iSCORE, BEGINS), Springboard to Learning, Lincoln University, Rustic Roots, UMSL, Family Forward etc.

D. Committee Reports

1. Governance

- Board Expectations
- Board training requirements and next steps
- Revisit conversation regarding Board on Track
- Board recruitment and appointment of the Board Secretary
- Regular committee meetings and participation
- Sunshine Law Resources
- Records Retention
- Meeting Agenda Templates
- Convening

2. Finance

- Current financial position
- Fundraising and grants
- Development Consultant status and next steps
- Board member financial contribution of \$100

3. Operations

- Facility update and due diligence
- Path toward November 30 facility deadline
- Facilities Committee needs a Chairperson

4. School Performance

- Pre-opening academic readiness
- Founding Principal Search

5. Engagement

- Community outreach
- November 13 Emerald Evening

E. Board Business & Strategic Discussion

F. Executive Coaching – Mindscape Introduction/Presentation (approximately 7:00 PM)

- Presentation of proposed scope
- Planning-year and Year 1 support
- Alignment with Commission requirements
- Board questions and discussion
- Recommended next steps

G. Facility Strategy — Halls Ferry vs Shepley

- Current facility options
- Due diligence and facility readiness

- Financial considerations
- Next steps toward securing a facility

H. Enrollment & Recruitment

- Enrollment launch- Founding Family Open Enrollment Period October 1, 2026- January 31, 2027; rolling enrollment begins for any remaining seats February 1, 2027
- Family recruitment strategy
- Enrollment process/platform
- Progress toward March 31 target

I. Fundraising & Development

- Progress toward fundraising benchmarks
- Active and pending grants
- Major gifts/donor strategy
- Board fundraising participation

J. Fundraising & Development Strategy

- Current funds raised
- MCPSC fundraising benchmarks
 - December 31 — \$50,000 Fundraising Milestone
 - February 28 — \$150,000 Fundraising Milestone
 - April 30 — \$250,000 Fundraising Milestone
- Active and pending grant applications
- Major gifts and philanthropic strategy
- Board fundraising expectations and introductions

K. 2026–2027 Board Meeting Calendar

- Align Board meetings with MCPSC pre-opening deadlines
- Proposed date adjustments:
 - November 30 → November 23
 - December 28 → December 21
 - March 29 → March 22
 - April 26 → April 19
- Review remaining 2026–2027 meeting dates

L. Action Items

- Approve appointment/election of Board Secretary
- Approve Coaching Plan
- Adopt MCPSC Pre-Opening Conditions
- Adopt Enrollment Policy
- Adopt Founding Positions and Principal recruitment timeline
- Approve Release of Development Consultant RFP
- Adopt Updated Bylaws
- Adopt Rules of Decorum
- Adopt Board Meeting Public Comment Policy
- Appoint Custodian of Records

M. Board Accountability

1. Review Board Commitments

Each Board member provides updates on:

- Who do you know?
 - Fundraising introductions and contacts -
 - Community partnerships and outreach -
 - Facility support, as applicable

2. Task Assignments

- Assign responsible Board committee/lead for each pre-opening condition
- Establish October deliverables and deadlines

N. Upcoming Dates

- October 3- Glasgow Village Harvest Fest
- October 6- Dellwood National Night Out
- October 7-9 — Missouri Charter Schools Conference
- October 17- San Francisco Temple Fall Festival
- October 26 — NCIS Board Meeting
- October 30- Mercy Ferguson Trunk R Treat
- October 31- Christ the King Harvest Festival
- November 13 — Emerald Evening
- November 16 or 17 — Show Me St. Louis / KSDK
- November 30 — MCPSC Facility & Executive Coaching Deadlines
- December- End of Year Fellowship?

O. New Business

P. Adjournment