



A South Carolina Public Charter High School  
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Meeting of the Board of Directors  
October 21, 2021  
8:00 AM  
Midlands Technical College, Airport Campus  
Academic Center, Room 139

**MISSION**

The mission of Midlands Middle College is to prepare 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade high school students for a successful work and educational future through the integration of high school, technical college, and the world of work by providing targeted students with a rigorous and relevant academic program.

**Minutes of the October 21, 2021 Board Meeting**  
**Approved at the January 19, 2022 Board Meeting**

Welcome	Board Vice-Chair Val Richardson called the meeting to order with a quorum present. Board members in attendance: Brooks Backman, D’Michelle DuPre, Robin Betsill-Cohen, Joel Merrill and Kaye Shaw. Staff members in attendance: Laurie Lee.
Public Comments	There were no public comments.
Approval of Agenda	D’Michelle DuPremade a motion to approve the agenda, and Joel Merrill seconded. The motion passed.
Approval of Minutes (July 2021)	Kaye Shaw made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, and Brooks Backman seconded. The motion passed.
Review of Annual Financial Audit	Matthew Hodges from our audit firm, Burkett, Burkette, & Burkett, CPA, presented the findings of the FY21 financial audit. There were no findings of issues and no changes in account policies were proposed.
Organization of the Board	Val Richardson welcomed Robin Betsill-Cohen to the MMC Board of Directors and delivered the Oath of Office. The proposed slate of officers for the next 2 year term was presented as Val Richardson - Chair, Joel Merrill -

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	<p>Vice-Chair, Brooks Backman - Secretary, and Kaye Shaw - Treasurer. D’Michelle Dupre moved to accept the slate of officers as proposed. Joel Merrill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>School Performance - Review of Report Card</p>	<p>Laurie Lee reviewed the School Report Ratings for the 2020-2021 school year. On-time graduation rate is up at 74.5% and the dropout rate is down at 12.4. 72.7% of graduates met college or career ready standards. Laurie Lee explained what on-time graduates mean and explained the 5th year graduation cohort which will be reported beginning this year. The board discussed how to help more students meet that on-time rate and how it fits with the mission and vision of MMC.</p>
<p>Principal’s Update</p>	<p>Laurie Lee shared the enrollment at this time is 83 students with 22 being juniors and 61 seniors. There are 19 students taking dual enrollment courses in the fall and 31 have expressed interest for the spring. Covid data was shared: 8 positive all year (only one on campus briefly) and 6 quarantined for close contact. Laurie Lee provided a building update - we have had first phase approval and preparing documents for the second phase. We are still on track for construction to begin in May of 2022 and moving in August of 2022. Marketing update - we are on the second round of our social media campaign Will have a display in Columbiana Mall from Nov 1-Dec. 26. This may be extended through the first weeks of January. Will have a booth at a Dec. 4th Holiday Market. Purchasing new swag (pens, Pop-sockets, etc). Upcoming events - Beta Club induction on Nov. 11 at 9:30 am. All are invited. Kelly Simmons Leadership program as well as the mentor/coaching program have started. We are hosting Lunch and Learn Career Talks. Five staff members are taking the Career Facilitator certification course this semester. We will hold junior and senior meetings on Nov. 2nd for class rings and caps &amp; gowns.</p>

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Adjournment	Joel Merrill made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and D'Michelle Dupre seconded. The meeting was adjourned.
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