

The Morehouse Parish School Board met in regular monthly session on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at Morehouse Student Services Center, with the following members present Karen Diel, Louis Melton, Rick Hixon, Debbie Wilson, Veronica Loche-Tappin, and Adrin Williams - President. Also, present Jesse Winston, Jr., Superintendent, and Steve Katz, Attorney.

Absent- Robert Johnson – Vice President

President Ms. Adrin Williams called the meeting to order.

The next item on the agenda was the invocation led by Ms. Karen Diel.

The next item on the agenda was a moment of silence for:

- Deborah Mock- Retired Teacher
- Samuel Rallinson- Retired Bus Driver

Mr. Rick Hixon led the pledge of allegiance.

Next was a Roll call to Establish a Quorum: Present – Karen Diel, Louis Melton, Rick Hixon, Debbie Wilson, Veronica Loche-Tappin, and Adrin Williams.

Absent- Robert Johnson – Vice President

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the agenda. ***On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was Superintendent's Announcements – (Presented by Mr. Jesse Winston, Jr.) ***Pafford EMT donated 250 backpacks to Morehouse Parish School District. Mr. Jesse Winston, Jr. Announced several staff attended the ALICE training Summit. This conference was for crisis management and information will be redelivered to schools within the district. A Safety Grant was written for our school district. Morehouse Elementary and Delta Elementary were recipients of the Safety Grant. Morehouse Elementary received \$30,000, and Delta Elementary received \$20,000.***

There will be a Keep Morehouse Beautiful Luncheon this Thursday, August 7, 2025 at 11:30a.m. located at the Visitors Center. At your stations is information for Region 8 Stem Success, there is an article for Bastrop High School students.

Mr. Jesse Winston, Jr. thanked the board members that attended the Back to School Event and those that couldn't due to previous obligations. Mr. Jesse Winston, Jr. thanked Mrs. Teresa Merritt and Mrs. Sierra Smith and all that participated in the Back to School Event. The event was a huge success and we are hoping for a great school year.

Mr. Jesse Winston, Jr. mentioned the SOS-Safe Online Service Program (Grades 3-8) by the FBI for online safety will be discussed at the next admin meeting. Next, Mr. Jesse Winston, Jr. introduced new hires: Anita Smith- Elementary Counselor, Jennifer Glosson- Instructional Facilitator (Morehouse Magnet School), George Spivey III-Instructional Facilitator (Morehouse Elementary School), Jacqueline Rice Gibson- Title I Coordinator and Emily Myrick- Title I Coordinator.

Mr. Rick Hixon recommended Morehouse Parish School District giving Pafford EMT a plaque of appreciation. Mr. Lyn Kenley with Volkert gave an update on roof replacements, they are completed

and a warranty walk through was done today. There is a call back on ESSER Canopies collapsed at some schools. Mr. Lyn Kenley is following up with contractor, and they will check all schools. This won't be finished/repaired before school; however, it will be within the next few weeks.

The next item on the agenda was Approval of Minutes – The Regular School Board Meeting held on July 1, 2025 at 5:30 pm. *On a motion of Ms. Karen Diel to approve minutes from the Regular School Board Meeting held on July 1, 2025 at 5:30 pm, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

The next item on the agenda was the Approval of monthly Travel Requests - (Presented by Mr. Jesse Winston, Jr.) *On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve monthly Travel Requests, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

The next item on the agenda was to approve the audit engagement for 2024-2025 School Year with Carr, Riggs, and Ingram, LLC. (Requested by Ms. Ersula Downs, presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the audit engagement for 2024-2025 School Year with Carr, Riggs, and Ingram, LLC, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

The next item on the agenda was to approve the statewide agreed upon procedures audit engagement for 2024-2025 fiscal year with Carr, Riggs, and Ingram, LLC. (Requested by Ms. Ersula Downs, presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the statewide agreed upon procedures audit engagement for 2024-2025 fiscal year with Carr, Riggs, and Ingram, LLC, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

The next item on the agenda was to discuss and consider the next steps in securing additional restrooms at Delta Elementary School. (Presented by Mr. Lyn Kenley) *On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to advertise and get specs for securing additional restrooms at Delta Elementary School, seconded by Mr. Rick Hixon. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

The next item on the agenda was to receive the report from the Finance and Advisory Committee meeting held on July 24, 2025.

The Finance and Advisory committee met on Thursday, July 24, 2025 at 5:30 pm. Robert Johnson- Chairperson called the meeting to order. In attendance were the following: Debbie Wilson, Veronica Tappin and Adrin Williams.
Absent- Louis Melton

The following agenda items were presented to the Finance and Advisory Committee:

1. To receive the Sales Tax Funds for June 2025. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Ms. Adrin Williams to accept the Sales Tax Funds for June 2025, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed and the motion passed unanimously. Madam President, I so move, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton. None opposed and the motion passed unanimously.*

2. To receive the General Fund report for June 2025. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Ms. Adrin Williams to accept the General Fund report for June 2025, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed and the motion passed unanimously. Madam President, I so move, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed and the motion passed unanimously.*
3. To receive the School Lunch Fund report for June 2025. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Ms. Adrin Williams to accept the School Lunch Fund report for June 2025, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed and the motion passed unanimously. Madam President I so move, seconded by Mr. Rick Hixon. None opposed and the motion passed unanimously.*
4. To receive the East Morehouse Tax Fund report for June 2025. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Ms. Adrin Williams to accept the East Morehouse Tax Fund report for June 2025, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed and the motion passed unanimously. Madam President, I so move, seconded by Mr. Rick Hixon. None opposed and the motion passed unanimously.*
5. To receive the June Fiscal Year to date budget to actual comparison on all funds below.
 - A. Sales Tax Funds
 - B. General Fund
 - C. School Lunch Fund
 - D. East Morehouse Tax Fund
 - E. Special Revenue Funds*On a motion of Ms. Adrin Williams to accept the June Fiscal Year to date budget to actual comparison Sales Tax Funds, General Fund, School Lunch Fund, East Morehouse Tax Fund, and Special Revenue Funds, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed and the motion passed unanimously. Madam President, I so move, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton. None opposed and the motion passed unanimously.*
6. To receive an update on the 2025-2026 Initial MFP Allocation. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Mrs. Veronica Tappin to table this item until the August monthly board meeting, seconded by Ms. Adrin Williams. None opposed and the motion passed unanimously. Madam President, I so move, seconded by Mr. Rick Hixon. None opposed and the motion passed unanimously.*

The meeting was adjourned.

The next item on the agenda was to receive an update on the 2025-20206 initial MFP Allocation. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *This was presentation only.*

The next item on the agenda was “To discuss and take action (if necessary) regarding the bond issue/loan involving Beekman Charter School previously approved by the MPSB in May 2024.” (Requested by Ms. Karen Diel) *On a motion of Mrs. Debbie Wilson to remove this item from the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

The next item on the agenda was Public Comment: Linda Mays Logan & Parents of Eden Apartments – To discuss bus transportation route, and pickup/drop off. (Limited 3-5 minutes to speak) *This was discussion asking for assistance so a bus can come in and pick up students. As of now, children and parents have to walk a good distance to Kammell in order to catch the bus. Board members and Superintendent Jesse Winston, Jr. discussed various options, and will check on resolving this issue. Possibly asking for an escort from Bastrop Police Department during the morning and evening pick up/drop off times.*

The next item on the agenda was the Personnel Report.

ADJOURNMENT

Jesse Winston, Jr., Superintendent
Adrin Williams, Board President