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“Loving Scholars, Nurturing Minds, and Empowering Futures”

Regular Board Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Meeting ID: 824 4018 1765

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Board Meeting Attendees:

Sam Gray
Myron Stewart
George Sutherland
Leticia Acosta
Orlando Lawrence
Rodney Nedd

Board Members on Zoom:

Soncerae Cicero
Suzette DeBeatham-Brown
Dr. Kerwin Low

Faculty and Staff:

Dr. Troy Monroe
Dr. Marie Gordon-Hall
Sheryl Deloso
Dr. Latoya Johnson
Ana Marcil
Sharron Solomon-McCarthy
Nakita Crossley
Natalie Best
Principal Danielle Ramiz
Principal Bobby Gibson, Jr.
Principal Kashay Green
Summer Myles

Staff on Zoom:

Kimberly Renton

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 by Board Chair Gray, a request for any public comments was made, none posed

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OPENING

Mr. Sam Gray, Board Chair

- Welcome/Public Comments

BOARD CHAIR COMMENTS

Mr. Sam Gray, Board Chair

- Opening Remarks: Before proceeding, Board Chair Gray discusses the three board members joining via Zoom—Mrs. DeBeatham-Brown, Dr. Low, and Ms. Cicero—are acknowledged, confirming that a quorum is present for the meeting. As the meeting moves forward, the mission guiding the work of Jumoke Academy is reaffirmed: preparing scholars to succeed in the global marketplace through a rigorous and supportive learning environment. The board's role remains focused on providing strong governance and oversight to ensure the highest quality education for the students and families served. Appreciation is extended to the leadership team, educators, staff, and families for their continued commitment to the scholars. With that, the meeting will proceed with the agenda, beginning with the Chief Executive Officer and Superintendent's report from Dr. Troy Monroe.

CEO/SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Troy A. Monroe, CEO/Superintendent

PART A

- February Scholar of the month Recognition
 - Jahnvia Grant - TED-JAH – presented by Dean Myles
 - Suri Johnson - JAH-SMaRT – presented by Principal Green
 - Isaiah Delaire - JAH-HC – Presented by Principal Gibson

Superintendent Monroe acknowledges the scholar of the month for each school and presents them with their certificates and gift bags; he also encourages them to continue their pursuit of excellence in all things.

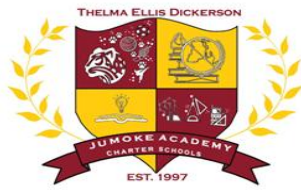
Board Chair Gray requests a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:10, so the scholars and parents can get refreshments. Board Member Sutherland makes the motion and Board Member Steward seconds it, no discussions, no objections, all those in favor, meeting adjourned.

The meeting has been called back to order at 6:12 p.m.

PART B

- District Updates;
 - 2025-26 Academic Calendar Update: Superintendent Monroe's update provided an informational overview regarding revisions to the academic calendar due to recent snow days. To date, six snow days have occurred, affecting the original end date of June 9, 2026. While the calendar was built with one hundred eighty-one instructional days and state requirements mandate one hundred eighty days, the additional closures require five instructional days to be made up. As a result, the current working end date for the academic year is June 16, 2026. This date will be confirmed with the district and communicated to the board once it is determined that no additional inclement weather will impact the schedule. Upon

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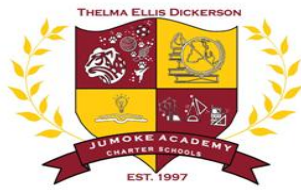
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confirmation, the revised calendar and updates regarding end-of-year and promotional activities will be shared with the board.

- **DRIP Grant:** The District Repair Improvement Project Grant is a state-funded initiative established through Connecticut public acts to support district repair and capital improvement projects. Through this grant, the Academy will receive state-provided funding to address various infrastructure and facility improvement needs. Director of Finance, Mrs. Deloso will provide additional detail regarding the budgetary impact and preliminary plans for the use of these resources. The grant requires approval from the Board of Directors, as the governing body responsible for authorizing how the funds are used and ensuring compliance with state reporting requirements. Recommendations for proposed projects will be presented to the board for review and approval at a future meeting. These resources are a welcome support, as there is significant work that remains to be completed.
- **9th Annual CT State Spelling Bee Update:** The next item highlights the accomplishments of Joel Patterson, Jumoke Academy's Spelling Bee Champion, who recently represented the school at the Connecticut State Spelling Bee held this past Sunday. He was supported by his family, staff members, and district representatives who attended to cheer him on. Although he did not advance beyond the first round, Joel represented Jumoke Academy with pride and confidence, and his effort is a source of great pride for the school community. The experience provided valuable insight, as many competitors had participated multiple times, underscoring the advantage of experience and strategy. Joel has expressed his determination to return next year, with strong support from his family, and there is great confidence that this experience will strengthen his future performance. His commitment and perseverance are commendable, and appreciation is extended to everyone who supported him.
- **Gala Update:** The gala is nearing sellout, with ticket sales closing this Friday the 13th, and current progress at 68% of the fundraising goal, with expectations for additional ticket and sponsor support this week. Appreciation was extended to the board, faculty and staff, community members, committee members, Communications Manager, Ms. Renton for her work as project planner, and all supporters to date. Board members were reminded of their VIP access upstairs during the first hour of the event, followed by seating at their purchased tables downstairs. Sponsor updates remain visible via the shared link and QR code, and tickets are still accessible through the website. Mr. June Archer has been confirmed as the evening's host, thanks to Superintendent Monroe's Executive Assistant, Ms. Best, for facilitating the connection. Financially, Superintendent Monroe confirmed the event is "in the black," ensuring all obligations are met with funds remaining.
- **Marketing/Engagement Updates** Recent highlights include scholar participation in the BSL Educational Foundation Martin Luther King Oratory Contest, hosted by the Beta Sigma Lambda Alumni Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity of Greater Hartford on February 26, with Jumoke scholars in grades six through eight

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submitting 10 videos, producing four finalists and first, second, and third-place winners, supported by 56 attending scholars and the dedicated efforts of teachers and administrators across all three campuses. An update was also provided on the RISE after-school enrichment program, with an upcoming enrichment showcase featuring scholar presentations, visual displays, certificates of participation, and family and community attendance, alongside the opening of registration for the third enrichment session running through May 22. Additionally, a new family engagement series, *Fathers and Fatherhood in Action: Presence, Purpose and Impact*, was announced, featuring a father-figure panel, a drumline performance, a keynote by Malik Champlain, interactive activities, refreshments, and community fellowship, taking place this Thursday at JAH-HC and open to families across all campuses, with follow-up dates for transition events to be shared.

PART C

Dr. Marie Gordon-Hall, Chief Academic Officer

- Curriculum & Instruction

- **Theme: From Access to Achievement Empowering All Scholars for Excellence**

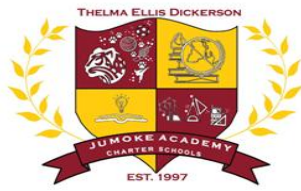
- Academic Update: Chief Academic Officer Gordon-Hall introduces the principals: The meeting segment opened with an introduction to a detailed review of academic data comparing fall to winter performance across campuses, with principals presenting campus-specific insights.

- Principal Fall to Winter Data Presentations

- Principal Kashay Green: Principal Kashay Green presented a detailed overview of JAH-SMaRT's fall-to-winter benchmark assessment data using the NWEA MAP assessment, highlighting overall progress, areas of growth, and ongoing challenges. Reading achievement showed improvement schoolwide, with 61% of scholars meeting or exceeding projected growth, while math and science reflected mixed achievement results but solid growth trends at 48% and 47% respectively. Eighth grade consistently demonstrated the strongest achievement and growth across subjects, while fifth grade emerged as the greatest area of concern due to declines in performance, influenced by behavioral and instructional factors within a newer teaching team. Principal Green outlined targeted academic strategies, including increased instructional time, small-group instruction, coaching for teachers, aligned curricula, data-driven planning, and strengthened classroom management support through PBIS interventions. Board discussion centered on the realism of spring achievement targets, the importance of growth measures in state accountability, and concerns about sustainability beyond eighth grade, with leadership emphasizing system-building, instructional rigor, and a growing culture of shared accountability.

- During the meeting, Board Chair Gray expressed appreciation for the presentation but emphasized that it required additional dedicated time, noting that the meeting was already nearing 7:00 p.m. and that continuing would likely extend the discussion by another thirty to forty minutes due to anticipated questions. Board Chair Gray stated that he did not want to rush the

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work or overlook its importance and proposed that the remaining presentations be postponed allowing proper discussion, suggesting they be scheduled for a future board meeting or a special meeting focused solely on principal reports. Superintendent Monroe indicated that this could be accommodated, either by adjusting a future agenda or holding a special meeting, potentially via Zoom. Board Chair Gray clarified that while other required agenda items such as the financial report and scholar recognition still needed to proceed, he recommended tabling the remaining two principal presentations until April or a special session. Board Member DeBeatham-Brown supported this approach, sharing that she had emailed Superintendent Monroe's Executive Assistant Ms. Best during the presentation to suggest a standalone meeting to allow for a deeper review of the metrics. The board reached a general consensus to hold a special meeting dedicated to the remaining presentations, with Executive Assistant, Ms. Best tasked with conducting an availability poll to determine a suitable date and format, and it was confirmed that the presentations by Principal Bobby Gibson, Jr. and Principal Danielle Ramiz would be deferred.

- Principal Bobby Gibson, Jr. (will table this presentation until a later date)
- Principal Danielle Ramiz (will table this presentation until a later date)

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board proceeded to the Consent Agenda, which included approval of the February regular Board meeting minutes and the January 2026 financial statements. A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Board Member Nedd and seconded by Vice Chair Stewart. There were no discussion and no objections and all were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

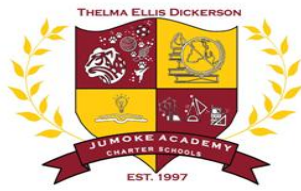
- February Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- January 2026 Financial Statements

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT

Sheryl Deloso, Director of Finance

- Budget/Financial Update: During the financial report, it was noted that the Financial Subcommittee met on March fourth, with the presenter and Vice Chair, Myron Stewart in attendance. As of January, the organization had received 71.42% of its annual budget, while total expenditure stood at 62.27%, resulting in an approximate 9% operating surplus. This surplus is necessary to cover upcoming expenses due to the quarterly distribution of state funding, which is projected to fall below budget because of reductions in Education Cost Sharing calculations. Salaries and wages account for 59% of the total budget, with plant services and facilities representing the largest remaining expenditure category.
- Grant Balances and Drawdown: Year-to-date revenue was compared with the prior year, with the primary variance attributed to the conclusion of federal relief funding in the previous fiscal year and operational changes to before and after-care programs now managed internally. Overall revenue totals remain relatively consistent, though revenue sources have shifted. Expenses were also compared year over year, with variances

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primarily related to facilities acquisition and construction costs incurred in the prior year but not in the current year. Per-pupil funding was identified as the main driver of revenue variance due to lower state-calculated allocations, while other revenue sources are performing within expected ranges. To address this variance, a temporary budget freeze will be implemented, limiting spending to necessary and urgent expenses. Grant funding updates were also provided, including a new state-funded program supporting facilities improvements, with future project priorities to be reviewed internally and presented to the Board for approval based on safety, urgency, and facility ownership considerations.

BUILDING SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

- None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- None

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Board Member Orlando Lawrence at 7:04 p.m., seconded by Myron Stewart, no discussions, no objections, all those in favor, meeting adjourned.

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