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MTA Board of Directors Meeting  
Highlights  
Friday and Saturday, June 17-18, 2005

Phil Mahler was not able to attend due to a professional commitment.

### **Friday**

- Most discussion was in executive session.
- Presentation and discussion of MTA financial reports.
- Recognition of people retiring from the MTA Board and Executive Committee. (Including Tom Parsons)
- Reaffirmed e-mail vote on endorsing the MassPartners' Research Paper FACING REALITY What happens When Good Schools "Fail"? Projected Adequate Yearly Progress in Massachusetts Schools.

### **Saturday**

- Passed changes in the MTA Pension plan consistent with the change in Massachusetts marriage laws.
- CEED committee elected by the Board. The Committee to Evaluate the Executive Director is one of the most important committees. Cindy Berry, Glenn Coolong, Peter Cross, and Donna Johnson (Higher Ed) were elected to the committee.
- Long general discussion on organizing charter schools. MTA will maintain current position of not attempting to organize charter schools.
- Discussion of possible changes in format for the MTA Annual Meeting and pre-convention meetings.
- MTA Budget priorities will be solicited earlier this coming year. Board's input will be requested at the August meeting.
- Until New Business, most of the rest of Saturday afternoon was again in executive session.

### **New Business**

- Motion #1 Task Force to discuss and develop recommendations for MTA's long term plan to address the negative impact of Commonwealth Charter Schools. PASSED
- Motion#2 That the MTA Mission Statement be prominently displayed at the MTA Board Meeting. PASSED
- Motion#3 That the MTA enter into collaborative relationship with MassCARE to work on issues of mutual concern. ....included a list of specific required activities. FAILED

As of August, with the end of Tom Parsons' term, the two MCCC representatives on the MTA Board will be Phil Mahler, Middlesex, and Sarah Satham, Bunker Hill.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Tom Parsons, MTA Board

