



Board of Directors Minutes
5:00 p.m. December 9, 2020
Meeting Location: Virtual

Mission

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTION of BOARD MEMBERS

5:04 PM

Present: Abdirashid Abdi, Jonas Beugen, Hillary Barron, Mohammed Hassan, Abdi Warfa
Absent: None

Each board member introduced themselves

2.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS :

Jonas declared he is the executive director at Tesfa and may have conflict with discussion on the agenda around 6201 Noble Property

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by: Mohamed Seconded by: Hilary Yea: 5 Nay: 0

4.0 COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT: None

5.0 APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA - NA

The consent agenda consists of routine matters of business taken as one motion. Board members may request to remove from the consent agenda any items they believe warrants board discussion or a separate vote. These consent items include:

Motion by: Seconded by: Yea: 0 Nay: 0

6.0 MONTHLY FINANCIALS - NA



7.0 PRESENTATIONS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.01 CSP Grant

- application update
 - We submitted grant application, about 7 schools applied, awaiting response from MDE. Response expected in December. Very helpful to addressing the costs of starting up.
- Contingency plans if the school does not get the CSP grant
 - Discussed exploring if there are other grants we can access if needed
 - Discussion about other schools that started without
 - Much more challenging without the grant but doable

7.02 Search for a school building

- Discussions to either lease directly or co-locate with *Tesfa International School* at 6201 Noble Ave N, Brooklyn Center, MN
 - renovated building
 - 20 classrooms
 - has smartboards - chairs/tables etc.
- Co-locate with Quantum Steam Academy at *497 Humboldt Ave Saint Paul, MN*
 - Currently Used by Quantum Steam
 - Looking for other school to Partner
 - They have CSP Grant and can lease furnished
- Look into other options
 - At this time there are not many options
 - There is one willing to lease to us
 - Tesfa looking to purchase building and potentially partner with AIM

7.03 Board of Directors Roles & Responsibilities

- Board training requirements & Resources
 - Board roles & responsibilities, human resources
 - School finance- August 18 training session [recordings](#) & [documents](#)
 - Board training completion [form](#)



8.0 ACTION ITEMS

8.01 Nominations of officers of board of Directors

Motion: Abdi Second: Mohamed Yea: 5 No: 0
Chair- Abdirashid Abdi

Vice-chair Hallary Barron

Treasurer - Mohamed Hassan

Secretary - Jonas Beugen

8.02 Regular Board meeting Schedule for the remainder of 2020/21 academic year

2nd Wednesday of month 5PM

Motion: Second: Yea:5 No: 0

9.0 JANUARY AGENDA ITEMS

- Policy adoption
- Follow up on Building

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting. Motion by: Jonas Seconded by: Abdi Yea: 5 Nay: 0