



**Vision Statement:** To develop globally conscious student inventors.

**Mission Statement:** Innovation Science and Technology Academy Charter School will develop talented student innovators using a cutting-edge curriculum with the collaborative support of staff, parents, and community. The collaborative culture and healthy school climate will foster personalized learning and ignite the power of imagination and creativity in our students who will grow to be critical thinkers, problem solvers, and agents of change.

## INNOVATION ACADEMY BOARD MEETING MINUTES- DATE: JULY 14, 2021

| Board Members  | Present                    | Absent |
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| Anna Young   |                            | X      |
| Khalid Ansari  | X                          |        |
| Abdinasser Ahmed   |                            | X      |
| Adebimpe Diji  | X                          |        |
| Yien Douth   | X                          |        |
| Miranda Adio   | X                          |        |
| Elizabeth Jingwa   | X                          |        |
| Others Present   |                            |        |
| Omotoke Olatoye-Executive Director-Ex-Officio                              | X                          |        |
| TAG -Business Office   | X                          |        |
| NEO  | X                          |        |
| 1. Call to Order   |                            |        |
| By: Interim Chair-Miranda  | Time: 7:08 PM              |        |
| Read Mission-Vision-Mission & Norms  |                            |        |
| 2) Motion to adopt the Agenda  |                            |        |
| Motion: To adopt the July Meeting Agenda                                   |                            |        |
| Made by: Ms. Miranda   | Seconded by: Ms. Elizabeth |        |
| Discussion: None   |                            |        |
| Vote: Approved 5: 0. Motion passed   |                            |        |
| 3) Motion to adopt the June Meeting Minutes                                |                            |        |
| Motion: To adopt the June Meeting Minutes                                  |                            |        |
| Made by: Dr. D.  | Seconded by: Mr. Douth     |        |
| Vote: Approved 5:0 Motion passed   |                            |        |
| 4. Conflict of interest  |                            |        |
| Discussion: Any conflict of interest? None identified.                     |                            |        |
| 5. NEO-Authorizers’ observation  |                            |        |
| We had an observer from NEO. Ms. Wendy commended the efforts of the board. |                            |        |
| Discussion:  |                            |        |
| 6. Director’s Report   |                            |        |
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| i) Resignation of Anna Young as the board chair                            |                            |        |
| Motion: To accept the resignation  |                            |        |
| Made by: Dr.D.   | Seconded by: Ms. Elizabeth |        |

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| <b>Discussion: The board commended Ms. Anna as a calm and visionary leader who will be missed. We are glad she is still on the board as a board member. The resignation as the board chair was accepted.</b>  |                                |
| Vote: Approved 5:0 motion passed  |                                |
| <b>Motion: To approve vendors, curriculum, new and returning staff.</b>   |                                |
| <b>Made by:</b> Mr. Ansari  | <b>Seconded by:</b> Mr. Douth  |
| <b>Discussion:</b><br>The Director presented the list of vendors, new staff, returning staff, and curriculum. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Vendors for approval: Jokky Catering, Leading Educational, and NorthStar Bus Lines LLC.</li> <li>b) New staff and existing staff for approval: Names given to the board.</li> <li>c) Lease application approved and the agreement signed by board of directors via DocuSign.</li> </ul> |                                |
| The board acknowledged the presence of the new business office and gave Innovation Academy's warm welcome to Scott and Robin as we partner to ensure the financial viability of the school. The Anton group has the proven record of working tirelessly with the school and board in ensuring the financial viability of charter schools.   |                                |
| The names of the returning staff were presented and approved.   |                                |
| The names of new staff were presented and approved.   |                                |
| The director gave the updates on recruitment and fundraising. The school has actively participated in local events including Blaine Family Festival, Andover Family Festival and Anoka County Fair in addition to using the social media word of mouth. The DONATE button on the school website is up and running again, and board members should continue in their efforts to network for donors.  |                                |
| Curriculum for renewal and for approval: SAVVAS, HighScope, COR Advantage, NWEA testing, Seesaw for approval and HMH for renewal.   |                                |
| Vote: 5:0- All the vendors, new staff, returning staff and curriculum listed above were approved.   |                                |
| <b>7) Financial Report-TAG</b>  |                                |
| <b>Motion: To approve the June Financial Report</b>   |                                |
| <b>Made by:</b> Dr. D.  | <b>Seconded by:</b> Ms Miranda |
| <b>Discussion: Discussion: No June Financial Report was presented because of the transition. However, cashflow and check register were presented.</b>   |                                |
| Vote: Approved 5:0 motion passed  |                                |
| <b>8) Board Training</b>  |                                |
| <b>Discussion: The interim board chair reminded board members of the need to start and complete the board training for the effectiveness of the board.</b>  |                                |

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| <b>9) Upcoming Agenda</b>   |
| <b>Discussion: Recruitment and Fundraising among other items.</b> |

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| 10) Meeting Adjourned                           |                         |  |  |
| Motion: To adjourn the meeting                  |                         |  |  |
| Made by: Ms. Elizabeth                          | Seconded by: Mr. Ansari |  |  |
| Discussion: The meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm |                         |  |  |
| Vote: Approved 5:0 motion passed                |                         |  |  |