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: 07/08/2026

Board Members	Present	Absent
Adebimpe Diji		X
Frederick Kechia-Board Chair	X	
Solange Tanue	X	
Yien Douth	X	
Shukri Ahmed	X	
Others Present		
Omotoke Olatoye-Director	X	
Elizabeth Jingwa-Assistant Director	X	
Jackie Paradise-SMS	X	
1) Call to Order		
By Dr. Frederick Kechia	**Time: 7: 10 PM**	
2) Adoption of June Meeting Minutes and approval of July Meeting Agenda		
Motion: To approve June Meeting Minutes and July Meeting Agenda		
Discussion/corrections: None		
Made by: Dr. Frederick	**Seconded by: Ms. Solange**	
Vote: 4: 0. Motion was approved.		
3) **Conflict of Interest**		
The board chair asked if any board member has any conflict of interest. None was identified.		
4) Public comments: None		
5) Approval of Cleaning proposal for FY27		
Motion: To approve FY 27 Cleaning Proposal		
Discussion-The board chair shared the 2-proposals received with the board. After careful consideration based on the procurement policy, the proposal with the lesser cost was chosen for approval		
Made by: Ms. Shukri	Seconded by: Ms. Solange	
Vote: 4:0, Motion passed. Ecogreen Dry Masters was approved for FY 27 Cleaning		
6) Approval of Choice Bank as the designatory Bank for FY 27 and EFT policy		
Motion: To approve the EFT policy and Choice Bank as FY 26 designatory bank		
Discussion: None		

Made by: Ms. Shukri Seconded by Mr. Yien
Vote: 4:0 Motion passed. EFT Policy and Choice Bank as FY 27 designatory bank were approved.
7) Approval of Donation for the Gym Wall Padding
Motion: The donation for the gym wall paddings and the way the donation will be made directly to the school's account.
Discussion: The director emphasized the need to have wall paddings in the gym to keep the walls from further damages. In a related discussion, the board agreed to open a checking account with MBT for the purpose of this donation and future donations to the school. Ms. Jackie and Dr.O. were approved as the Authorized Signers for the school's account with MBT.
Made by: Ms. Shukri Seconded by Mr. Yien
Vote: 4:0 Motion passed and the donation for the gym wall paddings was approved. Furthermore, MBT was approved as the second financial institution for Innovation Academy for the purpose of making donations directly into the school's account through a link that will be provided by MBT Bank. The donation link will be shared with families and the community via the school website, SQR code, emails, etc. to motivate potential donors.
Director's Report
Director's report: The director facilitated the discussions on enrollment, procurement policy, open and fair hiring, and academics. Ms. Elizabeth, the Assistant Director, in collaboration with some teachers, parents and students participated in the recently held Baine Parade as part of the recruitment plan to boost enrollment. It was a way of showcasing our STEM focused school to the communities that we serve. Furthermore, the director reiterated the commitments of the school and the board to fair and open hiring, procurement policies, high academic standards and socio emotional learning of our students.
8) Approval of June Financial Report
Motion: To approve May Financial Report
Discussion: The business manager presented the financial report and the board asked related questions.
Made by: Dr. Frederick Seconded by Ms. Shukri
Vote: 4:0. Motion passed and the financial report was approved.
9. Upcoming Agenda/Board Training Online
Board members who have not completed the training were encouraged to do so ASAP.
10) Adjournment of the meeting
Motion: To approve the adjournment of May board meeting
Made by: Dr. Frederick Seconded by: Ms. Solange
Discussion: None
Vote: 4:0. The motion to adjourn the meeting was approved.
Meeting adjourned at: 7:54 PM