



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: JANUARY 26, 2022

Board Members	Present	Absent
Anna Young	X	
Abdinasser Ahmed-Secretary	X	
Adebimpe Diji	X	
Elizabeth Jingwa-Board Chair	X	
Khalid Ansari	X	
Miranda Adio-Treasurer	X	
Yien Douth	X	
Chimi Njipwo	X	
Others Present		
Omotoke Olatoye-Executive Director-Ex-Officio	X	
TAG-Scott and Sam O' Brien	X	
Magdy Rabeaa -Director SPS	X	
NEO Executive Director -Wendy Swanson-Choi	X	
1. Call to Order		
By Ms. Elizabeth -Board chair	Time: 7:06 PM	
2. Vision and Mission/Norms		
Read by Ms. Jingwa		
3. Adoption of the Agenda and Last Meeting Minutes		
Motion: To move the adoption of the Agenda and December Meeting Minutes		
Made by: Mr. Abdi	Seconded by: Ms. Chimi	
Discussion: No omission nor addition.		
Vote: Approved 7:0. Motion passed		
4. Conflict of interest		
Any conflict of interest? None identified		
5. SPS/EMO-Students Prepared to Succeed/Educational Management Organization		
Motion: To approve the SPS/EMS contract/proposal		
The director of SPS was present at the meeting. He explained how the partnership works and the expectations from the school. Board members asked related questions from the director who in turn provided answers and clarifications.		
Made by: Ms. Elizabeth	Seconded by: Mr. Ansari	
Vote: Approved 7:0. Motion passed. The contract with SPS/EMO was approved by the board.		
6) Audit Report		
Motion: To disapprove the Audit Report		

Mr. Scott represented Ms. Michelle, the auditor, for the presentation of the audit report to the board. However, the presentation was declined. The board chair expressed concerns that the board was not given the opportunity to read and approve audit report before it was submitted to MDE in December. The board unanimously opposed the presentation and approval of the audit report. All the efforts of the board to have the report brought to the board for approval before submission was disregarded by the auditor. The board was not respected. Also, there were other issues with the school's name in the audit report submitted by the auditor. The board unanimously declined the presentation of the audit report at this meeting because it felt there was no need presenting it for approval since it has been submitted.

Made by: Dr. D.

Seconded by: Ms. Chimi

Vote: Approved 7:0. The motion to disapprove the presentation and approval of the Audit report passed

7) SOD Plan, SOD Budget and Resolution

Motion: For adoption of the Resolution

Mr. Sam from TAG presented the SOD Plan, SOD Budget, and Resolution to the board. The board welcomed the presentation.

Made by: Ms. Chimi

Seconded by: Ms. Anna Young

Vote: 7:0. The motion passed to adopt the Resolution and for the board to sign it.

8) Director's Report-Enrollment and fundraising.

Discussion: The director gave special thanks to the board and encouraged them to continue to market the school as more help is needed to increase the enrollment. In addition, the director provided the updates on the fundraising that she would be having a meeting with the grant writer the next day.

9) Board Training

The board chair encouraged the board members to continue to work hard in completing the board training. She thanked them for their commitments.

10) NEO's Observation

Discussion: Ms. Wendy expressed her dissatisfaction in the auditors regarding the mistakes with the school's name and the disrespectful way the board was treated. NEO's Director concluded that the auditors owe the board an apology. On a positive note, NEO's Director commended the school on its commitments to build the strong STEM program from PreK and the efforts in ensuring that students are served healthy and safe meals as evident in the just concluded administrative review.

10) Adjournment of Meeting

Motion: To adjourn the meeting

Made by: Ms. Miranda

Seconded by: Ms. Chimi

Discussion: None

Vote: Approved 7:0. Meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:16 PM

