



## GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES - Special Meeting

Meeting of Friday, February 28, 2020 5:30PM  
Iftin Charter School Library  
5465 El Cajon Blvd. San Diego CA 92115

*“Providing a strong educational foundation to all students who are in need of direction and support in learning English and finding their way in a new culture.”*

***Mission:*** Iftin Charter School provides students in grades K-8 an academically rigorous, common core aligned curricula, supplemented with a technology intensive program in a student centered, safe and caring learning environment. ICS addresses the needs of a diverse group of students, their families and communities by building on the strengths of the students’ cultural heritage and life experiences. ICS students are educated and enlightened to become successful, lifelong learners and valuable members of the global community.

### **WELCOME GUESTS / CALL TO ORDER 5:32PM**

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#### Roll Call

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| Faisal Ali     | _____ | President present |
| Joe Udall      | _____ | Secretary absent  |
| Mulki Hersi    | _____ | Treasurer present |
| Rahmo Abdi     | _____ | Member present    |
| Ibrahim Hassan | _____ | Member present    |

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

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This is the appropriate point in the meeting for any members of the audience to speak on matters only on this agenda. If they wish to address the Board, they are requested, prior to the meeting, to submit to the Secretary of the Board their names and the subject on which they wish to speak. Time is limited to three minutes for each individual. Individuals wishing to comment on items on the present agenda may do so during this portion of the meeting. Complaints about specific personnel are not appropriate for public session. Please submit any complaints to the Board Secretary in writing.

Abdulkarim Warsame: I would like to comment on the discussion item A. San Diego County of Education Appeal. This is the most appropriate step to take, following the denial of charter renewal petition. We need this school to continue for the community it serves. We should put all of our efforts to ensure the appeal process is successful. I hope that you had enough time to prepare all the necessary documents to submit the appeal to San Diego County. Thank you.

Faisal Ali: Do we have anyone else to speak?



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### **REGULAR SESSION**

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Faisal Ali: I would like to motion to move the consent item: Board Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2020 to be an Action item.

Motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2020.

Faisal Ali: I would like to open the meeting to the public. We will begin with the discussion item, San Diego County of Education Appeal.

Ibrahim Hassan: Our decision is clear to appeal to San Diego County of Education.

Faisal Ali: At this time I would like to give the opportunity to the Admin team to discuss the San Diego County Appeal. Please give us an update the process and our responses.

Ali Hori: First, Thank you boards president, and all board members, parents and Iftin team. As you know for the last 3 weeks we have been working on the documents for the appeal. Now, we are ready to finalize all the documents and it will be ready this Monday, March 2nd.

Yolande Charles: This was certainly a team effort. We gathered the required documents and will be making the final updates before we can submit. We prepared almost 12-Binders to deliver to the County office of Ed. As you know, Iftin meets all the renewal criteria and we are confident that we will have a successful appeal.

Abdi Mohamud: We prepared the district finding responses, the County Charter renewal review checklist and all other documents that are required.

Faisal Ali: Can you please address district finding 1 regarding ethnic balance. How much do we spend on outreach and recruitment?

Abdi Mohamud: Item 1 in the district finding identifies the ethnic balance. We use digital marketing and traditional print advertising, we use translating services for all marketing materials, we've placed ads on MTS buses, we display enrollment banners in and around our facility, we run ads on KPBS, we regularly go door-to-door in the surrounding neighborhoods, and we advertise in local news publications in Vietnamese, Spanish, and other world languages. Our efforts continue to recruit students from all backgrounds. This year alone, we have allocated \$44k into Marketing and Outreach.



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Maslah Yussuf: San Diego Unified School District still has the opportunity to recede their decision. We need to point out the evidences of the reversible errors in the factual findings presented to the Board. The Community is heartbroken and decisions were made based on non-factual evidence. Iftin meets all the renewal criteria.

Ali Hori: We are working with many experts and we remain hopeful that the County office of Education will grant our appeal.

Faisal Ali: Thank you. We will now move to our closed session

### **I. Consent Items**

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### **II. Action Items**

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A. Board Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2020

Motion Hassan Second Abdi Ayes Abdi Ali Hassan Hersi Nays N/A Abstain N/A Absent Udall

### **III. Closed Session 6:41 pm**

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**Anticipated Litigation** – *significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 (1 case).*

### **IV. Return to Open Session**

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No reportable action.

### **V. Advance Planning**

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The next regularly scheduled Governing Board Retreat is to be held **on Friday, March 6th, 2020** at 5:30 pm in the Iftin TK-8 Library at 5465 El Cajon, Blvd San Diego.

### **VI. Adjournment 7:10 pm**

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