



GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES - Regular Meeting

Meeting of Friday, February 4, 2023 at 10:00AM

5465 El Cajon Blvd., San Diego, CA 92115 (Library)

"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 TK-8 an academically rigorous, common core aligned curriculum, 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.

Approval of Agenda: Dr. Joseph Johnson

WELCOME GUESTS / CALL TO ORDER 10:00 AM

Roll Call

Dr. Joseph Johnson	_____	President present
Rahmo Abdi	_____	Secretary present
Mulki Hersi	_____	Treasurer present
Faisal Ali	_____	Member present
Ibrahim Hassan	_____	Member present
Shuayb Mumin	_____	Member present
Rashid Mursal	_____	Member present

Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum

- Dr. Joseph Johnsons called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC COMMENT— Anyone wishing to address the Board on agenda, non-agenda, and/or Closed Session items may do so. Individual speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes. Total public input on any one subject may be limited to fifteen (15) minutes, and may be extended at the discretion of the Board Chairperson. Comments on an agenda item may be taken when the agenda item is discussed by the Board. Comments on non-agenda items will be heard before the Consent Motion.

Dean Saïdy: Expressed statements of appreciation: "It's a great environment for myself, for the children and community. I appreciate everyone's hard work and dedication to making this environment possible and to always looking forward to making things better and better."

Hussein Nur, Parent Liaison: "I have been part of the Iftin community for 8 years and I have not seen a leadership or governing board more united in service of the children."



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CONSENT ITEMS

A) Approve meeting minutes of 11/18/2022

Motion Hassan **Second** Hersi **Ayes**, Ali, Hassan, Mursal, Johnson, Abdi, Hersi, Mumin Nays N/A
Abstain N/A **Absent** N/A

Discussion Items

- A) CEO Report
- B) Monthly Financial Report
- C) School Accountability Report Card
- D) 2023-24 Instructional Calendar
- E) 2021-22 Audit Report
- F) Brown Act Training/ Conflict of Interest
- G) Community Engagement

CEO Report: Maslah Yussuf

Greeted all participants and the governing board. Mr. Yussuf shared a quote; “where there is unity, there is always victory. -Publilius Syrus

- * We are honored to lead a school with such a very close-knit community, bright and wonderful students, an extremely dedicated staff, and a committed and supportive school leadership team.
- * We believe that our students deserve a high-quality education and we expect the best from our educators, staff, families and more importantly our students.
- * Furthermore, our solemn desire is that Iftin becomes a great school, a model school, and a successful school where everyone feels valued, respected, loved, cared for and important.
- * My leadership team is committed to providing our staff and students all the resources they need to their responsibilities and meet their needs.
- * Our doors are always open for our parents, teachers, staff, students and all the community members, so we encourage to share with us whatever you believe will make our school a successful school for all our stakeholders.
- * Iftin Charter school is providing its students a high-quality education with intensive interventions such as before school, after-school, pullouts and push-ins during the appropriate times within the school day, new-comer program for its English language learners as well as distance learning for students with independent study contracts.
- * Special Education: We strive to provide well-rounded support to our students with special needs. We currently have about 28 student’s caseloads with dedicated 15 staff members working to meet the needs of our students in this department.
- * Iftin Charter school has been in good standing with the El Dorado charter school SELPA and our policies and practices are in compliance with state and federal special education statute.



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- * Finance and operations: SDCOE reviewed Iftin’s fiscal policies, attendance practices, and audits and found that generally Iftin charter school is operating in compliance with our charter petition, the MOU between SDCOE and Iftin, and state and federal law.

School Accountability Report Card: Abdi Mohamud

By February 1 of each year, every school in California is required by state law to publish a School Accountability Report Card (SARC). The SARC contains information about the condition and performance of each California public school. Under the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) all local educational agencies (LEAs) are required to prepare a Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), which describes how they intend to meet annual school-specific goals for all pupils, with specific activities to address state and local priorities.

2023-24 Instructional Calendar: Abdi Mohamud

In collaboration with Iftin stakeholders, ICS shared a draft of the instructional calendar for 2023-24 school year for review. The Instructional Leadership Team committee that includes teachers, staff and parents made all the recommendations of the final draft. The calendar will be subject to an action item at the next regular board meeting.

2021-22 Audit Report: Abdi Mohamud

Wilkinson Hadley King & CO. completed our audit report. The audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The financial statements in accordance with the accounting principles.

ICS complied, in all materials respects, with the requirements of the laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to state programs.

YM&C Brown Act and Conflict of Interest Training: Jason Rudolph

Jason J. Rudolph provided both trainings to the board, staff and the Iftin community participants.

Overview of Brown Act, purpose, what is a meeting, public rights, permissible closed session topics and the penalties and remedies for violating the act.

New Law AB 2449 (effective 1/1/23): Amends the Brown Act teleconferencing rules to allow relaxed teleconferencing requirements for members’ personal emergencies and for just cause

- Allows teleconferencing without any obligation to
 - Identify the teleconferencing location on the agenda
 - Allow public access to the teleconferencing location
 - Members must participate through both audio and visual technology

New Law SB 1100 (effective 1/1/23): Authorizes Board Chair or designee to remove, or cause the removal of, an individual for disrupting the meeting.

- “Disrupting” means engaging in behavior during a meeting of a legislative body that actually disrupts, disturbs, impedes, or renders infeasible the orderly conduct of the meeting;



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- Failure to comply with reasonable and lawful regulations or policies adopted by a legislative body related to public comment, or any other law.
- Engaging in behavior that constitutes use of force or a true threat of force.

Understanding Conflict of Interest Laws

Mr. Rudolph reviewed the broad definition of conflict of interest. In short, a conflict of interest is a clash between an individual's duty to his or her office and his or her personal interests.

Common types of financial interests regulated by conflict laws

- Ownership or investment in business entity
- Investment in real property
- Sources of income, gifts, personal finances

Financial interests of immediate family members of the board members and employees typically are covered.

Government Code section 1090:

- Public Official (Officer, board member, or employee)
- Making a public contract (for sale or purchase)
- Public official has a financial interest in the contract

If board member has financial interest, the entire board is prohibited from entering into the contract; even if it is with the best vendor at the best price and interested board member abstains. (Unless an exception applies.)

Making public contract is defined very broadly! Applies to earliest discussions, planning, solicitation for bids, etc., not just vote.

Violation of GC 1090 is a felony and the contract void!

Form 700: Statement of Economic Interests

- Filed once annually (By April 1st)
- Leaving office or position (within 30 days)
- Penalties for failure to file
- Criminal charges by Att General or District Atty for deliberate failure to file
- Civil or administrative action by FPPC or private citizen



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Joshua Eng, CSMC:

Actual to Budget:

This report is as of Dec 31, 2022, compared against our board-approved budget on November 18th, 2022. This budget is based on 419 students enrolled and 394 ADA.

Please note this budget is subject to a negative change if this ADA is not met.

YTD revenues through Dec 31, 2022, are \$2,902,935 or 9.1% over our current budget due to advancements of funds. This is not new revenue, and thus, does not positively impact the budget.

Please note ~\$3M of budgeted revenue is tied into restricted funds; the school must have the appropriate expenses by year-end to earn these.

YTD expenses through Dec 31, 2022, are \$3,218,191 or 7.2% under our current budget due to personnel and other sub-categorical expenses being lower than expected due to budget timing. This is not necessarily a savings, as we will continue to track these expenses till year-end.

Therefore, net deficit is <\$315,256> or 61% under our current budget.

Balance Sheet: As of Dec 31, 2022, we had total cash of \$2,814,971, short-term liabilities of \$1,543,180, and long-term liabilities of \$0. The ending fund balance is \$1,953,942.

Action Items

None

Report to Open Session

Reportable Action: None

Advance Planning

The next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting is to be held **on Friday, February 24, 2023** at 5:30PM.

Adjournment. 1:46pm

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Office of Iftin Charter School at (619)265-2411. Notification of 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the School to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to that meeting (28 CFR 35.102.35.104) Additional questions can be sent to Operations Manager, Abdi Mohamud, at Mohamud@iftincharter.net