



GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES – Regular Board Meeting

Meeting of Friday, March 21, 2025 at 5:30PM

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

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“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 5:30 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 5:30 p.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.

CONSENT ITEMS

A) Approval of meeting minutes of 1/31/25

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



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Discussion Items

A) CEO Report, Maslah Yussuf

CEO Maslah Yussuf shared highlights from the March report:

- Conference Attendance: He and staff participated in the CCSA Annual Conference and NCUST's Symposium of America's Best Schools, gaining key insights into charter school innovations and equity strategies.
- Enrollment Update: Current enrollment stands at 557 students, with continued waitlist growth, a reflection of community trust in Iftin's academic program.
- Family Engagement: Recent award ceremonies and parent-teacher conferences saw high levels of parent involvement.
- State Testing Readiness: CAASPP preparation is underway with student support plans including test prep, professional development, and motivational activities.
- Summer School Planning: The school is preparing to implement a 30-day ELOP summer program. A full plan will be shared at the next meeting.

The Board thanked the CEO for his leadership and acknowledged the school's continued growth and academic efforts.

B) Board Financial Report

The Board reviewed the proposed three-year renewal agreement with Charter School Management Corporation (CSMC), covering July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028, at an annual cost of \$105,000. Services include back-office operations, financial reporting, payroll, CALPADS support, compliance tracking, and board presentation support.

Key highlights of the discussion included:

- Continuation of high-quality, responsive service delivery by CSMC.
- Expanded support in grant compliance and financial oversight.
- The value of monthly financial updates, audit coordination, and timely reporting.

The Board expressed appreciation for the ongoing partnership with CSMC

C) The Approval of Employee Interaction with Pupils Policy (EC 44050) formalizes Iftin Charter School's expectations for maintaining professional, respectful, and safe relationships between staff and students. Key components include:

- Prohibition of corporal punishment except in limited cases where reasonable force is needed to ensure safety.
- Clear boundaries outlining acceptable, cautionary, and prohibited staff-student interactions.
- Required reporting of any suspected misconduct or boundary violations.
- Guidance on communication, physical contact, and off-campus interactions.
- Compliance with Assembly Bill 500 and Education Code 44050, ensuring the policy is publicly accessible and included in the school's employee handbook.

The Board unanimously approved this policy to reinforce student safety and maintain a professional learning environment.



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Action Items

A) Approval of Employee Interaction with pupil policy (EC44050)

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

B) Approve of CSMC Contract Renewal

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

Closed Session

None

Report to Open Session

Reportable Action: None

Advance Planning

The next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting is to be held on **Friday April 25, 2025**

Adjournment. 7:31pm

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