



GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES – Regular Board Meeting

Meeting of Friday, May 22, 2026 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: Faisal Ali

WELCOME GUESTS / CALL TO ORDER 5:30 AM

1. CALL TO ORDERS

Board President Faisal Ali called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

- Faisal Ali – President
- Rahmo Abdi – Secretary
- Mulki Hersi – Treasurer
- Dr. Joseph Johnson – Member
- Ibrahim Hassan – Member
- Rashid Mursal – Member

Absent:

- None

A quorum was established.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Dr. Joseph Johnson

Second: Rahmo Abdi



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Vote:

- Ayes – 6
- Nays – 0
- Abstentions – 0

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were presented.

CONSENT ITEMS

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 27, 2026

Motion: Rashid Mursal

Second: Rahmo Abdi

Vote:

- Ayes – 6
- Nays – 0
- Abstentions – 0

Motion carried.

B. Approval of Articles of Incorporation Amended and Restated

C. Approval of Conflict of Interest Code

D. Approval of Independent Study Board Policies

E. Approval of School Attendance Policy

F. Approval of Board Bylaws

The Board reviewed the consent agenda items and administration provided an overview of the proposed governance and policy updates.

Motion: Ibrahim Hassan

Second: Mulki Hersi

Vote:

- Ayes – 6
- Nays – 0



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- Abstentions – 0

Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. CEO Report

The CEO provided updates regarding school operations and instructional programs, including:

- End-of-year academic progress and student achievement updates.
- CAASPP testing completion and preliminary observations.
- Student attendance and enrollment trends.
- Staffing plans and recruitment efforts for the 2026–2027 school year.
- Planning for summer school, ELOP programming, and student enrichment opportunities.
- Ongoing family engagement and community partnership initiatives.

Board members thanked administration and staff for their continued dedication to supporting students and families throughout the school year.

B. Facilities Modernization Project Presentation

The San Diego Unified School District Facilities team and project architects presented updated renderings of the proposed campus modernization project, including the new classroom building, kindergarten area, multipurpose facility, administration building renovations, landscaping, signage, and campus branding elements. School leadership and Board members expressed strong support for the overall design and provided feedback regarding preservation of the school's existing logo and community identity.

The project is currently in the 50% Construction Documents phase and is anticipated to be submitted to the Division of the State Architect (DSA) during summer 2026, with construction expected to begin in 2027. The team also reviewed project funding, furniture and technology infrastructure, campus safety features, and plans for gathering additional community feedback prior to finalizing design elements.

Board members expressed enthusiasm for the project and its positive impact on students, staff, and the broader school community.

C. Governing Board Member Recruitment and Candidate Introduction

The Board discussed the recruitment process for filling current vacancies on the Governing Board. Candidates Omar Aden and Aden Isse introduced themselves and shared their professional backgrounds, community involvement, and interest in serving the Iftin Charter School community.

Board members thanked both candidates for their willingness to serve and discussed the value of expanding board expertise and community representation.



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D. Summer School Program Plan 2026

Administration presented the proposed Summer School Program, including academic intervention, literacy and mathematics support, enrichment opportunities, health and wellness activities, and student engagement programs. The Board reviewed enrollment projections, staffing plans, and program goals designed to support student learning during the summer months.

E. Public Hearing – Proposed 2026–2027 LCAP and Preliminary Budget

Board President Faisal Ali opened the public hearing regarding the proposed 2026–2027 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and preliminary budget.

Administration presented the proposed LCAP goals, student achievement priorities, support services, and budget assumptions for the upcoming school year. The Board received public input and discussed planned investments in academic programs, student support services, and operational priorities.

The public hearing was closed following completion of comments and discussion.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Summer School Program Plan and Budget

Motion: Rashid Mursal

Second: Ibrahim Hassan

Vote:

- Ayes – 6
- Nays – 0
- Abstentions – 0

Motion carried.

B. Consideration and Approval of Appointment of Omar Aden to the Governing Board

The Board reviewed the qualifications and experience of Omar Aden and discussed his potential contributions to the school community.

Motion: Dr. Joseph Johnson

Second: Mulki Hersi

Vote:

- Ayes – 6
- Nays – 0
- Abstentions – 0

Motion carried.



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C. Consideration and Approval of Appointment of Aden Isse to the Governing Board

The Board reviewed the qualifications of Aden Isse and discussed his interest in serving the school.

Motion: Ibrahim Hassan

Second: Rashid Mursal

Vote:

- Ayes – 0
- Nays – 6
- Abstentions – 0

Motion did not carry.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board entered Closed Session to conduct a Public Employee Performance Evaluation of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Government Code §54957.

REPORT TO OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session.

No reportable action.

ADVANCED PLANNING

The next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting will be held on Friday, June 18, 2026 at 5:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

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