

Twin Cities International Schools

School Board Meeting

Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on **Thurs., March 20, 2025**, at 4:00 PM
Twin Cities International Schools, 277 12th Ave N. Room #200, Mpls, MN 55401

Members Present

Chair Mr. Warsame Shirwa

Parent Representative Mr. Abdirazak Botan

Teacher Representative Ms. Heidi Tesfaye

Members Absent

Community Representative Mr. Jimmy Engler

1. Call to Order

Mr. Warsame, The Chair, called the meeting to order at **4:00 PM** and acknowledged a quorum was present, and thanked them for attending the meeting. **Mr. Abdirashid & Mr. Ismail** were welcomed as the Ex-Officio's.

2. Open Agenda

Mr. Warsame acknowledged the open meeting.

3. Approve Agenda

MOTION that the March 20th, 2025, agenda be approved.

Abdirazak motioned for the March 20th, 2025 Board Meeting agenda to be approved as amended. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

4. Minutes from the Previous Meetings

4.1 Minutes of February 20th, 2025 Meeting

MOTION: THAT THE MINUTES of February 20th, 2025, BOARD MEETING be APPROVED.

Heidi motioned for the Board Meeting minutes of February 20th, 2025, to be approved as corrected. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried

5. Business Arising from the Minutes of February 20th, 2025

All business arising from the previous board meeting are included in the agenda.

6. Treasurer's Report

7.1 July 2024 - March 2025 YTD Report

MOTION: THAT THE JULY 2024 - MARCH 2025 YTD REPORT BE APPROVED.

Mohamed Adan presented the Treasurer's Report.

Heidi motioned for the Treasurer's Report to be approved. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

7. Authorizer's Report -

MOTION: THAT THE AUTHORIZER REPORT BE APPROVED.

Directors participated in the PUC annual review and reported to the Board about agenda meetings.

8. Director's Report

MOTION: THAT THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT BE RECEIVED.

Abdirazak motioned to approve the director's report.

TCIS Board Meeting

Executive Director's Report to the Board

Thursday, March 20, 2025, @ 4:00 pm

In-Person: TCIS Board Room - #200

1. Enrollment Update: **District 910 (K-5 586; MS 324).**
2. **There was no school on Friday, 3/7, for Reading Act PD, Wednesday, 3/19, for Reading Act half-day, and Spring Break from March 24th to March 31st, 2025.**
3. ACCESS Testing was done, and all students were tested, including make-up.
4. The School Audit and Building Audit were completed, and Form 990s were submitted.
5. The PUC 2020-2025 Charter School Contract was amended according to MDE, and the Board Chair will sign it again for submission. Our TCIS 2025 contract is still pending, and PUC anticipates releasing the recommendations in April.
6. **Tuesday 3/11 "I Love to Read Month" Reading Safari Assembly.** Students were awarded for reading.
7. **Saturday, March 8th, 2025,** Parent Academy from 10:00am to 12:00pm.
8. **MCA Testing:** April month of the MCA, April 9th to April 29th, 2025 Math, Reading & Science.
9. Requests for proposals were received on March 14th, 2025. Bids will be compiled for shortlisting and approval by the school board meeting on April 17th., 2025.
10. April 7th: No School for students READ ACT PD & April 30th: half-day for PD.
11. **Any other Business:**
 - Academic Goals Achieved: ACCESS Testing.
 - Non-Academic Goals Achieved: PDs & Parent Academy.

9. Other Reports and Action Items

9.1 PUC 2020-2025 Contract Amendment

MOTION: To confirm and sign the PUC 2020 Contract to be Submitted to MDE.

Abdirazak motioned to confirm and sign the PUC contract to be submitted.

The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

9.2 Desegregation of MN Charter Schools

The issue has been at the center of legal challenges, notably the Cruz-Guzman lawsuit, which addressed racial imbalances in Twin Cities Schools.

MOTION: That the Board approves funds for litigation, joining other Charter Schools in hiring a lawyer.

Abdirazak motioned to approve the funds for litigation, joining other charter schools in hiring a lawyer.

The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

9.3 First Policy Readings for the Month of March 2025

9.3.1 490- Suspected Misconduct Policy

9.3.2 504- Student Dress & Appearance

9.3.3 505- Distribution of Nonschool Sponsored Materials on School Premises by Students & Employees

9.3.4 520- Student Surveys

9.3.5 534- Age of Entrance & Procedures

9.3.6 902- Use of Charter School Facilities & Equipment

Heidi motioned that the policies 490, 504, 505, 520, 534 & 902 be approved as first readings.

The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

9.4 Final Policy Readings for the month of March 2025

9.4.1 210.1- Conflict of Interest

9.4.2 400A- Children in the Workplace

9.4.3 416- Drug & Alcohol Testing

9.4.4 427- Workload Limits for Certain Special Education Teachers

9.4.5 494- Return to Work

9.4.6 524- Internet Acceptance Use & Safety

9.4.7 524.5- Personal Electronic Communication Device

Abdirazak motioned that the policies 210.1, 400A, 416, 427, 494, 524 & 524.5 be approved as final readings.

The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

9.5 Board Goals

The Director's Report mentioned that academic and Non-Academic goals were received and approved.

10. Adjournment

Motion that the March meeting be adjourned.

Heidi motioned for the meeting to be adjourned, noting 5:15 PM. The motion was seconded, and it carried.

*If any one board member wishes to remove an item from the consent agenda for discussion, that item should be added to the board meeting agenda before its approval.