



## School Board Meeting Minutes

### **TCIS Mission**

*Twin Cities International Schools will prepare all students for future success in both school and life. With a rigorous standards-based curriculum that challenges every student, we hold our community to high expectations in the pursuit of excellence. We help our students persevere and overcome obstacles that may get in their way. Through involvement in the community our students develop the character traits needed to become active and engaged citizens who will be ready to meet dynamic global challenges.*

### **TCIS Vision**

*Twin Cities International Schools (TCIS) recognizes that all children are unique and bring their special qualities with them as students. We welcome and value students from all cultures and embrace the background, skills, knowledge and creativity each brings, while allowing them to retain their unique cultural heritage. TCIS works as a community to provide a safe, supportive, engaging and collaborative learning environment. Working together with students, parents, teachers and staff, TCIS prepares students for a lifelong love of learning and academic success.*

Date	Time	Location
2/19/26	4:00 PM	TCIS Board Room #200

Role / Representative	Name	Attendance
Board Chair (Community)	Mr. Warsame Shirwa	Present
Treasurer (Parent)	Mr. Abdirazak Botan	Absent
Director (Community)	Mr. Jimmy Engler	Present
Director (Parent)	Mr. Yusuf Samatar	Present
Director (Teacher)	Ms. Heidi Tesfaye	Absent
Ex-Officio (Executive Director)	Mr. Abdirashid Warsame	Present
Ex-Officio (Director of Finance & Operations)	Mr. Ismail Ahmed	Present

Visitors Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ms. Bethany Griffith, Board Clerk</li> </ul>

### 1. Call to Order

The Board Chair called the February 2026 school board meeting to order at 4:08 PM. He acknowledged a quorum was present.

### 2. Open Agenda

<b>Subject</b>	Open agenda for comment or questions.
<b>Discussion</b>	The Board Chair acknowledged the Open Agenda. No public comments or questions were posed to the Board.

### 3. Agenda

<b>Subject</b>	February 2026 Agenda					
<b>Discussion</b>	Board members reviewed the February 2026 Agenda.					
<b>Motion</b>	Approve the February 2026 Agenda.					
	<b>Made By:</b>	Mr. Jimmy				
	<b>Seconded:</b>	Mr. Yusuf				
<b>Vote</b>	<b>Yea</b>	3	<b>Nay</b>	0	<b>Abstained</b>	0
<b>Decision</b>	The motion passed unanimously.					

### 4. Minutes

<b>Subject</b>	Regular Meeting Minutes from January 15, 2026					
<b>Discussion</b>	Board members took time to review the minutes from 1/15/26.					
<b>Motion</b>	Approve the January 15, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes					
	<b>Made By:</b>	Mr. Jimmy				
	<b>Seconded:</b>	Mr. Yusuf				
<b>Vote</b>	<b>Yea</b>	3	<b>Nay</b>	0	<b>Abstained</b>	0
<b>Decision</b>	The motion passed unanimously.					

### 5. Business Items Arising from January 15, 2026

<b>Subject</b>	Business Items Arising from January 15, 2026
<b>Discussion</b>	All business items arising from the 1/15/26 board meeting are included in the agenda.

### 6. Finances

<b>Subject</b>	6.1 July 2025 – January 2026 Year-to-Date (YTD) Report					
<b>Discussion</b>	Mr. Ismail Ahmed presented the YTD Report.					
	He noted the following:					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The budget is based on an ADM of 895.</li> <li>● The school’s working budgeted surplus for the year is \$21,481.</li> </ul>					

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The projected cumulative fund balance is \$5,577,067 or 32% of expenditures at fiscal year-end.</li> <li>• Projected “Days Cash on Hand” for the projected fiscal year-end is 119 days. This is above the 30 days minimum bond covenants.</li> <li>• Projected Debt Service Coverage Ratio at fiscal year-end is 1.16. Above 1.10 or 1.0 with 90 days cash on hand meets minimum bond covenants.</li> <li>• 58% of the year is complete with revenues tracking at 57% and expenditures tracking at 55%. The fund balance is tracking at 32.2%.</li> <li>• Cash balance as of the reporting period is \$5,252,521 which is down from the previous month.</li> <li>• All invoices are being paid on time.</li> <li>• The amounts listed in the Food Service fund are lower than the actual amounts due to reimbursements being completed 30-60 days after invoices are received. The school will receive less funding due to the week of online learning which was in response to the civil unrest in Minneapolis.</li> <li>• The working budget reflects some updates on how items were coded due to previous errors. All items have been reallocated correctly.</li> </ul>						
<b>Motion</b>	Approve the July 2025 – January 2026 YTD Report						
	<b>Made By:</b> Mr. Jimmy						
	<b>Seconded:</b> Mr. Yusuf						
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<b>Decision</b>	The motion passed unanimously.						

### 7. Authorizer Updates

<b>Subject</b>	Updates and Important Information Regarding Authorizer (PUC)
<b>Discussion</b>	There was no Authorizer Representative present at today’s meeting. Mr. Ismail shared that PUC held a meeting on 2/12/26 to discuss updates. At the meeting, he learned that PUC recently hired a new team member so they are now fully staffed. Attendees also discussed the impact of ICE operations on students, families, and schools. Lastly, he shared that TCIS is on track for submitting documents to Epicenter. Ms. Bethany has been added to the account so she can begin supporting the school in this capacity.

### 8. Director’s Report

<b>Subject</b>	8.1 Director to Present Updates to the Board
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Mr. Abdirashid, Executive Director, noted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enrollment Update: District 908 (K-5 582; 6-8 326)</li> <li>• In the month of January, we had a lot of interruptions at the school. Civil unrest and immigration operations, as well as inclement weather. We are now bouncing back.</li> <li>• There was no school on Monday, January 19, 2026, due to MLK Jr. Day.</li> <li>• On Tuesday, January 20, 2026, there was no school for students and a virtual professional development was held for staff.</li> <li>• TCIS is now halfway through the school year! The week of Monday, January 19, 2026, was the start of Semester 2/Qtr. 3. New Master Minds/tutoring and reading groups started on Wednesday, January 21, 2026.</li> <li>• The Leading for Success Meeting on Wednesday (1/21), and End of S1/Qtr. 2 Honor</li> </ul>

	<p>Roll and Star Scholar Assemblies scheduled for Friday, January 23, 2026, were postponed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TCIS administrators took things day by day and returned in person on Wednesday, 1/21/26. TCIS, per Education MN, issued a statement to schools on Friday, 1/23/26, indicating a preference for schools to remain open. TCIS will monitor actions taken by the neighboring districts and make adjustments as needed. TCIS closed school and transitioned to online learning from January 27, 2026, to January 30, 2026.</li> </ul> <p><b>Upcoming Events - February</b> ❄️</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Resumed In-Person Learning on 02/02/2026</li> <li>Tues. 2/6 - 2/27 – Reading Olympics kicked off</li> <li>Tues. 2/10 – TCIS Finance Committee Meeting</li> <li>Tues. 2/10 – Gr. 1-5 Reading ACCESS Testing</li> <li>2/10 &amp; 2/11 – SFA Coaches at TCIS (Professional Development)</li> <li>Mon. 2/16 – No School for President’s Day</li> <li>Wed. 2/18 – Gr. 1-5 Writing ACCESS Testing</li> <li>Thurs. 2/19 – 6-8 Writing ACCESS Testing</li> <li>Looking Ahead to March: Spring Break will be from March 12 – March 20</li> </ul> <p><b>Any other Business:</b></p> <p>Academic Goals Achieved: Preparing for ACCESS Tests &amp; ACCESS Testing  Non-Academic Goals Achieved: SFA Professional Development; Parent Academy Saturdays held on 1/24/2026, 1/31/2026, and 02/07/2026.</p>						
<b>Motion</b>	Receive the Director’s Report.						
<b>Made By:</b>	Mr. Jimmy						
<b>Seconded:</b>	Mr. Yusuf						
<b>Vote</b>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td style="background-color: #cccccc;"><b>Yea</b></td> <td>3</td> <td style="background-color: #cccccc;"><b>Nay</b></td> <td>0</td> <td style="background-color: #cccccc;"><b>Abstained</b></td> <td>0</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Yea</b>	3	<b>Nay</b>	0	<b>Abstained</b>	0
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<b>Decision</b>	The motion passed unanimously.						

<b>Subject</b>	<b>8.2 Revised School Calendar 2025-2026</b>						
<b>Discussion</b>	Mr. Ismail shared that the Academic School Calendar for 2025-2026 has been revised due to the schedule changes listed in the Director’s Report. Two days in February that were originally scheduled to be an early release (2/12) and a non-school day (2/13) due to conferences, were changed to regular student contact days.						
<b>Motion</b>	Approve the Revised School Calendar for 2025-2026.						
<b>Made By:</b>	Mr. Yusuf						
<b>Seconded:</b>	Mr. Jimmy						
<b>Vote</b>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td style="background-color: #cccccc;"><b>Yea</b></td> <td>3</td> <td style="background-color: #cccccc;"><b>Nay</b></td> <td>0</td> <td style="background-color: #cccccc;"><b>Abstained</b></td> <td>0</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Yea</b>	3	<b>Nay</b>	0	<b>Abstained</b>	0
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<b>Decision</b>	The motion passed unanimously.						

## 9. Governance

<b>Subject</b>	<b>9.1 First Policy Readings: 531, 806, and 806a</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	The Board Chair reminded the Board that these policies are a first reading.
<b>Motion</b>	Approve policies 531, 806, and 806a as first readings.

	<b>Made By:</b>	Mr. Yusuf				
	<b>Seconded:</b>	Mr. Jimmy				
<b>Vote</b>	<b>Yea</b>	3	<b>Nay</b>	0	<b>Abstained</b>	0
<b>Decision</b>	The motion passed unanimously.					

<b>Subject</b>	<b>9.2</b> Final Policy Readings: 401, 616, and 722					
<b>Discussion</b>	The Board Chair reminded the Board that these policies are a final reading.					
<b>Motion</b>	Approve policies 401, 616, and 722 as final readings.					
	<b>Made By:</b>	Mr. Jimmy				
	<b>Seconded:</b>	Mr. Yusuf				
<b>Vote</b>	<b>Yea</b>	3	<b>Nay</b>	0	<b>Abstained</b>	0
<b>Decision</b>	The motion passed unanimously.					

<b>Subject</b>	<b>9.3</b> Board Goals: Academic and Non-Academic Goals					
<b>Discussion</b>	All Academic and Non-Academic Goals were discussed during the Director's Report.					

### 10. Adjournment

<b>Subject</b>	Adjourn the February 19, 2026, school board meeting.					
<b>Discussion</b>	The next board meeting will be held on 3/26/26.					
<b>Motion</b>	Approve the adjournment of the February 19, 2026, school board meeting.					
	<b>Made By:</b>	Mr. Jimmy				
	<b>Seconded:</b>	Mr. Yusuf				
<b>Vote</b>	<b>Yea</b>	3	<b>Nay</b>	0	<b>Abstained</b>	0
<b>Decision</b>	The motion passed unanimously. The meeting concluded at 4:38 PM.					