



Board meeting minutes

March 28, 2020.

The regular meeting of the SciTech Academy Charter School Board of Directors
Meeting Started

FIRST BOARD VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING (COVID-19 RESPONSE)

Call to Order:

by Dr. Warfaa @ 6:15 pm

call to order at 6:10 PM _____.

Present Board Members: All board members

Abdirashid Abdi, Abdirizak Warfa, Mohamed Mohamoud, Fadumo Yusuf

Others present at the meeting: Director Abdulle

Welcome:

- Abdi Warfa: Thank you all for doing an outstanding job in response to COVID-19. Today's meeting will be mainly getting updates in response to COVID-19. I wanted to thank this opportunity to thank Abdisallam, the school leadership, staff and teachers for doing wonderful time during unprecedented times. Our authorizes, Minnesota Guild, has also been conducting weekly COVID-19 Calls with school, sharing resources and updates as needed
Members of the board were appreciative of the wonderful work the executive director Abdulle, teacher and staff of the school have done under trying times.

Hot Topics:

- [Updated MDE Guidance](#)
- Distance Learning Plans (Abdisallam, Executive Director)
The executive director shared with the board a draft of the DLP which will be posted on the school website as required by MDE. School is on Spring Break during the week of March 30th and the lesson plans and curricula is in position when students transition into online learning after the spring break. Members of the board felt the plan was well prepared, satisfactory and appropriate for the current situation.
- Special Education (What has been done? What needs to be done)
As described in the distance learning plan, the board was supportive of the plans the school set aside for dealing with special education and other student needs (e.g., ELL).



- Board Meetings (Abdi Warfa)
 - a. Most schools have conducted board meeting using Zoom (e.g., Life Prep, College Prep), just as we are doing now. Cindy from Guild requested that if there has been scheduled board elections postponed or changes to school proceedings that differ from the bylaws that Guild be informed via email.
 - b. We don't have any scheduled board elections (some schools were in the tough position of half of their board member position up for election, lacking quorum!)
The board decided to be held virtual meetings via Zoom in April and June. Selection process and discussion of new board members in the fall will be set in motion during the Fall meeting.
- Transportation
 - a. Update from Abdisallam on how we are using the transportation.
At the moment, transportation is used to deliver learning packages for students during Fridays and on as-needed bases.
 - b. Per MDE's Distance Learning Implementation Guidance (3.25.20):
The expectation is that school districts and charter schools maintain collaboration and contracts with transportation providers. These professionals are instrumental in supporting the efforts of distance learning specifically for transporting the students of our critical workers and food to our students throughout the community. Transportation should be provided to students in the school-age care for children of critical workers program, just as they would receive this transportation on a normal school day. If transportation for before- and after-school care would normally have been provided, that transportation should also continue.
 - c. *Cindy from Guild will inquire of other authorizers, and MDE, to see if this guidance is changing and/or if a waiver from this guidance is available for charter schools with compelling*
- Add-on agendas/items
- Resources
 - a. *The MDE has general and subject-specific guidelines and resources to consider for student instruction in their "Student Instruction COVID-19 Resources." For example, the "Distance Learning Considerations" has some great ways to achieve assessment of student learning.*



- b. *For families, following these seven simple rules from district 191 can greatly allow parents to establish appropriate environment that supports student learning. It is a simple list of things to do that will go long way in establishing routines and expectations.*