



School Name: Rochester STEM Academy		
Date: April 20 th , 2020		
Address: 415 16 th St. SW, Rochester, MN 55902		
Board Member Names:	Present	Absent
Abdulkadir Abdalla	X	
Ayan Mumin	X	
Mohamoud Hamud	X	
Mustaf Hagi	X	
Daniel Zacharda	X	
Others Present:		
Corlis Hicks (Rochester STEM Academy Special Education Teacher/Fencing Coach)		
Daniel Jett (Trim Tab Consulting)		
Mohamed Saadalla (Rochester STEM Academy Arabic/Engineering Teacher)		
Penny Vang (Pathway Learning Center)		
Wendy Swanson-Choi (Novation Education Opportunities)		
Christopher Bouska (Rochester STEM Academy Mathematics Teacher)		
Ibrahim Mohamed (Arrived Late) (Rochester STEM Academy PSEO Counselor)		
Faduma Issa (Arrived Late) (Rochester STEM Academy Service Learning Teacher/Parent)		
1. Call Meeting to Order		
By: Mohamoud Hamud	Time: 2:05pm	
School Vision: A community focused school providing a rigorous STEM education.		
School Mission: The mission of Rochester STEM Academy is to provide a highly supportive learning environment for minority, immigrant, and other students currently underserved in traditional area high schools and greatly underrepresented in Rochester's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) industries through a challenging program that emphasizes creativity, accountability, ongoing assessments, college preparation, and high academic achievement.		
2. Community Comments:		
(None)		
3. Request for any Conflicts of Interests		
(None Presented)		

4. Approval of Board Meeting Agenda			
Motion: To approve Board Meeting Agenda for April 20 th , 2020			
Made by: Ayan Mumin		Seconded By: Abdulkadir Abdalla	
Discussion: (None)			
Roll Call Vote:			
Board Member Name:	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Abdulkadir Abdalla	X		
Ayan Mumin	X		
Mohamoud Hamud	X		
Mustaf Hagi	X		
Daniel Zacharda	X		
Totals:	5	0	0
Decision:		Motion Passes 5-0	
5. Approval of Interim Executive Director Sarah Schlake's Resignation			
Motion: To approve the acceptance of Interim Executive Director Sarah Schlake's resignation.			
Made by: Abdulkadir Abdalla		Seconded By: Ayan Mumin	
Discussion: Board member Abdulkadir Abdalla presented a list of reasons for why Interim Executive Director Schlake's resignation was accepted. It was noted that the Board accepted Interim Director Schlake's resignation effective April 15 th , 2020. The board acknowledged the receipt of a letter from Interim Executive Director Schlake stating she did not resign. Board member Daniel Zacharda expressed concerns over the handling of Interim Executive Director Schlake's resignation. Board chair Mohamoud Hamud and Board member Abdulkadir responded with there justifications in response to Board member Zacharda's inquiry.			
Roll Call Vote:			
Board Member Name:	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Abdulkadir Abdalla	X		
Ayan Mumin	X		
Mohamoud Hamud	X		
Mustaf Hagi	X		
Daniel Zacharda			X
Totals:	4	0	1
Decision:		Motion passes 4-0-1	
6. Approval of Dr. Charlene Ellingson as the Executive Director of Rochester STEM Academy			
Motion: To approve Dr. Charlene Ellingson as the new Executive Director of Rochester STEM Academy			
Made by: Abdulkadir Abdalla		Seconded By: Mustaf Hagi	
Discussion:			

Board member Abdulkadir stated Dr. Ellingson was interviewed by himself and Board chair Mohamud Hamud earlier that day (April 20th). Board member Abdulkadir presented Dr. Ellingson’s credentials to the board. Board member Daniel Zacharda expressed concern over approving a new Executive Director without a contract being presented. Board chair Mohamud Hamud responded the board is approving Dr. Ellingson as the new director, but will approve the contract at the May board meeting (May 20th).

Roll Call Vote:

Board Member Name:	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Abdulkadir Abdalla	X		
Ayan Mumin	X		
Mohamoud Hamud	X		
Mustaf Hagi	X		
Daniel Zacharda			X
Totals:	4	0	1

Decision: Motion passes 4-0-1

7. Approval of Ali Ashkir as Assistant Executive Director of Rochester STEM Academy

Motion: To approve Dr. Charlene Ellingson as the new Executive Director of Rochester STEM Academy

Made by: Ayan Mumin

Seconded By: Mustaf Hagi

Discussion:

Board chair Mohamud Hamud stated that Mr. Ashkir will have the same job description, but will have an increased focus on community relations and assisting in the decision making process.

Roll Call Vote:

Board Member Name:	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Abdulkadir Abdalla	X		
Ayan Mumin	X		
Mohamoud Hamud	X		
Mustaf Hagi	X		
Daniel Zacharda			X
Totals:	4	0	1

Decision: Motion passes 4-0-1

8. Adjournment

Motion: To Adjourn the Meeting

Made by: Daniel Zacharda

Seconded By: Ayan Mumin

Discussion:

(None)

Roll Call Vote:

Board Member Name:	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Abdulkadir Abdalla	X		
Ayan Mumin	X		
Mohamoud Hamud	X		

Mustaf Hagi	X		
Daniel Zacharda	X		
Totals:	5	0	0
Decision:	Motion passes 5-0		