



School Name: Rochester STEM Academy		
Date: May 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:		
Dr. Charlene Ellingson (Rochester STEM Academy Executive Director)		
Megan Caron (Rochester STEM Academy English Teacher)		
Ibrahim Mohamed (Rochester STEM Academy PSEO Counselor)		
John Cairns (School Legal Counsel)		
Jean Neuman (NEO Representative)		
Corlis Hicks (Rochester STEM Academy Special Education Teacher/Fencing Coach)		
Robert Procaccini (School Finance Team)		
Franklin Fletcher (School Finance Team)		
1. Call Meeting to Order		
By: Mohamoud Hamud	Time: 2:01 PM	
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 Reported)		

4. Approval of Board Meeting Agenda			
Motion: To approve the board meeting agenda for May 20 th , 2020			
Made by: Abdulkadir Abdalla		Seconded By: Daniel Zacharda	
Discussion: (None)			
Roll Call Vote:			
Board Member Name:	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Abdulkadir Abdalla	X		
Ayan Mumin	Absent		
Mohamoud Hamud	X		
Mustaf Hagi	X		
Daniel Zacharda	X		
Totals:	4	0	0
Decision:		Motion Passes 4-0-0	
5. Approval of Board Minutes from April 13th			
Motion: To approve school board minutes from April 13 th , 2020			
Made by: Daniel Zacharda		Seconded By: Abdulkadir Abdalla	
Discussion: (None)			
Roll Call Vote:			
Board Member Name:	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Abdulkadir Abdalla	X		
Ayan Mumin	Absent		
Mohamoud Hamud	X		
Mustaf Hagi	X		
Daniel Zacharda	X		
Totals:	4	0	0
Decision:		Motion Passes 4-0-0	
6. Approval of Board Minutes from April 20th			
Motion: To approve school board minutes from April 20 th , 2020			
Made by: Daniel Zacharda		Seconded By: Abdulkadir Abdalla	
Discussion: (None)			
Roll Call Vote:			
Board Member Name:	Yea	Nay	Abstain

Abdulkadir Abdalla	X		
Ayan Mumin	Absent		
Mohamoud Hamud	X		
Mustaf Hagi	X		
Daniel Zacharda	X		
Totals:	4	0	0
Decision:	Motion Passes 4-0-0		
7. Approval of Board Minutes from May 7th			
Motion: To approve school board minutes from May 7 th , 2020			
Made by: Abdulkadir Abdalla		Seconded By: Daniel Zacharda	
Discussion: (None)			
Roll Call Vote:			
Board Member Name:	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Abdulkadir Abdalla	X		
Ayan Mumin	Absent		
Mohamoud Hamud	X		
Mustaf Hagi	X		
Daniel Zacharda	X		
Totals:	4	0	0
Decision:	Motion Passes 4-0-0		
8. Financial Report			
Motion: To approve Rochester STEM Academy School Financials for April 2020			
Made by: Abdulkadir Abdalla		Seconded By: Daniel Zacharda	
Discussion: The School Finance Team gave a detailed presentation into the school financials. It was noted that the school needs to approve the school budget by June 30 th of 2020. The finance team noted that there may be some additional funds being withheld by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) due to a large amount of PSEO students. Board member Daniel Zacharda asked a question pertaining to if PSEO financials are counted per student or per credit. The finance team indicated that financials are based on per credit essentially. Board Chair Mohamoud Hamud asked how many students Rochester STEM Academy currently sends to PSEO, Mr. Mohamed responded with an answer of 25 students. Board member Zacharda indicated that Rochester STEM Academy plans to send approximately the same number of students to PSEO next year, but with fewer credit hours.			
Roll Call Vote:			
Board Member Name:	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Abdulkadir Abdalla	X		
Ayan Mumin	Absent		
Mohamoud Hamud	X		
Mustaf Hagi	X		
Daniel Zacharda	X		

Totals:	4	0	0
Decision:	Motion Passes 4-0-0		
9. Board Governance Discussion			
Discussion: Board Member Zacharda stated The Rochester STEM Academy School Board will be undergoing board training at the conclusion of this meeting in a closed session of the board.			
10. Directors Report			
Financial Management: - Dr. Ellingson stated there will be no summer school due to concerns with the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic. - Dr. Ellingson stated the school building will be closed for cleaning until May 26 th . - Dr. Ellingson state the plan is to keep current staff and add a .5 FTE English Language Learners (ELL) Position. This is contingent on enrollment of incoming 9 th graders.			
Community Relations: - Dr. Ellingson stated that she has reached out to community elders and the school investors to help in recruitment efforts of incoming freshman students.			
Academics:			
Teacher Practice: (None Presented)		Student Outcomes: (None Presented)	
11. Adjournment			
Motion: To adjourn the meeting			
Made by: Abdulkadir Abdalla		Seconded By: Daniel Zacharda	
Discussion: (None)			
Roll Call Vote:			
Board Member Name:	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Abdulkadir Abdalla	X		
Ayan Mumin	Absent		
Mohamoud Hamud	X		
Mustaf Hagi	X		
Daniel Zacharda	X		
Totals:	4	0	0
Decision:	Motion Passes 4-0-0: Meeting Adjourned 2:31 pm		
Next Board Meeting:	June 17th		