

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Monday, September 28, 2020 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Virtual Meeting via Zoom (https://minnstate.zoom.us/j/4091474383)

Mission Statement: Built upon a foundation of academic excellence and a mindset to drive change, Exploration High School graduates are empowered with 21st century skills to solve the problems in their communities.

Vision: Creating a school of self-driven learners who collaboratively work to solve problems in their community of intrinsic interest and external value.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

🔼 denotes board action item

Beginning Time: 6:31pm Adjournment Time: 7:59pm 9/28/2020

- 1. Call to order
 - a. Board Members Present: Nathan Strenge, Shawn Smith, Hibo Ali, Eileen Sene, Mari Avaloz
 - b. Board Members Not Present: Jon Bacal, Steve Owen
 - c. Non-Board Members Present: Sam Neisen, Dave Heighington, Bonnie Schweiger, Richard Harney, Anonymous Guest
- 2. Approval of agenda 🔼
 - a. Motion to approval agenda: Strenge
 - i. 2nd: Ali
 - ii. Vote: Unanimous Pass
- 3. Approval of August 2020 meeting minutes 🔼
 - a. Motion to approve minutes: Smith
 - i. 2nd: Strenge
 - ii. Vote: Unanimous Pass
- 4. Public comment.
 - a. No public comments
- 5. Board policies ensuring good practice
 - a. Kemp presents Exploration High School's Policy Index
- 6. Audit presentation
 - a. Presented by Bonnie Schweiger of Abdo, Eick, & Meyers
 - b. Clean Audit Opinion. No additional requests for information needed.
 - c. No issues needed for MN Legal Compliance.
 - i. Based on moment of 501(c)3 approval (2017) through June 2020

Board Members: Hibo Ali, Mari Avaloz, Jon Bacal, Stephen Kemp, Steve Owen, Eileen Sene, Shawn Smith, Nathan Strenge **Contracted Employees:** Dave Heighington (School Director), Sam Neisen (Outreach Coordinator)

- d. Audit finding: Limited segregation of duties at beginning of FY 20
 - i. This issue was addressed by end of FY 20
- 7. School Director updates

Recruitment plan

- 8. Committees updates
 - a. Finance

August 2020 Financial Packet (sent prior to meeting)

- i. Motion to approve financial packet: Strenge
 - 1. Second: Avaloz
 - 2. Vote: Unanimous Pass

Cash to-date = \$85,009.92 (\$69,331.59 excluding outstanding CSP reimbursement)

CSP remaining = \$59,436.32

ii. Members: Stephen (chair), Dave, Jon

b. Enrollment

Open Enrollment period – amending Policy #500 🔼

- i. Motion to update policy: Strenge
 - 1. 2nd: Ali
 - 2. Vote: Unanimous Pass
- ii. Members: Nathan (chair), Jon, Hibo, Heighing, Sam
- c. Governance

Goals and timeline for work

MN Charter Board Training access received

- i. Committee to identify and create board policy index
- ii. Members: Eileen (chair), Stephen, Dave, Shawn
- 9. Election of Board Chair 🔼
 - a. Stephen to step down as board chair
 - b. Motion to make Nathan Strenge board chair as of Oct. 1: Avaloz
 - i. 2nd: Ali
 - ii. Yes: Ali, Avaloz, Smith, Kemp Abstain: Strenge
 - c. Motion to make Stephen Kemp Treasurer as of Oct. 1: Nathan
 - i. 2nd: Avaloz
 - ii. Yes: Ali, Avaloz, Smith, Strenge Abstain: Kemp
- 10.Adjourn
 - a. Motion to adjourn: Strenge
 - i. 2nd: Avaloz
 - ii. Vote: Unanimous Pass
 - b. Time of adjournment: 7:49pm

Remaining 2020 Board meetings

October 26 November 30 December 28

