

1. Call to order @11:07 a.m.

This Special Board meeting is being called pursuant to and under Minnesota Statute Section 13D.04, subd. 2.

2. Roll Call

Present	Chair	Board Members
X	G	Melanie Persellin - President
	C	Community Board Member Seat:seated March 25, 2024
X	I	Idara Uko - Vice-Chair
X	A	Sara Sweeney
X	B	Brenda Maulik
X	F	Sana Soussi
X	E	Durowaa Agyeman - Secretary
X	D	Jacob Stith
X	H	Emily Uhl - Treasurer

Guests
Marwa Sallam
Mona Soussi
Hayat ElHilali
Eman Younus
Julie Kresh
Chala Ahmed
Ahmed Burhan
Sanaa Malaki
Brittani Qassem

Guests
Ruqiya Ahmed
Nagla Mahmoud
Amna Soussi
Nadia Soussi
Seliana Berg

3. Adoption of Agenda and Addendums 2 minutes

Motion to approve the March 17th, 2024 special meeting agenda by Sana, seconded by Jake, it passes.

4. Board Governance Board 60 minutes

The Board will close portions of the meeting pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05, subd. 2(b), which permits the Board to close the meeting for preliminary consideration of allegations or complaints against one or more individuals under the Board’s authority. Portions of this meeting will be closed pursuant to the Open Meeting Law. The Board may take appropriate action following and based on the discussion in the closed meeting.

- Motion to close the meeting at 11:10 a.m. by Durowaa, seconded by Brenda, it passes.
- The meeting was closed at 11:10 a.m.
- Motion to reopen the meeting by Emily, seconded by Idara, it passes.
- The meeting was reopened at 11:58 a.m.

- Motion to retain Wiley Reber Law as an investigator in response to a complaint referenced by Friends of Education on March 12th, 2024 and as discussed in the closed session by Melanie, seconded by Sana, it passes unanimously.
- Motion to authorize Wiley Reber Law, the investigator, to provide status reports and communicate directly with Friends of Education in compliance with the Friends of Education correspondence dated March 12th, 2024 as discussed in the closed session by Melanie, seconded, by Sara, it passes unanimously.
- Motion to designate Emily Uhl, DVA Treasurer, as the Board point of contact with Wiley Reber Law to follow the recommendations of the investigator provided during the course of the investigation as necessary to comply with the Friends of Education stipulations in the March 12th, 2024 correspondence by Melanie, seconded by Brenda, it passes unanimously.

5. Discussion on DVA policies and applicable laws regarding communication by Board Member and Board communication protocols Persellin 30 minutes

- The Board would like to try sitting in a round table at the March table and reconsider the Board meeting setup to have more effective meetings.
- We discussed our commitment to improving communication and transparency within the Board.
- Board members will attend more school events and committee meetings to feel more informed about the operations on ongoing of the school.
- Generally, when there is Community Comment, the Executive Director will follow up
- The Board Secretary will reach out to individual Board members in the upcoming months to confirm their compliance with Board training statutes. Board members are encouraged to attend MSBA trainings.
- Sara will reach out to Jason to see what Eagle Ridge is doing with their listening sessions and Board workshops.
- Generally, the Executive Director reaches out to those who participate in Community Comment for follow up. Melanie, Board Chair, and Idara, Board Vice Chair, will respond to emails directed to the Board to help families and community members feel heard. Emails requiring action will be directed to the Executive Director.

Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn at 1:00 p.m by Sana, seconded by Emily, it passes.

Actual end time: 1:00 p.m.

Estimated end time: 12:30