

May Board Meeting Agenda



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May 22, 2026

2:00 PM

In-Person

Mission: Midway Star Academy will create a learning environment that incorporates the cultural experiences of its students by enriching their personal and innate characteristics while setting high expectations and infusing personalized learning into the curriculum to improve student engagement and achievement.

Vision: We envision a school where every student is known, valued, and supported as an individual, with student-centered educational programs to meet each student's unique needs and interests.

Call to order: Hasan Ainab called the meeting to order at 2 PM on May 22, 2026.

- **Attendance (Secretary)**

Board Members Present or Absent

Name	Ju ly	Aug ust	Septe mber	Octo ber	Nove mber	Dece mber	Janu ary	Febru ary	Ma rch	Ap ril	M ay	Ju ne
Amina Abdullahi (Parent, Member)		P	P	A	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	
Anna Hemstead (Teacher)		P	A	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	
Ainab, Hasan (Teacher, Chair and Treasurer)		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Kasim, Nur (Community, Secretary)		P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	A	

Mohamed Egal (Community, Member)		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Hersi, Faduma (Teacher, Member)		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Noor, Nasra (Teacher, Member)		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Mohamed Warsame (Ex-Officio)		p	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	p	P	

Guests and Community Members Present:

Name	Position/Role
Robert Proccacini	Dieci School Finance
Keillen Curtis	School Lawyer
Khalif Warsame	School Teacher

- **Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

- **Public Comment: None**

- **Consent Agenda**

Action Item:

Motion: Move to approve the May 22, 2026, Board Agenda and the April 20, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes.

Made by:

Seconded by:

Discussion:

Vote:

Yea:

Nay:

Abstain:

Roll Call Vote	Yea/Nay/Abstain
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Amina Abdullahi	Y
Anna Hemstead	Y
Hasan Ainab	Y
Nur Kasim	
Mohamed Egal	Y
Faduma Hersi	Y
Nasra Noor	Y

Decision: Motion carries

- **Academic/Contract Goals Update**
 - Academic goals presented by Amy Kinney, MSA's instructional coach
- **New Business**
 - End-of-Year Board Performance Evaluation
 - Review results
 - FY26 Elections
 - Update
 - Evaluate the School Leader
 - Review results
 - Satisfaction Surveys
 - Update
 - FY27 Board Meeting Calendar
 - Review the proposed meeting dates for FY27
 - Approve the calendar.
- **Treasurer Report**
 - Financials Report and Update

Action Item:

Motion: Move to approve the financial report for April.

Made by: Faduma

Seconded by: Hasan

Discussion:

Vote: Yea: Nay: Abstain:

Roll Call Vote	Yea/Nay/Abstain
Amina Abdullahi	Y
Anna Hemstead	Y
Hasan Ainab	Y
Nur Kasim	
Mohamed Egal	Y
Faduma Hersi	Y
Nasra Noor	Y

Decision: Motion carries

Action Item:

Motion: Move to approve the revised FY26 and FY27 Budgets.

Made by: Nasra

Seconded by: Amina

Discussion:

Vote: 6 Yea: 6 Nay: Abstain:

Roll Call Vote	Yea/Nay/Abstain
Amina Abdullahi	Y
Anna Hemstead	Y
Hasan Ainab	Y
Nur Kasim	
Mohamed Egal	Y
Faduma Hersi	Y
Nasra Noor	Y

Decision: Motion carries

Action Item:

Motion: Move to approve the FY27 Board Meeting Calendar.

Made by: Hasan

Seconded by: Amina

Discussion:

Vote: 6 Yea: 6 Nay: Abstain:

Roll Call Vote	Yea/Nay/Abstain
Amina Abdullahi	Y
Anna Hemstead	Y
Hasan Ainab	Y
Nur Kasim	
Mohamed Egal	Y
Faduma Hersi	Y
Nasra Noor	Y

Decision: Motion carries

Action Item:

Motion: Move to approve the FY27 Academic Calendar.

Made by: Faduma

Seconded by: Nasra

Discussion:

Vote:6

Yea: 6

Nay:

Abstain:

Roll Call Vote	Yea/Nay/Abstain
Amina Abdullahi	Y
Anna Hemstead	Y
Hasan Ainab	Y
Nur Kasim	
Mohamed Egal	Y
Faduma Hersi	Y
Nasra Noor	Y

Decision: Motion carries

Executive Directors Report: Mohamed shared the parent satisfaction survey dashboard, and the results reflect an overwhelmingly positive response from families regarding the school's efforts to meet the educational needs of their children. Parents expressed strong confidence in the quality of instruction, the dedication of staff, the school's communication practices, and the supportive learning environment provided to students. The feedback indicates that families recognize and appreciate the school's commitment to academic excellence, student growth, and overall well-being. These encouraging results are a testament to the hard work of our teachers,

support staff, and leadership team, and they reinforce our continued focus on delivering high-quality educational opportunities that help every student succeed.

- **Enrollment Update:** Enrollment is budgeted at 415 students for FY26. With the expanded facility, we plan to increase enrollment for the upcoming year.
 - **Staffing Update:** Due to the expanded facility and anticipated enrollment growth, we plan to add one additional class per grade for grades 2 through 5. This will require hiring more teachers.
 - **Facility Update:** Facility construction is complete, and the building is ready for use. Starting next school year, the main entrance will be relocated to the northwest side of the building. We are contemplating taking the 5,000 sq. ft. adjacent to the new space, which is currently vacant, by initiating discussions with the landlord to make room for the high school we plan to add in the future.
 - Other/General
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- **Evaluate the School Leader Review results:** The Board of Directors completed the annual evaluation of the School Leader, and the results were reviewed and discussed during the meeting. The evaluation highlighted numerous strengths and accomplishments, including leadership, school operations, stakeholder engagement, and the continued advancement of the school's mission and goals. Board members also identified several areas for continued growth and professional development. The School Leader welcomed the feedback and remains committed to building upon existing successes while addressing areas for improvement to further strengthen the school's overall performance and effectiveness.
 - **FY26 Elections Update:** The FY26 election for the two open board positions did not take place as originally planned due to scheduling conflicts during the final weeks of the school year. This period included state assessments, field trips, graduation ceremonies, and other end-of-year activities, which limited opportunities for meaningful parent participation. Several parents expressed concerns about the timing of the election, indicating that the numerous school events made it difficult for them to engage in the process. As a result, the election was postponed to a later date in the Fall, and the board will determine an appropriate timeline for conducting the election at a later date.
 - **End-of-Year Board Performance Evaluation Review results:** The results of the End-of-Year Board Performance Evaluation were reviewed and shared with board members. Overall, the feedback reflected strong board performance and a continued commitment to effective governance and oversight. The evaluation also identified opportunities for ongoing growth, and the board agreed to continue

- **Announcements**
- **The next meeting will be on Friday, June 19, 2026, at 2:00.**
- **Adjournment**

Vote: Yea: Nay: Abstain:

Decision: Motion carries