

**STEP ACADEMY**  
 Science, Technology, and Engineering Preparatory Academy  
 Special Board of Directors Meeting  
 Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024, 4:00 PM  
 STEP ACADEMY BURNSVILLE SITE  
 14450 Burnhaven Dr, Burnsville, MN 55306

Board Member Names	Present	Absent
Dr. Rahima Ahmed	X	
Dr. Abdulrazzaq Mursal	X	
Abdiladif Sambul	X	
Awil Omar		X
Mohamed Shuriye		X
Guests		
Mustafa Ibrahim, STEP Tracy Quarnstrom- IQS Robert Wedl		

**5:00 PM CALL TO ORDER, Welcome, and Roll Call: Board Chair**

School Mission Statement: STEP Academy will empower students to use their personal attributes and acquired knowledge to lead productive lives and become contributing members of the global community.

**5:05 PM CONFLICT OF INTEREST CHECK**

Board members attested that there are no conflicts of interest.

**6:10 PM APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** Abdul made the motion to approve the Special Board Meeting May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024 agenda and Rahima seconded. All were in favor of the motion and none opposed. Motion approved.

**6:15 PM PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**6:15 PM Motion to approve Robert Wedl as a consultant to STEP Academy**

**MOTION**

Abdul moves to approve Robert Wedl as a consultant to assist in the process of negotiating a new contract with Innovative Quality Schools to be effective July 1, 2024. Mr. Wedl will work with Dr. Mustafa Ibrahim, Superintendent of STEP Academy on this process and will report to STEP Academy Board Chair. The contract with Mr. Wedl will be effective immediately and will continue until June 30, 2024.

Motion seconded by Rahima

\_\_\_3\_\_\_Ayes                      Nays \_\_\_0\_\_\_

Motion Carried/Not Carried

**6:20 PM. REVIEW AND RESPONSE TO THE CHANGE OF AUTHORIZATION LETTER RECENTLY RECEIVED FROM THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (MDE)**

**MOTION**

Rahima moves that, as provided by Minnesota Statutes (2023) section 124E.10 subd 5, because the commissioner did not approve a change in the authorizer of STEP from Innovative Quality Schools (IQS) to Pillsbury United Communities (PUC), STEP hereby withdraws its letter of nonrenewal dated October 19<sup>th</sup> 2023 and requests Innovative Quality Schools to also withdraw the same. STEP requests IQS to work with STEP to enter into a new contract to be effective July 1, 2024.

Motion seconded by Sambul

\_\_\_3\_\_\_Ayes    \_\_\_0\_\_\_Nays

Motion Carried /Motion Not Carried

**MOTION**

Abdul moves that as STEP works with Innovative Quality Schools (IQS) to develop a new contract the following be presented to IQS as possible areas of agreement:

1. While a five-year contract is preferable, STEP is agreeable to a contract of 1 or 2 years effective July 1, 2024;
2. STEP will hire Robert Wedl to serve as the Board's representative in the deliberations with IQS to develop a new contract and to serve as STEP's contract oversight manager once a new contract has been agreed to. Mr. Wedl would report to the Chair of the Board
3. STEP consider a new management structure.

Motion seconded by Rahima

\_\_\_3\_\_\_Ayes \_\_\_0\_\_\_Nays

Motion Carried/Not Carried

**6:30 PM ADJOURN**

**Motion:** Adjourn Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024 Special Board Board Meeting

**Made by:** Abdulrazzaq

**Seconded by:** Rahima

**Vote:** Unanimous Vote- Approved.