**Minnesota Excellence in Learning Academy January 7, 2021 Special Board Meeting**

1. **Record Attendance and Guests:**
   1. Board Members: Joseph Scherer, Julie Eduputa, Emily Johnson, David Sundstrom~~,~~ Tomika Jackson-Davis, Paula Barros, Malai Turnbull
   2. Guests: Antonio Zambrano, Danielle Fields
2. **Call the Meeting to Order:** 
   1. Joseph Scherer called the meeting to order at 5: 02
3. **Public Forum** 
   1. **NA**
4. **Amend the agenda for today:** to add To take action and revise the Oct 2019 minutes of closed discussion to add the title “employee resignation” under closed meeting**.** Motion to add to the agenda David moved. Paula seconded. Unanimously accepted.
5. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion to add to the agenda David moved. Emily seconded. Unanimously accepted.
6. **Operations Report** 
   1. **Director of Operations Report**
      1. Updated COVID-19 Guidance and Decisions
         1. Motion to accept the “Covid-19 Return Plan”. Emily moved. Julie seconded. Unanimously accepted
         2. Motion to accept a change in the return policy, that after a positive covid test, staff must wait 14 days before returning to school, following the guidance of the department of health, without needing to present a negative test. This is a change from the beginning of the 2020 school year. Emily moved. David seconded. Unanimously accepted.
      2. Early Entrance Policy
         1. Motion to accept the changes to the MELA Procedure for Early Admission to Kindergarten (Child’s 5th birthday after Sept. 1) Emily moved. David seconded. Unanimously accepted.

1. **Meeting Adjourned** at 6:25 pmby Joseph Scherer. The Board entered into a closed meeting to address the IQS Supplemental Affidavit for MELA.- Recorded Next meeting will be Thursday February 11 at 5:00 in the school gym or Virtually due to Covid 19.