



**MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR SIATech, Inc.  
SIATech and SIATech Academy South Charter High Schools  
May 26, 2026**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH QUORUM**

*Board Member Unaka called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. and recognized a quorum. Elyse Burden, Joe Herrity, Erica Alfaro, Asha' Jones (arrived at 5:41 p.m.), and Oliver Unaka participated virtually. Central office staff also joined in person and virtually.*

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

***On a motion from Elyse Burden and seconded by Erica Alfaro, the Board took roll call votes to approve the Agenda for May 26, 2026, as presented:***

***Yes: 4*** (Alfaro, Burden, Herrity, and Unaka)

***Absent: 1*** (Jones) (arrived at 5:41 p.m.)

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.**

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

**FOR VOTE:**

1. Regular Meeting Minutes for May 1, 2026
2. Special Meeting Minutes for April 24, 2026
3. Special Meeting Minutes for April 23, 2026
4. Regular Meeting Minutes for April 21, 2026
5. Special Meeting Minutes for April 20, 2026
6. SIATech Public Records Act Board Policy #1340
7. SIATech Academy South Public Records Act Board Policy #1340

***On a motion from Elyse Burden and seconded by Joe Herrity, the Board took roll call votes to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:***

***Yes: 4*** (Alfaro, Burden, Herrity, and Unaka)

***Absent: 1*** (Jones) (arrived at 5:41 p.m.)

**V. CLOSED SESSION**

**Recess to Closed Session at 4:36 p.m.**

8. [ x ] CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Existing Litigation  
(Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(1))  
Case Name: Gonzalez v. SIATech, Inc., Case No. 25CU034894C
9. [ x ] CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Anticipated Litigation  
(Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(2)): 2 matters

10. [ x ] PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (Gov. Code 54957)  
Titles: Superintendent/CEO and Chief Financial Officer

**VI. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION at 5:36 p.m.**

Report of Action Taken in Closed Session – The Board offered to modify the contract of Nicole Taylor, Interim Superintendent/CEO to a month-to-month term, rather than having it conclude on June 30, due to the extended duration of the current Superintendent/CEO search process.

**VII. EDUCATION SERVICES FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION**

11. **PUBLIC HEARING** – Local Control & Accountability Plans – SIATech and  
SIATech Academy South

**Open Hearing:** 6:18 p.m.

**Closed Hearing:** 6:46 p.m.

12. **For Vote:**

- a. BETA Proposal

***On a motion from Joe Herrity and seconded by Elyse Burden, the Board took roll call votes to approve the BETA Proposal as presented:***

***Yes: 4 (Alfaro, Burden, Herrity, and Unaka)***

***Absent: 1 (Jones) (departed at 6:17 p.m.)***

**VIII. BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION**

13. **For Information:** Committee Update - Additional Board Members

Oliver Unaka reported that he is collaborating with colleagues to expand board membership by recruiting individuals with specialized expertise, including finance and backgrounds in education law and/or compliance, to further support the organization.

**IX. HUMAN RESOURCES**

14. **For Vote:** Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

***On a motion from Joe Herrity and seconded by Erica Alfaro, the Board took roll call votes to approve the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators as presented:***

***Yes: 4 (Alfaro, Burden, Herrity, and Unaka)***

***Absent: 1 (Jones) (departed at 6:17 p.m.)***

**X. BUSINESS SERVICES ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION**

15. **For Information:**

- a. SIATech and SIATech Academy South Financial and Purchase Order Reports  
April 1 – April 30, 2026  
b. 3rd Interim Reports for SIATech Academy South

16. **For Vote:** Inspire Social Contract

***On a motion from Joe Herrity and seconded by Erica Alfaro, the Board took roll call votes to approve the Inspire Social Contract as presented:***

**Yes: 4** (*Alfaro, Burden, Herrity, and Unaka*)

**Absent: 1** (*Jones*) (*departed at 6:17 p.m.*)

**XI. REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

**17. For Information:**

a. F&A Committee Recap

i. May 13, 2026

Joe Herrity noted that several items presented at this Board meeting were previously discussed during the May 13 F&A Committee Meeting, including the BETA proposal and Inspire Social contract.

**18. For Information:**

b. Superintendent's Report

i. 60-Day Interim Plan Update

Nicole Taylor provided an update on the 60-day priorities, which are focused on strengthening organizational systems and ensuring compliance and long-term stability. The team is actively incorporating feedback from legal counsel into our charter renewal petitions, with final versions to be presented to the Board for approval at the June 16th meeting. She also reported that progress on the data dashboard is ongoing and remains on track. Additionally, graduations are underway across the system, and planning is in progress for the upcoming SIATech Summit.

**XII. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD** – Board members were given the opportunity to share their comments and remarks.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT** – 7:24 p.m.

Recorder: Pricilla Perez



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**Asha' Jones, Secretary**

08/03/2026

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**Date**