

2025 Aim Academy of Science and Technology Board of Directors Election Guide

This guide aims to inform the Aim Academy community about the upcoming Board of Directors election and introduce the candidates. The following page includes the candidates' biographies.

The Election

The Board of Directors includes teacher, parent, and community member seats. There must be at least one member from each group.

There will be two seats open for the 2025 Board of Directors election. Based on the current makeup of the Board of Directors, the following seats will be opening:

- 2 Community (3 years term)

Candidates Listed Alphabetically

Mohamed Hassan - Community

Mohamed A Hassan is well connected with his community. He currently works as the BP/Value Added Cost Accountant at Jennie-O Turkey Store of Hormel Foods for over 4 years in Wilmar, MN. In his work he conducts a range of financial, audit, and operational analyses to ensure efficient, profitable operations. He worked as Cultural Liaison/School Success Coordinator in Willmar Public Schools – District 347 for over 9 years. There he provided cultural awareness training across the community and managed an after-school program that tutored students with homework and assignments, especially students at risk to graduate. He led a program to help student seniors graduate on time. He is fluent in Somali, English and Amharic languages. Mr. Hassan served as a board member of the United Way of West Central Minnesota for three years. Mr. Hassan has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Accounting, Ethiopia, and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Community Psychology/Liberal Studies, St. Cloud State University.

Alikhader Yusuf - Community

Alikhader Yusuf has a Master's Degree in Public Administration, BA in International Relations and a history of producing results in Interpretation; Coordination Liaison, strategic planning and various project management and Human Resources and administration positions. Skilled at working with diverse individuals to gather information, communicate processes and solve problems, Yusuf has the ability to communicate complex information in terms easily understood by staff and customers. His in-depth knowledge and understanding of local Somali contexts, Security and Political dynamics on the ground and years of coordination with high government officials makes him a powerful addition to the board. Yusuf is fluent in English, Somali, and Arabic.