

# ISGH North Zone (Bilal Masjid) Council Meeting Minutes October 27, 2022 – (APPROVED)

## **Council Members Present: (6 out of 10)**

Khaled Arabi-Katbi, Mohammed Iqbal, Kasim Patel, Mohsin Alam, Kashif Razzak, Noveed Malik

## **Council Members Not Present: (4 out of 10 Total) # after name indicates unexcused counts**

Excused: Amir Ahmed Ismail, Zaheeruddin Ahmed, Munira Vaid

Unexcused: Afifah Ayub

Opened the meeting with Duah.

### **Action Items:**

- 1) Minutes of the meeting for August 25, 2022, was presented to the Council for approval, corrections made:
  - a) Motion: To approve the ISGH Bilal Masjid Council meeting minutes for August 25, 2022, with agreed corrections:
    - (1) All in favor
    - (2) Motion Passed.
- 2) The purchase of a new scoreboard was discussed in the Council. This would be used by Darul-Arqam and for general Masjid use.
  - a) Motion: To approve up to \$4,500 for new scoreboard in the A-Frame facility for the Masjid:
    - (1) All in favor
    - (2) Motion Passed.
- 3) The current Masjid fire escape does not meet the current Building Code requirements. Either the fire escape will need to be repaired or replaced as required to meet this Code for building insurance reasons and not for Harris County. In the process of finding contractors to give us some quotes for this work and will inform the Council in the next meeting.
- 4) Darul-Arqam needs \$25,000 from Sadaqah fund for children in need for tuition funding. It was discussed in the Council that this would be released to Darul-Arqam over a 10-month period at a rate of \$2,500 per month:
  - a) Motion: To approve \$25,000 from Sadaqah fund as tuition reimbursement to Darul-Arqam for needy students that are not able to pay:
    - (1) All in favor
    - (2) Motion Passed.
- 5) The Weekend School Principal Br. Sameer Khan was not able to attend the Weekend School. This left a vacancy for the much needed position. Sr. Sabah Naqvi approached to volunteer for this position. Her qualifications include having a Master degree, and is currently substitute teaching at Spring ISD.
  - a) Motion: To approve Sr. Sabah Naqvi as Principal for Weekend Islamic School at the Masjid for school year 2022-2023. Council will evaluate performance after 2 months.
    - (1) All in favor
    - (2) Motion Passed.
- 6) Member of the Council expressed concerns over the condition of the Masjid carpet. Smell, stains and general cleaning of the carpet needs to be addressed soon. The Council decided to have the carpet cleaned after the sound system work is completed. Discussion of replacement of the carpet ended with a date after 2-3 years.
- 7) Discussion of uplifting the front look of the Masjid took place. The Council will need to discuss and make a plan to evaluate options. This will be further discussed in the next Council meeting.

### **Informational Items:**

- 1) Br. Khaled Arabi-Katbi, the Associate Director of ISGH North Zone Bilal Masjid sent some updates to the Council as follows:
  - a. The Masjid will be utilized for the upcoming elections on November 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30am to 8pm.
  - b. Since the Masjid is working towards the water well registration with the State, the free meal permit for students for Darul-Arqam was approved for the next 2 years.
  - c. The funding for the automatic door opening systems for wheelchair access was approved by Shurah up to \$12,000. Work will start by Monday.
  - d. The Masjid sound system work by Guitar Center has an approved credit up to \$50k. They are waiting for the delivery of all equipment prior to the start of work. Work is scheduled to be completed by the end of November.
  - e. The power wash of the Masjid included cleaning of the outdoor staircase. This work is done.
  - f. The Weekend Islamic School now has 44 registered students.

Concluded meeting with Duah.