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# San Antonio STEAM Academy

## Minutes

### Regular Board Meeting

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#### **Date and Time**

Wednesday September 25, 2024 at 6:00 PM

#### **Location**

**San Antonio STEAM Academy**

6127 Summer Fest Drive

San Antonio, Texas 78244

Location: School Cafe

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#### **NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS SAN ANTONIO STEAM ACADEMY**

Items will not necessarily be discussed or considered in the order they are printed on the agenda below. If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in an executive or closed session, the Board will convene in such executive or closed session as permitted by and in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

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#### **Directors Present**

A. Blanche, V. Maner, Y. Oden

#### **Directors Absent**

*None*

#### **Guests Present**

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X. Toson

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## I. Opening Items

### A. Record Attendance

### B. Call the Meeting to Order

V. Maner called a meeting of the board of directors of San Antonio STEAM Academy to order on Wednesday Sep 25, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

### C. Approve Minutes

A. Blanche made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 08-28-24.

Y. Oden seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

## II. Public Comments

### A. How kids are protected at school

Jacquelyn Jackson a concerned parent, asked how the school is protecting children from bullying. She also inquired whether students are being screened upon entering the building and if any specific measures are in place to screen for potential issues prior to entry.

Board member A. Earl Blanche stated we will provide feedback at next board meeting.  
Sonia Shead -

## III. CEO/Superintendent Updates

### A. Financial Reporting

DSS provided financial statement background information for FY 2024 - 2025.

**Highlighted key items such as** Item 7: 26 days of cash on hand, positive revenue for the first two months of the fiscal year, and payroll and benefits on target at 15%.

Board member A. Earl Blanche asked - What did we base revenue on - student count of 152?

Board member A. Earl Blanche asked for clarification on the revenue basis, questioning whether it was calculated on the projected student count of 152. He also raised concern about the capital lease, requesting additional information as he believes the dollar

amount recorded may be incorrect. DSS will provide further details and report back at a later date.

Interim Superintendent Toson noted the need to hire a Special Education (SPED) Coordinator.

A. Blanche made a motion to Accept the proposal for the Special Education CO-OP.

Y. Oden seconded the motion.

Requesting approval for the special education co-op proposal at a cost of \$44,232. This expense has already been accounted for in the current budget.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

A. Blanche made a motion to accept the Two Special Education Programs needed - 1.

Transfer Students 2. Delixia and Related Disorders.

Y. Oden seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### **B. Enrollment & Recruitment**

Interim Superintendent Toson indicated as of today Enrollment is up to 150.

#### **C. Academic Performance Updates and Initiatives**

#### **D. School Safety & Operations Report**

Board member Yolanda Oden inquired about the current lockdown protocol, asking for clarification on the procedures in place to ensure safety during a lockdown. She also raised concerns about whether the gates are properly secured and fully operational to prevent unauthorized access during such events.

Interim Superintendent Toson confirmed that the gate system is fully repaired and secure. He also assured that the Raptor Technology gates are reinforced with spring lock mechanisms, ensuring enhanced security.

#### **E. Donations & Fundraising**

Interim Superintendent Toson will be distributing the fundraising packets to board members via email.

### **IV. Committee Updates**

#### **A. Finance Committee**

Committee Chair A. Earl Blanche

1. We will be providing a financial report to the Board of Directors, with the goal of making the DSS report more user-friendly and accessible.
2. The superintendent's contract is in the process of being finalized, and we are aiming to schedule a meeting within the next two weeks to complete this.
3. We need to focus on engaging with stakeholders and providing additional support where necessary. Additionally, we are exploring opportunities to pursue more grants.

## **V. Other Business**

### **A. Events & Opportunities**

Quarterly Events: Food Trucks, Ice Machines and Movie Night

Home Coming is the week of 9/30.

## **VI. Closing Items**

### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
V. Maner

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