Liberty STEAM Charter

LSC Board of Directors Meeting Including the Annual Fall Enrollment Lottery

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Date and Time

Monday December 1, 2025 at 5:30 PM EST

Location

LSC Elementary Academy
1057 Broad Street
Sumter, SC 29150

This meeting is held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. A copy of the agenda has been made available to the local media & general public.

Agenda

		Purpose	Presenter	Time
I.	**Establishment of a Quorum**			**5:30 PM**
	A. Record Attendance	FYI	Trevor Ivey	1 m
II.	**Opening Items**			**5:31 PM**

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A.	Call the Meeting to Order		Greg Thompson	1 m
B.	Invocation		Greg Thompson	1 m
C.	Pledge of Allegiance Led by Eagle Ambassadors		Greg Thompson	1 m
D.	Chairman's Opening Remarks		Greg Thompson	1 m
E.	Reading of the Vision and Mission Statements		Greg Thompson	1 m

Vision: In partnership with our families & the community, Liberty STEAM Charter (LSC) will provide interdisciplinary, real-world, personalized, and project-based learning experiences through a STEAM-based academic program where graduates become the next generation of leaders, employers, and employees who contribute to the economic well-being of their communities and families.
Mission: Liberty STEAM Charter (LSC) works to provide all students equal access to a world-class K-12 education in an academically rigorous & student-centered learning environment, creating graduates to be thoughtful & engaged citizens prepared to take on the leadership challenges of the 21st century.

III. Consent Agenda — 5:36 PM

		Purpose	Presenter	Time
A.	Approval of Today's Meeting Agenda and Previous Meeting Minutes	Approve Minutes	Greg Thompson	1 m

Approve minutes for LSC Board of Directors Meeting on October 27, 2025

IV. Public Participation — 5:37 PM

The official meeting of the LSC Board of Directors is, by law, a public meeting and the Board values citizen input. However, in order to protect the integrity of the meeting agenda, public dialogue will be restricted to the *Public Participation* section of the agenda or as directed by the Board chairman.

- Each speaker has three minutes.
- Speakers may not ask questions of Board Members.
- Board Members may not engage speakers in discussion.
- Disruptive behavior is not permitted.

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A.	Public Participation	FYI	Greg Thompson	5 m

V. Fall Enrollment Lottery — 5:42 PM

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At this time, staff will conduct the fall enrollment lottery to select the scholars from qualifying lottery applicants for the 2026-2027 school year at Liberty STEAM Charter.

LSC has received the required minimum number of lottery applications for its 2026-2027 classes (kindergarten, first grade, second grade, third grade, fourth grade, fifth grade, and sixth grade). Pursuant to the SC Charter Schools Act of 1996 (59-40-10), a public lottery is required in order to determine the selected students for all grade levels. For next year, we will be filling all 150 new seats in the Kindergarten class.

Representatives from the local media, city government, county government, and the legislative delegation have been invited to observe the lottery proceedings in person. Today's meeting of the Board of Directors will be live-streamed via the school's official YouTube page. To be considered in the initial lottery, applications must be received on or before 11:59 pm November 30 via *Lotterease*, the electronic platform being utilized to collect enrollment applications and to facilitate the actual lottery event. Please note that applications received between November 30 and the time in which the lottery is conducted are also included in this pool of applications.

A.	Overview of the Lottery Procedures	FYI	Trevor Ivey	5 m

1. Purpose of the Lottery
2. LSC Scholar Enrollment Policy
3. *Lotterease* Platform
4. Public Anonymous List of Current Lottery Applicants

B.	Administration of the Lottery	FYI	Trevor Ivey	5 m

During this time, the online platform Lotterease will randomly select 150 new seats for the Kindergarten class. The number of seats is in accordance with the board-approved enrollment. As the lottery is being conducted, all applicant students will be listed as either "selected" or "waitlisted" via their applicant ID on the *Lotterease* website. The results of the lottery are considered unofficial until school officials independently complete verification.

C.	Next Steps	FYI	Trevor Ivey	10 m

1. Selected vs. Waitlisted
2. Accepting & Declining Enrollment Offer
3. Verification Process
4. Enrollease & Submitting Enrollment Information

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5. Lottery for Additional Seats

VI. Remarks from Special Guests

SC Children's Fund

- CEO Christopher Ruszkowski

The SC Public Charter School District

- Superintendent Chris Neeley
- Executive Director of External Affairs Brad Henry

VII. Executive Director's Report — 6:02 PM

A.	ED's Monthly Updates	FYI	Trevor Ivey	20 m

VIII. Board Committee Updates — 6:22 PM

A.	Executive Committee	FYI	Greg Thompson	5 m

School Updates

B.	Governance Committee	FYI	Cameron Chandler	5 m

1. Board Action: ***Governance Committee Consent Agenda/Board Approval**
    1. **By-Laws Amendment Community Committee Appointees Requirement Criteria**

C.	Finance Committee	FYI	Rodney Thompson	5 m

1. Committee Liaison Report: Director of Finance Gifford Shaw
    1. Review of November Finance Dashboard
    2. Update on Current Line of Credit - First Citizens Bank
    3. Facilities Supervisor 30-60-90 Plan Update
    4. Board Action: ***Finance Committee Recommendation - Tile Project/Expansion Program/Board Approval**
        1. PA Tile Project

D.	Academic Excellence Committee	FYI	Jenny Knopf	5 m

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1. Committee Liaison Report Dr. Michelle McDonald:
    1. November Report Out:
        1. Refining our Approach to Science Instruction
        2. Current State of the Achievement Gap at LSC
        3. Updates to Pursuit of Cognia
2. ED's Academy Best Practices Task Force
    1. School Uniforms Philosophy
3. Board Action: ***Academic Committee Consent Agenda/Board Approval**
    1. **2026-2027 Proposed School Calendar Amendments**
    2. **2027-2028 Proposed School Calendar**
    3. **Acceptance of the School Uniforms Philosophy**

E.	Development Committee	FYI	Heather Bass	5 m

1. Grants and Fundraising Initiatives
2. 2025 Eagle Gift Giving
3. LIFT Initiative
4. PATH Initiative

IX. Executive Session — 6:47 PM

Executive sessions are designed to handle sensitive matters in a matter that will protect the innocent and assure confidentiality about sensitive matters. Please remember that all matters discussed in the executive session are confidential and not to be reported to or discussed with anyone not in attendance at the session. The Chair will brief directors who are unable to attend the executive session. In today's executive session, the items listed below will be discussed with possible action taken afterward.

A.	Purposes of Discussion of Negotiations Incident to Proposed Property Contractual Agreements, Proposed Contractual Agreements, and/or Discussion of Personnel Matters	Vote	Greg Thompson	10 m

*Upon Consensus, Committee Returns to Open Session.

X. Action Items — 6:57 PM

A.	Any Action Related to Executive Session Item(s)	Vote	Greg Thompson	1 m
B.	Monthly Personnel Report	Vote	Greg Thompson	1 m

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XI.	**New Business**			**6:59 PM**
A.	Directors' Suggested Agenda Items for Future Presentation	FYI	Greg Thompson	1 m
XII.	**Closing Items**			**7:00 PM**
A.	Adjourn Meeting	Discuss	Greg Thompson	1 m