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## Liberty STEAM Charter

### Minutes

#### LSC FOUNDING BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

##### NOTIFICATION OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING

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**Date and Time**

Friday May 7, 2021 at 8:00 AM

**Location**

LSC Administrative Offices  
117 North Main Street  
Sumter, SC 29150

[Google Map of Meeting Location](#)

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***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.***

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.

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.

### **Committee Members Present**

Ben Griffith, Jr. (remote), Dexter WJ Davis (remote), Greg Thompson (remote), Khalil Graham (remote), Kimberly Rauschenbach (remote)

### **Committee Members Absent**

*None*

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Record Attendance**

### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

Greg Thompson called a meeting of the Executive Committee Committee of Liberty STEAM Charter to order on Friday May 7, 2021 at 8:00 AM.

### **C. Invocation**

An invocation was provided by Mr. Thompson.

### **D. Pledge of Allegiance**

Kimberly Rauschenbach led the committee in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **E. Reading of the Mission Statement**

Dexter Davis read aloud the mission statement.

### **F. Reading of the Vision Statement**

Ben Griffith read aloud the vision statement.

### **G. Approve Agenda**

Ben Griffith, Jr. made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Dexter WJ Davis seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### **H. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes**

Dexter WJ Davis made a motion to approve the minutes from LSC FOUNDING BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE on 04-09-21.

Kimberly Rauschenbach seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## **II. Executive Committee**

### **A.**

## **Review of 90 Day Action Plan**

Dr. Graham provided a general update to the committee on overall progress in year zero with respect to the following areas:

1. Teaching and Learning (on track)
2. Operations (on track except for the number of waitlist applications)
3. Community Engagement (on track)
4. Fundraising (not on track)
5. Strategic Planning (on track except for preliminary stages of 3 & 6 year strategic planning benchmarks)

Each committee member was provided a copy of the executive director's one-page monthly update regarding detailed progress to goals that will be also shared at the upcoming full board meeting.

## **B. Review of Progress to Goals**

During this time, the board received additional insight into key workstream updates from Dr. Graham to include the following:

1. Academic developments
  1. The final version of the scholar & family handbook was presented to the committee with suggested revisions from the academic excellence committee.
  2. Proposed Title IX Policy
  3. Proposed Social Media & Free Speech Policy
2. Human Resources ( Staffing & Overview of the Namely HRIS Platform)
3. Financial Structures & Accountability
4. Facilities Planning
5. Strategic Tasks
  1. Attending family preview sessions
  2. Attending special functions to engage new stakeholders
  3. Collaborating with the development team to identify key grants with an aggressive pursuit of people of interest
    1. Finalist for Charter School Growth Fund Grant
    2. Finalist for New Schools Venture Fund Grant
  4. Board member updates
  5. Board development for May & July

Committee members provided feedback to Dr. Graham around opportunities for growth aligned with the strategic vision.

## **C. Review of Relevant Reports & Documents**

After reviewing the monthly update one-pager from Dr. Graham, the committee used the time during this portion of the agenda to hear a brief presentation from Nora Walsh, Executive Director of the George Brackenridge Foundation, to learn more about best practices in connecting philanthropy and charter schools.

### **III. Other Business**

#### **A. Agenda Items from Committee Members**

The board engaged in a discussion regarding the uniform policy. Dr. Graham shared the next steps he is taking to respond to those concerns.

### **IV. Executive Session**

#### **A. Discussion of Contractual and Personnel Matters, and Receipt of Legal Advice Including Related to a Pending, Threatening, or Potential Claim**

Kimberly Rauschenbach made a motion to enter into executive session for the purposes of a discussion of contractual and personnel matters, and receipt of legal advice including related to a pending, threatening, or potential claim at 8:42 am.

Ben Griffith, Jr. seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### **V. Action Related to Executive Session**

#### **A. Action from Executive Session**

Dexter WJ Davis made a motion to return from executive session at 8:53 am.

Ben Griffith, Jr. seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### **VI. Closing Items**

#### **A. Next Steps**

With regards to next steps, Dr. Graham shared with the committee that the academic committee will be recommending approval of the Title IX policy, Scholar & Family Handbook, as well as the Social Media & Free Speech policy at the May 10 full board meeting. Dr. Graham also stated that a final reading of the budget is scheduled to take place at the May 10 full board meeting.

#### **B. Good of the Order**

No member of the committee commented.

#### **C. Adjourn Meeting**

Kimberly Rauschenbach made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ben Griffith, Jr. seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Khalil Graham