



# Liberty STEAM Charter

# Minutes

# LSC FOUNDING BOARD OF DIRECTORS FINANCE COMMITTEE

NOTIFICATION OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING

Date and Time Thursday October 28, 2021 at 4:30 PM

Location LSC Administrative Offices 117 North Main Street Sumter, SC 29150

Google Map of Meeting Location

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 worldclass 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), Khalil Graham (remote), Kimberly Rauschenbach (remote)

# **Committee Members Absent**

None

# **Guests Present**

Harmony Gadson (remote), Trevor Ivey (remote), Tyler Hamilton (remote)

# I. Opening Items

# A. Record Attendance

#### B. Call the Meeting to Order

Kimberly Rauschenbach called a meeting of the Finance Committee of Liberty STEAM Charter to order on Thursday Oct 28, 2021 at 4:30 PM.

# C. Invocation

# D. Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Khalil Graham led the committee in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

#### E. Reading of the Mission Statement

Ben Griffith read aloud the mission statement.

#### F. Reading of the Vision Statement

Harmony Gadson read aloud the vision statement.

# G. Approve Today's Meeting Agenda

Kimberly Rauschenbach made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ben Griffith, Jr. seconded the motion. The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### H. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Kimberly Rauschenbach made a motion to approve the minutes from LSC FOUNDING BOARD OF DIRECTORS FINANCE COMMITTEE on 09-23-21. Ben Griffith, Jr. seconded the motion. The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### **II. Finance Committee**

#### A. Review of Old Business

There was no old business to be discussed.

#### **B. New Business**

- Summary of Key Points
  - $\circ$  Title Reimbursements are coming from the Federal gov't
  - Students in poverty, we do not get paid for this year (Title I)
  - $^\circ$  Claimed money on July 1st, 2021 once we became an official school
  - Need to limit using p-cards with Federal money
  - Still have not received Title II money we applied for last year. We have turned everything in our end.
  - \$8,000 per pupil (average Charter school is getting) and that will be recurring. 10% to go towards projects.
  - Debt capacity based on 300 students.
  - Need total square footage of the facility. Based on the total max of the building capacity.
  - Each square foot purchased will be \$214/sq ft per pupil.
  - We need roughly \$20M worth of facilities to service 1,000 students and we are halfway to where we need to be. This covers grades 2-8.
  - Building out Smart Fusion system for paying bills, accounting, etc.
  - Now receiving an allocation for school nurse. Will have it for the next 9 months. Roughly \$2300/month. Will be added into June lump-sum payment
  - \$800/teacher will not be added until January. Needs the 45-day count and will back pay us.
  - We have allocation for Tanya Peckham that is \$700/mo until the end of the year
  - ESOL -- funded for 1 scholar in the building who is receiving services. 2 scholars are being monitored.
  - SEI spreadsheet done by state dept including children on medicare, fringe, poverty, etc.
  - ${}^{\circ}$  Have not received pupils in poverty funding and will not receive until January
  - \$1,000/week for snacks
  - Snacks cannot be reimbursed due to the time of children leaving the school.
  - If everything goes according to plan, we will have a surplus of \$200,000
  - $\,\circ\,$  To build cash on hand, we need more money coming in or less money going out

#### **III. Other Business**

#### A. Agenda Items from Committee Members

No agenda items were brought forth by committee members for discussion.

# **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 Discussion of Contractual and Personnel Matters, and Receipt of Legal Advice Including Related to a Pending, Threatening, or Potential Claim. Ben Griffith, Jr. seconded the motion. The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

# V. Action Related to Executive Session

# A. Action Related to Executive Session

Kimberly Rauschenbach made a motion to return from executive session at 5:20 pm. Ben Griffith, Jr. seconded the motion. The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. No action was taken from executive session.

# VI. Closing Items

# A. Next Steps

No action items were discussed.

#### B. Good of the Order

No comments were made during this portion of the agenda.

# C. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Khalil Graham Kimberly Rauschenbach made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben Griffith, Jr. seconded the motion. The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.