



# Liberty STEAM Charter

## **Minutes**

# LSC FOUNDING BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE

NOTIFICATION OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING

#### **Date and Time**

Thursday November 18, 2021 at 3:00 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 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**

Cameron Chandler, Khalil Graham, Rodney Thompson (remote), Trevor Ivey

#### **Committee Members Absent**

None

#### **Guests Present**

Tyler Hamilton

#### I. Opening Items

#### A. Record Attendance

Dr. Thompson provided Mrs. Chandler his proxy vote.

#### B. Call the Meeting to Order

Trevor Ivey called a meeting of the Academic Excellence Committee of Liberty STEAM Charter to order on Thursday Nov 18, 2021 at 3:00 PM.

#### C. Invocation

Mrs. Chandler provided an invocation.

#### D. Reading of the Mission Statement

Dr. Ivey read aloud the mission statement.

#### E. Reading of the Vision Statement

Dr. Graham read aloud the vision statement.

#### F. Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Ivey led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### G. Approve Today's Meeting Agenda

Cameron Chandler made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Rodney Thompson seconded the motion.

Dr. Thompson provided Mrs. Chandler his proxy vote.

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

#### H. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Cameron Chandler made a motion to approve the minutes from LSC FOUNDING BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE on 10-21-21.

Rodney Thompson seconded the motion.

Dr. Thompson provided Mrs. Chandler his proxy vote.

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

#### II. Academic Excellence

#### A. Review of Old Business

No old business was discussed.

#### B. Review of New Business

#### Summary of Key Points

- Looking at the top 10 Elementary schools in the state and, on average,
  10% of kids receive free and reduced lunch
- In all of SC, students are below 25% in passing English Language Arts and Math
- No charter school in the state is good when looking at the data
- Our academic data is showing that we are doing the right thing and we are ahead of other schools so far
- Liberty STEAM is the 6th charter school in the country that made GPTW
- Optimistic about our data and where we are going
- Share the we are a GPTW at the upcoming Board meeting
- Utilizing Whetstone Education so the teachers can learn more about their teaching methods
- Teachers will do "Get Norming" via KG to understand the things we are supposed to be doing
- Pushing teachers with planning and delivery. Coaching teachers throughout the process
- Development Committee to go out and close the educational gap
- Focus on building people systems which will lead to results and encourage people to stay
- Board Retreat in January to really narrow down next steps

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

#### A. Agenda Items from Committee Members

No agenda items were brought forth for discussion at this time.

#### **IV. Executive Session**

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

Cameron Chandler made a motion to enter into executive session for purposes of discussion of Contractual and Personnel Matters, and Receipt of Legal Advice Including Related to a Pending, Threatening, or Potential Claim at 3:45 pm.

Rodney Thompson seconded the motion.

Dr. Thompson provided Mrs. Chandler his proxy vote.

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

#### V. Action Related to Executive Session

#### A. Action from Executive Session

Cameron Chandler made a motion to return from executive session at 3:55: pm.

Rodney Thompson seconded the motion.

Dr. Thompson provided Mrs. Chandler his proxy vote.

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

#### VI. Closing Items

### A. Next Steps

- Final Action Items
  - ∘ Cammy Chandler will attend Invitational Tour 11/30
  - Cammy Chandler will get the contact information for the person at Wells Fargo
  - KG will follow up about our Giving Tree from 11/16 Invitation Tour attendees to donate

#### B. Good of the Order

No committee member commented during this portion of the agenda.

#### C. Adjourn Meeting

Cameron Chandler made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Rodney Thompson seconded the motion.

Dr. Thompson provided Mrs. Chandler his proxy vote.

The committee **VOTED** 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 3:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trevor Ivey