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## Liberty STEAM Charter

### Minutes

#### LSC FOUNDING BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE

##### AGENDA OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING

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##### **Date and Time**

Wednesday February 16, 2022 at 4:00 PM

##### **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.

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**Committee Members Present**

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

**Committee Members Absent**

*None*

**Guests Present**

Tyler Hamilton (remote)

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**I. Opening Items**

**A. Record Attendance**

**B. Call the Meeting to Order**

Rodney Thompson called a meeting of the Academic Excellence Committee of Liberty STEAM Charter to order on Wednesday Feb 16, 2022 at 4:00 PM.

**C. Invocation**

Cammy Chandler provided an invocation for the group.

**D. Reading of the Mission Statement**

Dr. Rodney Thompson read aloud the mission statement.

**E. Reading of the Vision Statement**

Dr. Trevor Ivey read aloud the vision statement.

**F. Pledge of Allegiance**

Dr. Khalil Graham 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 by the staff.  
Rodney Thompson seconded the motion.  
The committee **VOTED** unanimously 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 01-26-22.  
Rodney Thompson seconded the motion.  
The committee **VOTED** unanimously 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
  - Facilities and budget update- We are steadfast with the goal of the first rough draft of the budget. We have 3 buckets of money: PA, Network, and Year 0 costs that are being represented with one pot of money. Roughly \$4.3M all in.
  - To keep revenue high, we would have to increase a homeroom which would mean we need a larger facility.
  - 4th grade vs 6th grade doesn't have any cost difference. 4th grade pros: more time for construction of a high school. 4th grade cons: nontransition grade which is harder to recruit. 6th grade pros: aligns with many charter school models and is a transition grade. 6th grade cons: needing a more definite timeline with 3 years to build a high school. Both Mrs. Chandler & Dr. Thompson expressed concerns regarding a proposed class size of 30 scholars.
  - Dr. Graham reviewed his key takeaways from the School of Excellence visit to Indianapolis (Purdue Polytechnic High School).
  - There is a greater financial risk with 4th grade vs 6th grade.
  - Must put the exact growth plan together prior to submission to the state board.
  - Must make the decision for opening 4th or 6th grade by March 4th.
  - Students need to hit their personal goal vs a state goal.
  - 80% of students will be able to reach the National scores.
  - The instructional Coach will start going into classrooms and do on-the-spot coaching to offer support in increasing the effectiveness of instruction.
  - Starting Leadership Council on March 15th with parents and leaders. Mr. Logan (Academy Director) can give feedback to any questions or concerns they may have.
  - Two teachers (1 in K and 1 in 1st) have shared that they will not be returning next year as well as the
  - Mrs. Chandler asked for an update on the current recruitment process of teachers for the 2022-23 school year. There is a 7 step process that candidates go through. Currently, we have 3 candidates in lead teachers & 6 teacher fellow spots that are going to the final interview stage with academy leaders.
  - The lead teacher pool is not looking great right now, but only time will tell.

- LSC was accepted in the Diverse Charter Schools Coalition Cohort. This allows us access to communities of practice, world-class PD, conventions, etc.
- Diverse Charter School Coalition has a UnifiED program that will pay for a new leader's salary to come into the school to help it get off the ground. They will also offer workshops, new school visits, etc.

**III. Other Business**

**A. Agenda Items from Committee Members**

No additional agenda items were brought forth for discussion by committee members at this time.

**IV. Executive Session**

**A. Discussion of Contractual and Personnel Matters**

Cameron Chandler made a motion to enter into executive session at 4:45 pm for the purposes of Discussion of Contractual and Personnel Matters.  
Rodney Thompson seconded the motion.  
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**V. Action Related to Executive Session**

**A. Action from Executive Session**

Rodney Thompson made a motion to return from executive session at 4:55 pm.  
Cameron Chandler seconded the motion.  
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.  
No action was taken from executive session.

**VI. Closing Items**

**A. Next Steps**

- Final Action Items
  - Dr. Graham will find time to do culture walks with the PA Director and Academic Counselor.

**B. Good of the Order**

No additional information was shared during this portion of the agenda.

**C. Adjourn Meeting**

Rodney Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting without any further action being taken.

Cameron Chandler 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 5:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Trevor Ivey