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Liberty STEAM Charter

Minutes

LIBERTY STEAM CHARTER FOUNDING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AGENDA OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE FOUNDING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date and Time
Friday March 4, 2022 at 8:30 AM

Location
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88222613075#success

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.

Directors Present
Ben Griffith, Jr. (remote), Cameron Chandler (remote), Dexter WJ Davis (remote), Greg Thompson (remote), Ken Lee (remote), Kimberly Rauschenbach (remote), Marion Newton (remote), Rodney Thompson (remote), Steve Creech (remote)

Directors Absent
None

Guests Present
Trevor Ivey (remote)

I. Opening Items

A.

Call the Meeting to Order

Greg Thompson called a meeting of the board of directors of Liberty STEAM Charter to order on Friday Mar 4, 2022 at 8:31 AM.

B. Invocation

Rev. Dr. Marion Newton provided an invocation for the group.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Trevor Ivey led the group in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

II. Reading of the Mission & Vision Statement

A. LSC Mission Statement

Dr. Rodney Thompson read aloud the mission statement.

B. LSC Vision Statement

Chairman Thompson read aloud the vision statement.

III. Approval of Consent Agenda

A. Today's Meeting Agenda

Ben Griffith, Jr. made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented by the staff.
Ken Lee seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. Open Discussion

A. Enrollment Expansion

Directors engaged in a brief discussion regarding the pros and cons of leveraging 4th grade and 6th grade as the next entry point for its enrollment expansion. All directors agreed they believe the expansion from 96 to 150 scholars would allow more scholars to be served, therefore increasing the scale of the solution to match the challenge being addressed in the community through LSC's existence. From a facilitates standpoint, several directors acknowledged that expanding to 4th grade as opposed to 6th grade would allow more time to properly secure a facility for the union & senior academy.

From an academic standpoint, several directors reiterated the additional academic support that will need to be offered to scholars entering LSC for the first time in 4th grade to ensure they are adequately able to meet proficiency standards in a high-stakes year. Steve Creech made a motion to seek an amendment to its original charter allowing LSC to expand both the enrollment cap from 96 scholars to 150 scholars in every grade level served and to offer 4th grade in the 2023-24 school year.

Dexter WJ Davis seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
Kimberly Rauschenbach	Aye
Ben Griffith, Jr.	Aye
Dexter WJ Davis	Aye
Rodney Thompson	Aye
Greg Thompson	Aye
Cameron Chandler	Aye
Marion Newton	Aye
Steve Creech	Aye
Ken Lee	Aye

B. Revised By-Laws

Director Chandler presented an overview of the proposed changes being made to the original by-laws of LSC that were initially approved alongside the charter in April 2020. The changes primarily include reflecting the board's composition of nine directors, allowing directors to conduct meetings and vote virtually (via online platforms and telephone), and adding a governance committee. Director Chandler emphasized that the changes are being made in an effort to keep the by-laws in accordance with best practices and non-profit regulation updates, all of which were suggested by the board's attorney.
Cameron Chandler made a motion to approve the revised by-laws as proposed.
Kimberly Rauschenbach seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
Ken Lee	Aye
Rodney Thompson	Aye
Marion Newton	Aye
Steve Creech	Aye
Dexter WJ Davis	Aye
Cameron Chandler	Aye
Greg Thompson	Aye
Kimberly Rauschenbach	Aye
Ben Griffith, Jr.	Aye

V. Executive Session

A. Purposes of Discussion of Negotiations Incident to Proposed Contractual Arrangements

The board decided that it did not need to enter into an executive session.

VI. Action Items

A. Return from Executive Session

No action was taken at this point on the agenda outside of the previous action taken in the meeting since directors did not enter into executive session.

B. Item(s) Related to Discussion of Negotiations Incident to Proposed Contractual Arrangements

No action was taken at this point on the agenda outside of the previous action taken in the meeting since directors did not enter into executive session.

VII. Closing Items

A. Closing Remarks & Good of the Order

Chairman Thompson thanked the directors for their continued service and reminded the board of two things:

- The Executive Committee will meet on March 9th virtually from 9-10 am to review all candidate filing information from the Public Charter Alliance of South Carolina to finalize the appointed directors and present a slate of candidates for election.
- The swearing-in ceremony of directors will take place on March 28 from 5:30-6 pm followed by the full board meeting at 6 pm, in person at the CCTC Advanced Manufacturing Training Center.

B. Adjourn Meeting

Marion Newton made a motion to adjourn the meeting without any further action at 8:58 am.
Rodney Thompson seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Steve Creech	Aye
Ben Griffith, Jr.	Aye
Ken Lee	Aye
Cameron Chandler	Aye
Dexter WJ Davis	Aye
Greg Thompson	Aye
Marion Newton	Aye
Kimberly Rauschenbach	Aye
Rodney Thompson	Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trevor Ivey