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## Liberty STEAM Charter

### Minutes

#### LSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

##### NOTIFICATION OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING

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#### **Date and Time**

Wednesday January 25, 2023 at 10:00 AM

#### **Location**

LSC Administrative Offices  
117 North Main Street  
Sumter, SC 29150

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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**

Elayne Brunson, Ken Lee, Marion Newton

**Committee Members Absent**

Dexter WJ Davis

**Guests Present**

Tiffany Rhodes, Trevor Ivey

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**I. Opening Items**

**A. Record Attendance**

**B. Call the Meeting to Order**

Ken Lee called a meeting of the Development Committee of Liberty STEAM Charter to order on Wednesday Jan 25, 2023 at 10:00 AM.

**C. Invocation**

Rev. Marion Newton provided an invocation.

**D. Pledge of Allegiance**

Dr. Trevor Ivey led the committee in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**E. Reading of the Mission Statement**

Dr. Trevor Ivey read aloud the mission statement.

**F. Reading of the Vision Statement**

Ms. Brunson Read aloud the vision statement.

**G. Approve Agenda**

Elayne Brunson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented by the staff.

Marion Newton seconded the motion.

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

**H. Approve Meeting Minutes**

Ken Lee made a motion to approve the minutes from LSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE on 11-30-22.

Elayne Brunson seconded the motion.

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

**II. Development**

**A.**

## **Old Business from Previous Meeting**

- Dr. Ivey gave an update on the two new grant opportunities that Liberty has recently applied for. The first one was with the South Carolina Department of Education Kitchen Start-Up Grant worth \$25,000 and the second was for PLTW Launch Curriculum in the amount of \$10,000. The PLTW Curriculum will cover the extension of the new curriculum at the second campus.
- The Development Committee voted unanimously to continue using the grant writer for 6 months for the approved amount.
- Dr. Ivey gave an update on the current grants that we are still waiting on responses from including the Nucor grant which is on hold and awaiting a response.
- Ms. Brunson recommended the Midlands Gives Giving Day for Liberty.
- Dr. Ivey gave an update on the invitational tour that took place in the beginning of January and the final one that will be taking place in April.

## **B. New Business**

- The Liberty PTO is working hard to promote fundraising and how they are working the funds back into the school to connect parents with one another to create relationships and fulfill visions at the school like the book vending machine.
- Dr. Ivey went over the proposed academic calendar and the proposed uniform changes for the 23-24 school year as well as the data that supports each of the proposals.
- Dr. Ivey gave an update on the current financial status of outstanding debts as well as the salary study for the upcoming 23-24 school year.
- Dr. Ivey gave the committee members an update on the upcoming Board of Directors elections that will take place in February for two elected seats and two appointed seats.
- Dr. Ivey gave the committee members an update on the Strategic Planning Partner-Scope of Work and the impact that it will make for local charter schools.
- Dr. Ivey provided Interim Executive Directors Mid-Year Evaluation Results from Building Excellent Schools and shared with the committee members that his coach will share the findings during the board meeting on Monday the 30th.

## **III. Executive Session**

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

During this time, Mr. Lee shared an update regarding grants in the community.

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

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

Ken Lee made a motion to enter into executive session for the purposes of Discussion of Contractual and Personnel Matters.

Marion Newton seconded the motion.

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

## **V. Closing Items**

### **A. Next Steps**

- Dr. Ivey will follow up on the status of the Synovus grant.
- Dr. Ivey will send out the denial letter from Connected Communities to all members.
- Ms. Brunson will send Dr. Ivey information regarding different grants that she is aware of in the community.
- Dr. Ivey will fill out the application for the Midlands Gives opportunity suggested by Ms. Brunso.
- Dr. Ivey will research the contact information for Dominion Energy.

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

No board members commented 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 11:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tiffany Rhodes