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## Liberty STEAM Charter

### Minutes

#### LSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE

##### NOTIFICATION OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING

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**Date and Time**

Wednesday March 22, 2023 at 3:00 PM

**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**

Cameron Chandler, Jenny Knopf, Trevor Ivey

**Committee Members Absent**

*None*

**Guests Present**

Emily Hatfield, Sally Harris, Tanya Peckham, Tiffany Rhodes

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**I. Opening Items**

**A. Record Attendance**

**B. Call the Meeting to Order**

Trevor Ivey called a meeting of the Academic Excellence Committee of Liberty STEAM Charter to order on Wednesday Mar 22, 2023 at 3:00 PM.

**C. Invocation**

Cameron Chandler provided an invocation.

**D. Reading of the Mission Statement**

Cammy Chandler read aloud the mission statement.

**E. Reading of the Vision Statement**

Dr. Ivey read aloud the vision statement.

**F. Pledge of Allegiance**

Jenny Knopf led the committee in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Jenny Knopf made a motion to approve the agenda presented by staff.

Cameron Chandler 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 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACADEMIC COMMITTEE on 02-22-23.

Jenny Knopf seconded the motion.

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

**II. Academic Excellence**

**A.**

## Review of Old Business

- The Academic committee reviewed quick-stats on family engagement provided by Possip regarding all of our reports that have been received through the 22-23 school year.
- Dr. Ivey gave the committee members an update on all internal financial control procedures.

## B. Review of New Business

- Ms. Chandler provided Ms. Knopf with an update from the finance committee including the plan for the gate that will be presented to the full board at Monday's board meeting.
- Dr. Ivey gave the academic committee an update on the cash flow analysis and the forecasted budget for the 23-24 school year.
- Dr. Ivey shared with the academic committee about the new team member joining the Network team to help with Finance and Development at LSC.
- Dr. Ivey gave an update regarding Title I, II, III, and IV funding for next year.
- The Primary Academy Leaders came together and provided the committee members with a deep-dive of the MAP scores broken down by grade in reading and math.
  1. They introduced tier 1 strategies that will take place in the classroom and tasks that can be done at home.
  2. They provided possible cause and effects for the scores.
  3. Ms. Knopf offered some suggestions about ways that teachers can support, encourage, and acknowledge the children and their scores.
  4. Ms. Harris spoke with the committee members about the EL Curriculum and the task force that has been created. There are teachers from each grade level represented in this task force.

## III. Executive Session

### A. Discussion of Contractual and Personnel Matters

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

Cameron Chandler seconded the motion.

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

### B. Purposes of Discussion for Negotiations Incident to Proposed Contractual Arrangements,

Cameron Chandler made a motion to enter into executive session for the purposes of Discussion for Negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements.

Jenny Knopf seconded the motion.

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

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

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

Cameron Chandler made a motion to return from executive session.

Jenny Knopf seconded the motion.

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

#### **V. Closing Items**

##### **A. Next Steps**

###### Final Action Items

- Dr. Ivey will meet with Mr. Vaughn regarding Scholar A's SEL assessment in regards to the promotion and retention policy.

###### Board Recommendations

- The Academic Committee recommends the approval of the Employee Leave Policy as presented.
- The Academic Committee recommends the approval of the Scholar Retention and Acceleration Policy as presented.
- The Academic Committee recommends the approval of the Gifted and Talented Identification Policy and Programming Implementation as presented.

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

Dr. Ivey encouraged the board members to invite other members of the community to the upcoming Invitational Tour happening on April 4th.

##### **C. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 4:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tiffany Rhodes