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# Liberty STEAM Charter

# Minutes

## LSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

NOTIFICATION OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING

**Date and Time**
Friday September 15, 2023 at 10:30 AM

**Location**
LSC Administrative Offices
117 North Main Street
Sumter, SC 29150

***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, Heather Bass, Jenny Knopf, Trevor Ivey

**Committee Members Absent**
*None*

**Guests Present**
Tiffany Rhodes (remote)

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## I. Opening Items

### A. Record Attendance

### B. Call the Meeting to Order

Jenny Knopf called a meeting of the Academic Committee Committee of Liberty STEAM Charter to order on Friday Sep 15, 2023 at 10:30 AM.

### C. Invocation

Cammy Chandler provided an invocation.

### D. Reading of the Mission Statement

Heather Bass read aloud the mission statement.

### E. Reading of the Vision Statement

Jenny Knopf read aloud the vision statement.

### F. Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Trevor 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 by the staff.
Heather Bass 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 08-23-23.
Jenny Knopf 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

- Dr. Ivey shared the current ADA and enrollment updates with the committee members.
- The committee discussed the current vacancies and the plan moving forward to fill some of those spots at the EAC and PAC.
- The committee reviewed the most recent study done on BOY classroom data collected at both campuses. The schools are collecting potential data on returning LSC scholars and our new scholars. The teachers are identifying the “bubble scholars” and will invite them to start attending tutoring sessions to help increase testing scores.
- The committee members commented on the million-word challenge kick-off and the success of the event.
- The Executive director reviewed the current State of Academic achievement data from the beginning of the year Map assessment given to each scholar. They reviewed the percentage of scholars meeting or exceeding grade-level standards and also the percentage of CSI scholars.
- The E.D. reviewed the intervention pyramid to show the three different tiers. Tier 1 is daily small group instruction, RIT Fridays, morning test prep, and Monday reteach, tier 2 is intervention pullouts and push-ins, and tier 3 is pullouts in smaller groups 4x a week.
- After reviewing the academic intervention plans, he reviewed the behavior intervention plans that are being fulfilled by the academic counselors with a three-tier approach.
- The Executive Director gave the board members a Test Security Policy and Procedures document for review. After reviewing the one pager the committee voted unanimously for adoption and will present it to the board at Monday's meeting for voting.
- Enrollment is on track at 596/596 with nine withdrawals, but those seats have since been filled.

## III. Other Business

### A. Updates from Other Board Members

- There was a discussion regarding the linking study performed to compare the third grade BOY map scores as they would align to the SC READY test that third grade scholars are required to take at the end of the year. It was determined that based off current scores, Liberty would receive an Average report card rating and the

need is overwhelming in favor of the “bubble scholars” to receive services. The Academy directors will present this data to the board at  Monday's meeting.

## IV. Executive Session

### A. Discussion of Contractual and Personnel Matters

Cameron Chandler made a motion to enter into executive session for the discussion of contractual and personnel matters.
Heather Bass 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 discussion for negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements.
Jenny Knopf seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## V. Action Related to Executive Session

### A. Action from Executive Session

Jenny Knopf made a motion to return from executive session.
Heather Bass seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## VI. Closing Items

### A. Next Steps

Board Recommendations

- The Academic Committee will make the recommendation to adopt the Test Security Policy and Procedures one-pager.
- The Academic Committee is recommending the delay of pre-k.

### B. Good of the Order

The committee members were invited back to the campus to taste test the food being served for breakfast and lunch since the cafeteria has become self op.

### C. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cameron Chandler