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## Liberty STEAM Charter

### Minutes

#### LSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS BOARD MEETING

#### NOTIFICATION OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING

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**Date and Time**

Monday May 20, 2024 at 5:30 PM

**Location**

1057 Broad 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.*

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**Directors Present**

(Tajma) LaShea Davis, Cameron Chandler, Elayne Brunson (remote), Greg Thompson, Heather Bass, Kimberly Rauschenbach, Rodney Thompson

**Directors Absent**

Jenny Knopf, Marion Newton

**Ex Officio Members Present**

Trevor Ivey

**Non Voting Members Present**

Trevor Ivey

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## Guests Present

Tiffany Rhodes

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### 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 Monday May 20, 2024 at 5:30 PM.

#### B. Invocation

Ms. Rauschenbach provided an invocation.

#### C. Pledge of Allegiance Led By Scholars

Ms. Chandler led the board members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### D. Chairman's Opening Remarks

Mr. Thompson welcomed all in attendance to the meeting.

### II. Reading of the Mission & Vision Statement

#### A. LSC Mission Statement

Mr. Thompson read the LSC Mission Statement.

#### B. LSC Vision Statement

Mrs. Davis read aloud the LSC Vision Statement.

### III. Approval of Consent Agenda

#### A. Today's Meeting Agenda

Ms. Rauschenbach approved the agenda as presented by staff.

#### B. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting (March 25, 2024)

Kimberly Rauschenbach made a motion to approve the minutes from LSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS BOARD MEETING on 03-25-24.

Cameron Chandler seconded the motion.

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

#### C. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting (May 2, 2024)

Kimberly Rauschenbach made a motion to approve the minutes from LIBERTY STEAM CHARTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS on 05-02-24.

Cameron Chandler seconded the motion.

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

#### **IV. Board Recognition**

##### **A. Staff Recognition**

During this time the Academy Directors from each campus recognized the staff members of the month for April and May.

1. March Lead Teacher of the Month
  - EA- Dexter Butler
  - PA- Megan Soper
2. March Teaching Fellow of the Month
  - EA- Brittany Garner
  - PA- Jessica Eberly
3. March Support Staff Member of the Month
  - EA- Madelyn Wilber
  - PA- Ellese Rojas
4. April Lead Teacher of the Month
  - EA-Kelli Carlisle
  - PA- Cassandra Billups
5. April Teaching Fellow of the Month
  - EA- Malaysia Loney
  - PA- Ann Johansen
6. April Support Staff Member of the Month
  - EA- Janetta Jacobs-Morrow
  - PA- Russell Whitaker

##### **B. Food Services Audit**

During this time, Campus Director of Ops, LaQuanya Chambers recognized the Food Services Team under the management of Deneshia Dinkins for a successful Food Services Audit.

##### **C. SCPCSD Teacher of the Year**

During this time, Dr. Ivey recognized Dr. Michelle McDonald who was recently named the SCPCSD Teacher of the Year. She will now move on to complete for the South Carolina Teacher of the Year.

#### **V. Executive Director's Report**

##### **A.**

### **Updates from the Executive Director**

During this time, Dr. Ivey provided an update from his monthly ED Report. 37/42 tasks are complete or on track to be completed for May. In June, he will focus on finalizing APRs, summer enrichments & PRIDE, filling the final vacancies, pre-plan for New Staff Academy & Leader Retreat, close-out compliance reports, finalizing the SY25 Budget, and finalizing all org goals.

## **VI. Public Participation**

### **A. Public Participation**

None during this meeting.

## **VII. Presentations**

### **A. Reading Curriculum 30-60-90 Implementation Plan**

During this time, Kelli Carlisle and Adriana Marigliano gave a presentation on the new reading curriculum called HMH. They both spoke about their new roles as teacherpreneurs and what the roll out of the new curriculum will look like for the first 30-60-90 days of the school year.

In the first 30 days, they will provide all teachers with PD as well as model some of the lesson planning & provide planning support.

60 days- They will co-teach small groups with each team to establish, develop, & foster routine.

90 days- The teachers can request individualized support for reading instruction and will perform informal observations to provide feedback support as needed.

## **VIII. Board Committee Updates**

### **A. Executive & Governance Committee**

Mr. Thompson provided an update from Executive & Governance Committee regarding future expansion and facilities planning as well as the HR audit findings from Ms. Hope Broadway.

### **B. Finance Committee**

Dr. Thompson and Mr. Shaw both gave updates from the finance committee. Dr. Thompson saved a brief overview of the current budget vs expenditures and federal reimbursements. Mr. Shaw gave an update about changes in the 3rd reading of the SY 25 budget.

Rodney Thompson made a motion to approve 3rd reading of the budget pending final charter school allocations from SCDE is not decreased from what LSC is currently funded at.

Cameron Chandler seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**C. Academic Excellence Committee**

Dr. Ivey gave an update regarding EOY Map data, GPTW survey results, and final numbers for Sumer PRIDE. They reviewed EOY celebrations and the final few days of school left for the 23-24 SY.

**D. Development Committee**

Ms. Bass provided an update from the development committee, including community classroom collaborations, other development pitches, and the Director for a Day event happening this week at both campuses. They are following up with companies who showed interest after STEAM Workforce Development Day and will be invited back to shadow the Leadership Teams.

**IX. Executive Session**

**A. Purposes of Discussion of Personnel Matters**

Cameron Chandler made a motion to Enter into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussion of Personnel Matters.  
(Tajma) LaShea Davis seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**B. Purposes of Discussion of Negotiations Incident to Proposed Contractual Arrangements**

Cameron Chandler made a motion to Enter into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussion of Negotiations Incident to Proposed Contractual Arrangements.  
(Tajma) LaShea Davis seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**X. Action Items**

**A. Return from Executive Session**

Cameron Chandler made a motion to Return from Executive Session at 7:10.  
Kimberly Rauschenbach seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**B. Item (s) Related to Discussion of Personnel Matters**

No action taken at this time.

**XI. Closing Items**

**A.**

**Chairman's Closing Remarks**

Mr. Thompson thanked all of the members for their time & their dedication.

**B. Good of the Order**

None at this time.

**C. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tiffany Rhodes