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## Liberty STEAM Charter

### Minutes

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

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##### **Date and Time**

Tuesday March 11, 2025 at 8:00 AM

##### **Location**

117 North Main Street  
Sumter, S 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**

(Tajma) LaShea Davis (remote), Elayne Brunson, Heather Bass

**Committee Members Absent**

*None*

**Guests Present**

Amy Hansen, Gifford Shaw, Trevor Ivey

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**I. Opening Items**

**A. Record Attendance**

**B. Call the Meeting to Order**

Heather Bass called a meeting of the Development Committee of Liberty STEAM Charter to order on Tuesday Mar 11, 2025 at 8:00 AM.

**C. Invocation**

Ms. Brunson provided an invocation.

**D. Pledge of Allegiance**

Dr. Ivey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**E. Reading of the Mission Statement**

Ms. Brunson read aloud the mission statement.

**F. Reading of the Vision Statement**

Mrs. Bass read aloud the vision statement.

**G. Approve Agenda**

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

(Tajma) LaShea Davis seconded the motion.

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

**H. Approve Meeting Minutes**

Elayne Brunson made a motion to approve the minutes from LSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE on 01-23-25.

Heather Bass seconded the motion.

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

**II. Development**

**A.**

## **Old Business from Previous Meeting**

No old business was discussed.

## **B. New Business**

### **Summary of Key Points**

- Dr. Ivey provided year-end giving updates and next steps on:
  1. Connected Communities Grant
  2. Charter School Growth Fund Milestone Document
  3. Williams-Brice-Edwards Charitable Trust
  4. SC Department of Education Grants
    - Fruits & Vegetables
    - Innovation Grant
    - Strategic Compensation Pilot
    - Safety Grant
- Dr. Ivey shared updates on the phase 2 of STEAM Workforce Development Initiative field learning experiences.
  - Kinder: Scholars visited CCTC last week.
  - 1st Grade: Mr. Norton of eVac can't host scholars until April. Ms. Bass will follow up with Mr. Norton to get a confirmed commitment and explore other partner visits if needed (engineering technology). As a back-up in case eVac is not a viable option, Dr. Ivey stated he will reach out to Ms. Price at EMS Chemie to see if there is any interest in allowing our scholars to visit that location.
  - 2nd Grade: Confirmed for City of Sumter tour of water plant facilities and the focus will be geared towards city planning (business technology). Dr. Ivey will follow up to confirm dates with Mr. Kelly. Tentative Date of April 1-2.
  - 3rd Grade: Confirmed for Continental, but Dr. Ivey will follow-up to confirm dates with Emily (industrial technology). The contact has gone cold and Mrs. Rauschenbach volunteered to re-engage.
  - 4th Grade: Scholars have already visited Nephron Pharmaceuticals in February.
- The rest of the time was used to give other school updates
  1. Spring Semester 2 Org Rally Cry & Score Card
- Mrs. Bass asked Dr. Ivey to calendar time for pre-planning with the fall STEAM Workforce Development Initiative before school gets out for summer break.
- Mr. Shaw gave a brief update on progress being made with cultivating a relationship with the Walton Foundation.

## **III. Other Business**

### **A. Agenda Items from Committee Members**

No agenda items were presented by committee members.

#### **IV. Executive Session**

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

No executive session was held.

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

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

No executive session was held.

#### **VI. Closing Items**

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

###### **Final Action Items**

1. Mrs. Rauschenbach follows up with Continental.
2. Dr. Ivey follows up with EMS Chemie.
3. Mrs. Bass follows up with BD.
4. Dr. Ivey calendars time for pre-planning with next year's STEAM day.

###### **Board Recommendations**

- No recommendations at this time.

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

Nothing was presented during this time.

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

Elayne Brunson made a motion to adjourn the meeting without any further business.

Heather Bass seconded the motion.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Trevor Ivey