



## Liberty STEAM Charter

### Minutes

#### LSC Board of Directors Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

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

Thursday August 28, 2025 at 3:00 PM

##### **Location**

LSC Network Office  
108 N. 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.***

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##### **Committee Members Present**

(Tajma) LaShea Davis, Cameron Chandler (remote), Jenny Knopf, Shafara Douglas

##### **Committee Members Absent**

*None*

##### **Guests Present**

Amy Hansen, Emily Hatfield, LaQuanya Chambers, Michelle McDonald, Nicky Pack, Rashyra Smiling, Trevor Ivey

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#### **I. Opening Items**

##### **A. Record Attendance**

##### **B.**

### **Call the Meeting to Order**

Jenny Knopf called a meeting of the Academic Excellence Committee of Liberty STEAM Charter to order on Thursday Aug 28, 2025 at 3:00 PM.

### **C. Invocation**

Cameron Chandler gave an invocation.

### **D. Pledge of Allegiance**

Shafara Douglas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **E. Reading of the Vision and Mission Statements**

LaShea Davis read the vision and mission statements.

### **F. Approval of Consent Agenda**

(Tajma) LaShea Davis made a motion to approve the minutes from LSC Board of Directors Academic Committee Meeting on 06-18-25.

Cameron Chandler seconded the motion.

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

## **II. Academic Excellence**

### **A. Topics for Discussion**

The Academic Excellence Committee met to review beginning of year performance data, FY26 academic goals, and leadership development efforts.

#### **Committee Liaison Report**

- LaQuanya Chambers presented on Family and Community Engagement initiatives noting updated progress towards Volunteer Hours and Average Daily Attendance goals. Shared POSSIP satisfaction and upcoming Family Engagement events.

#### **School Leaders Presentations**

- BOY MAP Assessment: Deans of Curriculum Emily Hatfield and Rashyra Smiling shared baseline data for Beginning-of-Year MAP assessments. Results provide a strong foundation for monitoring academic growth and readiness for grade-level instruction.
- Inclusion Co-Teacher Model: Nicky Pack presented the implementation of the co-teaching model designed to strengthen inclusion practices and improve student outcomes.

Committee Liaison Report – Dr. Michelle McDonald

- Cogna: Preparations for upcoming accreditation activities and continuous improvement processes were reviewed.
- Transformational Coaching: Updates on leadership coaching efforts to build instructional capacity among school leaders and teachers.

#### Executive Director's Report

- Brief updates on school initiatives were provided for committee awareness.

### III. Other Business

#### A. Agenda Items from Committee Members

Future Agenda Item: Directors to bring committee advisory person recommendations for the September committee report out.

### IV. Executive Session

#### A. Purposes of Discussion of Negotiations Incident to Proposed Property Contractual Agreements, Proposed Contractual Agreements, and/or Discussion of Personnel Matters

There was no executive session.

### V. Committee Action

#### A. Any Action Related to Executive Session Item(s)

There was no executive session.

#### B. Committee Recommendations

- Engage teachers to report on what is working with inclusion and what can be improved or eliminated.

### VI. Closing Items

#### A. Closing Statement

Jenny Knopf thanked attendees for their time and participants for their presentations.

#### B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Hansen

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### **Documents used during the meeting**

- EA State Assessments and BOY Data Performance snapshot.pdf
- EA MAP Data Posted to BoardOnTrack.pdf
- PA Math MAP Data 25-26 - Google Sheets.pdf
- PA Reading MAP Data 25-26 - Google Sheets.pdf
- August 25-26 FACE Update .pdf
- Grade Team Lead Duties and Responsibilities (5).pdf
- One-Page Leading Prof Learning Community Summary (6) (1).pdf
- Cognia Standards One-Pager (1).pdf
- Academic Committee Mtg-Aug. (1).pdf
- Transformational Coaching for Elementary Teachers (1).pdf
- One-Page Leading Prof Learning Community Summary (6) (1).pdf
- Grade Team Lead Duties and Responsibilities (5).pdf
- 2627 Lotteries Logic Map (1).pdf
- Liberty STEAM Pulse Check Summary All Committees.pdf
- POSSIP Slide August 2025.jpg
- 20250819 Bridges Prep Visit One Pager for All Committees.pdf