



Liberty STEAM Charter

Minutes

LSC Board of Directors Development Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Friday January 23, 2026 at 8:00 AM

Location

LSC Network Office; 108 N. 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.

Committee Members Present

(Tajma) LaShea Davis (remote), Heather Bass, Kimberly Rauschenbach, Marion Newton

Committee Members Absent

None

Guests Present

Amy Hansen, Gifford Shaw, LaQuanya Chambers, Travis Norton (remote), Trevor Ivey

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 Friday Jan 23, 2026 at 8:00 AM.

C. Invocation

Marion Newton gave an invocation.

D. Pledge of Allegiance

Heather Bass led the Pledge of Allegiance.

E. Reading of Mission and Vision Statements

Heather Bass read the mission statement and the vision statement.

F. Approval of Consent Agenda Previous Meeting and Today's Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of the meeting agenda and the minutes from LSC Board of Directors Development Committee Meeting on 11-20-25.

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

II. Development Committee Topics for Discussion

A. Executive Director's Report

The Development Committee met on January 23, 2026. Dr. Ivey provided the executive director's report.

Development Committee received the monthly Family and Engagement update that included:

- Positive results reported from the Kindergarten and Sixth Grade Roadmaps; parents and scholars are engaged and we are encouraged by the participation in a recent Hopes and Dreams activity. These roadmaps guide our scholars and families toward success.
- Demographics Profile for Class of 2039 is 48.3 Black, 38.9 percent White non-Hispanic, 2.7 percent Hispanic, and 10.1 percent Multiracial.
- Technology Recommendations for 26-27 SY: Chromebook Cases; Charging stations that accommodate cases; Chromebooks remain at school unless there is inclement weather
- Grant and Fundraising Initiatives
- Year-End Giving
- Next Steps with YASS Alumni (Talk about the loan and grant amounts and share the finance committee will have a recommendation regarding the loan proceeds)
- Outstanding Grants: Building Hope Fellowship is a tool used for the alignment and disbursement of the YASS Award.
- Mid-Year Progress to Goals
 - Overall, Liberty STEAM Charter School is performing well across key areas of College and Career Readiness, Operational Excellence, Mission Alignment, Culture of Excellence, and Financial Strength.

- Many targets were met or exceeded, as noted by the numbers in parentheses. Scholars are largely meeting reading and math growth targets, with strong progress toward mastery and enrichment standards.
- Operational metrics like daily meal participation and scholar attendance remain high. Mission-aligned goals such as enrollment, socioeconomic diversity, and VIP stakeholder engagement are being achieved.
- Staff engagement and retention are strong, reflecting a positive culture of excellence.
- Financially, fundraising and financial goal attainment are on track.

Areas to watch include sustaining growth in reading and math mastery, ensuring consistent stakeholder engagement, and monitoring meal participation and attendance trends to maintain operational excellence.

PATH Updates: Executive Director Site Visits in which Dr. Ivey is on schedule to visit every PATH partner at their individual locations gaining valuable insight into their working environments and strengthening partnerships. The visits are scheduled to be complete by spring break.

PATH Field Trip Learning Experiences are happening and alignment has been made with RTA for transportation services. We are so grateful to our PATH partners who are as excited to welcome our scholars to visit and tour their locations as our scholars are to see what opportunities will be available to them as they examine the different career clusters.

III. Closing Items

A. Committee Recommendations

Action Items:

1. PATH Guidance to teachers as an agenda topic for the February meeting.
2. Schedule fifth grade field trip.
3. Formalize major donor list
4. Investigate value of fundraising software package
5. Complete succession notification list finance/development committees.

B. Adjourn Meeting

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,
Amy Hansen

Documents used during the meeting

- JAN 25-26 FACE Update .pdf
- Development Demographics By Race.pdf
- ALL NETWORK WIDE STAFF Survey Summary (1) (1).pdf
- ALL LSC Primary Staff Survey Summary(1) (1).pdf
- ALL LSC Elementary Staff Survey Summary (1) (1).pdf
- ALL LSC Special Pops Staff Survey Summary (1) (1).pdf
- ALL LSC Food Services Staff Survey Summary(1) (1).pdf
- All Mid-Year Survey Parent Engagement HIGH LEVEL December 2025 (2) (2).pdf
- LSC_EA_25-26_MAP_Data.xlsx
- 2025 EA MAP Linking Study (1).xlsx
- LSC 25-26 Mid Year Data RIT (1) (2).pdf
- PA MAP Data Breakdown - MidYear (1) (1).pdf
- ALL PA MAP Data 25-26 - READING (1).pdf
- ALL PA MAP Data 25-26 - MATH (3).pdf
- 202601 ALL LSC Semester 1 Discipline Report (1).pdf
- All Daily Attendance Metrics as of 1-13-26.pdf
- All Chronic Daily Absenct Alert as of 1-13-26.pdf
- ALL Liberty STEAM Charter School_Executive Leader Succession and Sustainability Planning 2026 (1).pdf
- Copy of Ivey's LSC Legacy Plan (2).pdf
- 20260123 Succession Planning Development Committee (1).pdf
- Mid-Year Progress to Goals LSC Copy of Organizational Goals 2025-2026 (4).pdf
- Athletics Rollout Presentation (1).pdf