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Liberty STEAM Charter

Minutes

LSC Board of Directors Academic Committee Meeting

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Date and Time
Tuesday February 24, 2026 at 10:00 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), Cameron Chandler, Jenny Knopf, Shafara Douglas (remote)

Committee Members Absent
None

Ex Officio Members Present
Trevor Ivey

Guests Present
Amy Hansen

I. Opening Items

A.

Record of Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Jenny Knopf called a meeting of the Academic Committee Committee of Liberty STEAM Charter to order on Tuesday Feb 24, 2026 at 10:00 AM.

C. Invocation

Jenny Knopf gave an invocation.

D. Pledge of Allegiance

Jenny Knopf led the Pledge of Allegiance.

E. Reading of Mission and Vision Statements

Cameron Chandler read the mission statement and Jenny Knopf read the vision statement.

F. Consent Agenda Approval of Meeting Agenda and Previous Minutes

Motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of the meeting agenda and the minutes from LSC Board of Directors Academic Committee Meeting on 01-20-26.
With no objections the consent agenda was approved.
The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Academic Excellence Topics for Discussion

A. Executive Director's Report

he Academic Committee met on February 24, 2026. Dr. Ivey presented the Executive Director’s Report.

Academic Excellence Committee Report by Dr. Michelle McDonald:

- Instructional Focus: Academic Excellence Pillar Rally Cry: Protecting instructional time ensuring teachers have uninterrupted time to teach. Measurement of Instructional Time: Monitored through classroom observations; CFA implementation fidelity; Data-driven instructional adjustments
- Common Formative Assessment (CFA) – Window: Feb 17–26 Assessment Tools Used: Mastery Connect Test Item Bank (3rd Grade ELA); SC READY Sample Release Items
- Data Review Includes: Item analysis; subgroup comparison charts; mastery by standards; question breakdown; CFA FAQs review
- How Data Will Be Used: DCIs: Identify standards for Eagle Advantage tutoring; Coaches: Guide PLC data analysis and reteaching strategies; Teachers: Determine

what to teach, how to teach it, and to whom; Administrators: Monitor rigor and standards alignment during observations
- Eagle Advantage 240 scholars served; Mastery Check Averages: 82% ELA; 80% Math
- Staff of the Year Timeline: Feb 23: Finalists announced; March 2: Applications due; March 4: Interview Day; March 9: Staff Announcement
- Cognia Accreditation Visit – March 19 Schedule: Leadership Presentation; Leadership Interviews; Teacher Interviews; Scholar Interviews; Board Interviews; Parent Interviews; Debrief
- Literacy Initiative: Million Word Reading Challenge underway to increase reading volume and engagement.
- Professional Development: March 6 Network PD; March 20 Personalized PD; Ongoing Coaching Support
- Future Fridays at LSC (Instructional Model): Primary Academy: Discovery Science; Elementary Academy: Differentiated Choice Boards; Junior Academy: Even/Odd Rotations; CCC: Homeroom-based assignments via Google Classroom: To be presented for board approval March 30.

Special Populations State of the School by Nicky Pack and Lara McAlister: Fall Staff Survey (100% participation) shows 90% satisfaction, with strengths in Individual Purpose, Basic Needs, and Teamwork. Focus areas: Belonging, Workload Balance, and Scholar Behavior.

- Recognized as a Unified Champion School; $880 raised for Special Olympics. Self-contained classrooms provide grade-level exposure.
- Action Steps: Increase system access for SPED staff, add retired SPED teacher for caseload support, and strengthen training in inclusion and classroom management.
- Support Needed: Additional SPED teachers/interventionists (61 resource scholars), full-time OT, increased coaching, and smaller pull-out groups.

ED's Academy Best Practices Task Force: Mental wellness stipend meaningful options are being explored through community partners like Stretch Zone, a local gym, etc.

Possip Stakeholder Satisfaction Discussion: All survey results included in the meeting packet.

Test Security Policy and Procedures: Amendment to include Assessment Proctor Requirement.

Succession Planning Documentation for Review: Executive Leadership and Sustainability Planning and Dr. Ivey's Legacy Plan were included in the meeting packet for review.

III. Closing Items

A.

Committee Recommendations

- Governance Committee finalizes grading and homework policy updates and Test Proctor Requirements for March 30 board meeting.
- Dr. McDonald will meet with Directors Douglas and Knopf re: GT and interim assessments/invited to observe Eagle Advantage.
- Dr. McDonald to present the final Friday schedule for 26-27 SY to the committee in March.
- Mental wellness options to be presented at the May committee meeting.
- Staffing request consideration(2.0 FTEs;1.0 FTE for hybrid admin & 1.0 for full time resource for EA/JA).

B. 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,
Amy Hansen

Documents used during the meeting

- Academic Excellence Committee Report (1) (1) (2).pdf
- Academic Excellence Weekly Data Report (3) (2).pdf
- Academic Cmte Special Populations State of the School.pptx (1).pdf
- All ePackets 2nd Grade February VIP 2026.pdf
- All ePackets 4th Grade February VIP 2026.pdf
- All ePackets 1st Grade February VIP 2026.pdf
- All ePackets Kinder February VIP 2026.pdf
- All ePackets 3rd Grade February VIP 2026.pdf
- All ePackets 5th Grade February VIP 2026.pdf
- All ePackets PA Possip Staff February 2026.pdf
- All ePackets EA Possip Staff February 2026.pdf
- All ePackets Pulse Check Possip Survey .png
- Test Security Policy and Procedures.docx (2).pdf
- ALL Succession Plan Copy of Ivey's LSC Legacy Plan.pdf
- ALL Succession Plan Liberty STEAM Charter School_Executive Leader Succession and Sustainability Planning 2026.pdf