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Liberty STEAM Charter

Minutes

LSC Board of Directors Special Called Meeting

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Date and Time

Monday March 30, 2026 at 5:00 PM

Location

Liberty STEAM Charter School Junior Academy, 1057 Broad 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 and general public.

MISSION: Liberty STEAM Charter works to provide all students with equal access to a world-class K-12 education in an academically rigorous and student-centered learning environment, creating graduates who will be thoughtful and engaged citizens prepared to take on the leadership challenges of the 21st century.

VISION: In partnership with our families and community, our vision is to provide real-world interdisciplinary, 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.

Directors Present

(Tajma) LaShea Davis, Cameron Chandler, Greg Thompson, Heather Bass, Jenny Knopf (remote), Kimberly Rauschenbach, Marion Newton, Rodney Thompson, Shafara Douglas (remote)

Directors Absent

None

Ex Officio Members Present

Trevor Ivey

Non Voting Members Present

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Guests Present

Amy Hansen, Gifford Shaw

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

All members were in attendance. Shafara Douglas and Jenny Knopf connected via remote due to their attendance on the fifth grade out-of-state field trip to Washington, DC.

Dr. Ivey welcomed guests from the Public Charter School Alliance of South Carolina Executive Director Kevin Mason and Director of School Development Jordan Lanier. He acknowledged Ms. Lanier who administered the election process.

Dr. Ivey welcomed SC Public Charter School District Chief of External Board Relations John S. Payne noting Mr. Payne would administer the Oath of Office to the newly appointed officers.

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Greg Thompson called a meeting of the board of directors of Liberty STEAM Charter to order on Monday Mar 30, 2026 at 5:00 PM.

After Greg Thompson called the meeting to order, he handed the gavel to v. chairwoman Cameron Chandler to preside over the appointment of board members per Liberty STEAM Charter bylaws for the upcoming term.

II. Approval of Agenda

A. Approval of Consent Agenda consisting of the meeting agenda.

Cameron Chandler announced that with no objections to approval of the agenda for this special called meeting, the agenda stands approved.

Cameron Chandler welcomed special guests and everyone in attendance. She stated following the official certification of the election, the Boards three re-elected members Rev. Marion Newton, Jenny Knopf, and Kimberly Rauschenbach were sworn in and officially seated on the Liberty STEAM Charter School Board.

III. Appointment of Officers

A. Nominations for the Appointment of Officers

Kimberly Rauschenbach made a motion to made a motion to reappoint Greg Thompson and LaShea Davis to the appointed seats on the Liberty STEAM Charter School Board of Directors as a slate for the upcoming term.

Heather Bass seconded the motion.

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

IV. Oath of Office

A. Appointed Officers Administered the Oath of Office

Mr. Payne administered the Oath of Office to Greg Thompson and LaShea Davis.

Oath of Office: I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am duly qualified, according to the Constitution of this State, to exercise the duties of the office to which I have been elected and that I will, to the best of my ability, discharge the duties thereof and preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of this State and of the United States, so help me God."

(S.C. Constitution, Art. III, Sect. 26)

John Payne and Kevin Mason congratulated the Liberty STEAM Charter School on recent achievements, including Cognia accreditation and the \$2 million YASS award, highlighting the importance of strong governance and parent engagement in the school's success.

Cameron Chandler returned the gavel to Greg Thompson.

Greg Thompson stated he looks forward to continued service as a director and to the important work ahead as LSC's impact is strengthen and delivers on the promise to our scholars, families, and community.

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Greg Thompson thanked all in attendance of the special called meeting, and invited guests to remain for the regular meeting scheduled at 5:30 PM.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Hansen