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Liberty STEAM Charter

Minutes

LSC Board of Directors Development Committee Meeting

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Date and Time
Monday June 15, 2026 at 8:00 AM

Location
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.

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.

Committee Members Present
(Tajma) LaShea Davis (remote), Heather Bass, Kimberly Rauschenbach

Committee Members Absent
Marion Newton

Ex Officio Members Present
Trevor Ivey

Guests Present
Amy Hansen, Gifford Shaw, LaQuanya Chambers, Travis Norton (Committee Non Director) (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Heather Bass called a meeting of the Development Committee Committee of Liberty STEAM Charter to order on Monday Jun 15, 2026 at 8:00 AM.

C. Invocation

Kimberly Rauschenbach 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 and vision statements.

F. Approve Consent Agenda (Meeting Agenda and Previous Meeting Minutes)

Motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of the meeting agenda and the previous meeting minutes LSC Board of Directors Development Committee Meeting on 05-21-26.
With no objections, the consent agenda was approved.
The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Development Committee Topics for Discussion

A. Executive Director's Report

Looking Back, Looking Forward Presentation: Ms. Chambers presented year-end results related to family engagement, attendance, enrollment, and scholar support.

Key updates included:

- Schoolwide average daily attendance finished at 96%.

- Thirty-one scholars were identified as chronically absent.
- Ninety-six percent of families completed the required volunteer hours.
- Eighty-two percent of families completed a PEACE Academy session, with a final make-up opportunity scheduled.
- Parent satisfaction finished at 94%.
- Approximately 89% of scholars remained committed to career interests identified through the career assessment process.

Ms. Chambers highlighted Hopes and Dreams, Reality Town, and college visits as some of the most impactful PATH experiences during the school year.

The committee discussed the importance of strengthening systems, increasing family accountability, and improving communication processes as the school continues to grow.
Enrollment Update

Ms. Chambers reported that the enrollment team was actively filling open seats created by scholar withdrawals. Approximately 29 seats across grades K-6 were being filled through the enrollment process. New families were scheduled to participate in Hopes and Dreams sessions June 21-23.

After School Program Exploration: Ms. Chambers presented an initial proposal for a Liberty-operated after school program. Discussion included:

- Providing a safe and structured environment for scholars, particularly older scholars who may age out of traditional childcare options.
- Potential staffing models utilizing existing staff, guest teachers, college partnerships, or a combination of approaches.
- Estimated program costs and enrollment projections.
- Opportunities to support scholar learning through homework assistance, enrichment activities, and STEAM experiences.
- The need to assess family interest and long-term program sustainability.

The committee expressed support for further exploration of the concept and recommended gathering additional family interest data.

Dr. Ivey provided an update on current grant activity. Highlights included:

- Receipt of a $30,000 Summer Reading Camp Grant.
- Expansion of summer learning opportunities serving approximately 120 scholars.
- Continued implementation planning related to the Congressional Community Project Grant through the U.S. Department of Education.
- Submission of an ATI Foundation grant request.
- Submission of an Innovation Grant application supporting PATH initiatives.
- Renewal of the Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Grant.

- Submission of a grant request through BJ's.

PATH Program Update. Dr. Ivey provided an update on PATH partnerships for the 2026-27 school year. Key updates included:

- Nearly all PATH partners have formally confirmed participation for the upcoming school year.
- Honda remained pending final confirmation.
- Teachers have begun meeting with assigned PATH partners prior to the start of the school year.
- A standardized partnership agreement and year-long engagement framework have been implemented to provide consistency across grade levels.
- PATH partners will be incorporated into the Chairman's Reception as an initial annual engagement opportunity.

Committee members commended the continued growth and refinement of the PATH program and its alignment with scholar career exploration experiences.

The committee reviewed informational materials included in the meeting packet, including:

- Proposed athletics and enrichment offerings.

FY27 organizational goals; Preliminary FY27 budget information; Draft FY27 Board and Committee Meeting Schedule. These items are expected to be presented for Board consideration at the June 22, 2026 Board of Directors meeting.

III. New Business: Requests for Future Agenda Topics/Committee Recommendations

A. Directors were reminded to contact Dr. Ivey for future agenda topics.

Action Items/The committee identified the following action items:

- Distribute a family interest survey regarding a potential Liberty-operated after school program.
- Continue evaluating staffing, operational, and financial requirements for an after school program.
- Review PATH partnership materials to ensure all partner organizations are accurately represented.
- Extend final invitations to PATH partners for the Chairman's Reception.
- Provide PATH partnership materials to Mr. Norton.
- Explore future opportunities to engage local assisted living and senior care organizations as PATH partners or project judges.

IV. Closing Items

A.

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

- Development FACE Looking Back, Looking Forward.pdf
- ALL Top 10 WINS 25-26.pdf
- ALL 180 Day Funding Submission.pdf
- ALL 20260622 FY27 Org Goals (1).pdf
- ALL Ex. Directors Report 26-27Sports (1).pdf
- ALL with Board Acceptance EOY 2026 Org Goals Presentation (1) (2).pdf
- ALL LSC 2026 EOY Goals FY27 Goals.pdf
- LSC FY27 AMY Board Meeting Schedule 26-27 (5).pdf
- Development PATH Poster.pdf
- Development FY27 After School Proposal.pdf