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STEM School Highlands Ranch

Minutes

Board Meeting - Special Meeting

Date and Time

Monday March 24, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Location

Zoom Webinar

Public Session Access:

Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:

<https://zoom.us/j/91780344177?pwd=EBJYYB0Vbz3CXMR161QHyc1aac9bo3.1>

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Directors Present

C. Gustafson (remote), D. Lomelino (remote), E. Quigley (remote), G. Shick (remote), G. Wing (remote), I. Kalra (remote)

Directors Absent

R. Lukez

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened

D. Lomelino, G. Shick

Ex Officio Members Present

M. Cartier (remote)

Non Voting Members Present

M. Cartier (remote)

Guests Present

A. Cardinal (remote), L. Kovalesky (remote), Laurie Veldhuizen (remote), Sean Milner (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

C. Gustafson called a meeting of the board of directors of STEM School Highlands Ranch to order on Monday Mar 24, 2025 at 5:32 PM.

G. Shick arrived at 5:36 PM.

D. Lomelino arrived at 5:38 PM.

II. KOSON Growth Task Force Updates

A. Charter Application Approval - DCSD

Presented by Matt

LOI submitted on Jan 9th. Met with district leaders and encouraged to apply with an option for extended timeline.

Discussion around pros/cons of strategy

G. Shick made a motion to Authorize submission of a charter application to DCSD.

G. Wing seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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| I. Kalra | Aye |
| R. Lukez | Absent |
| E. Quigley | Aye |
| C. Gustafson | Aye |
| G. Wing | Aye |
| D. Lomelino | Aye |
| G. Shick | Aye |

B. Charter LOI Approval - outside DCSD

Presented by Matt

Develop a stand alone magnet high school in LPS feeder area to help provide STEM model of PBL education. Identified a suitable property and initial conversations with seller. Provide extra space for enhanced labs/innovation spaces while providing space for PreK expansion.

Concerns around drop off, middle schoolers taking high school classes, might lose some families

Discussion about adjacent land lots, zoning restrictions, gym space.

Sean predicts that costs can be offset by PreK expansion. Discussion around demographics, UPK/education funding, bond offering, to support PreK expansion.

Discussion around STEM being number one high school in DCSD being a draw for DougCo families.

Discussion around CSI charter enrollment process vs. district enrollment process, salary schedules, PPR funding.

Flexible timing, so would be helpful to have approval

E. Quigley made a motion to Authorize submission of LOI for charter authorization to Littleton Public School District.

D. Lomelino seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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| I. Kalra | Aye |
| R. Lukez | Absent |
| E. Quigley | Aye |
| G. Wing | Aye |
| C. Gustafson | Aye |
| G. Shick | Aye |
| D. Lomelino | Aye |

III. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

E. Quigley made a motion to Adjourn.

G. Wing seconded the motion.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

I. Kalra

Documents used during the meeting

None

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