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STEM School Highlands Ranch

Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

Monthly Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday September 16, 2026 at 5:30 PM

Location
8920 Barrons Blvd
P-TECH Room 112
Highlands Ranch, CO 80129

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Directors Present
A. Campbell, C. Gustafson, C. West, C. Wroblewski, D. Lomelino (remote), E. Quigley, G. Kuppuswamy, G. Wing, I. Kalra, R. Alleman, R. Asberry (remote)

Directors Absent
None

Directors who left before the meeting adjourned
D. Lomelino, R. Asberry

Guests Present

A. Cardinal, Dakotah Mann, L. Kovalesky, Laurie Veldhuizen, M. Cartier (remote), Michelle Gasser (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 Wednesday Sep 16, 2026 at 5:31 PM.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Reciting of the Mission Statement

E. Chair Opening Remarks

Board Training and Leadership Development opportunities available, Amy will reach out through email with details.

Officer elections upcoming

II. Approve Meeting Minutes

A. Board Meeting June 26th

E. Quigley made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting - Special Session on 06-26-26.
C. Wroblewski seconded the motion.
I. Kalra abstained
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. Board Meeting August 18th

E. Quigley made a motion to approve the minutes from Board of Directors Meeting on 08-18-26.
G. Wing seconded the motion.
Correcting that 1517 was projected for October 1st, 2026.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

III. STEM School Highlands Ranch Updates

A. Executive Director Update

LynAnn Kovalesky

- Playground Ribbon Cutting on 9/21
- Homecoming Week Events 9/23
- Career Discovery 10/1
- MS Dance 10/3

Boosterthon fundraiser raised almost $80k with potential for corporate match!
Next year will have boosterthon and STEM Blastoff around homecoming

Elementary Playground Update - almost ready, and excitement is at its peak

Calendar survey sent out to community last month. 57.9% of the community voted for keeping the schedule the same as currently. Staff survey results didn't have a clear front runner. The recommendation is to keep it the same as current calendar. Vote next month on approval

We no longer have student advisory committee, so student surveys will be administered quarterly through student government.

Homeschool Update - Laurie Veldhuizen
K-8: Actively enrolled at 29, 2 pending, 6 interested but have not responded yet.

STEM School Highlands Ranch Enrollment Update
Net change K-12: -35 (-2.2%) from last reported; Year over year: +143 (+10.1%);
Projected update 1560 for October count 2026
Some challenges to solve are need for more supplies, and to redistribute students to lower class sizes.
Open enrollment will start 2 weeks earlier that DCSD.

2026 Achievement and Growth Data summary
SPF was 86% this year (last year it was 84.6%)
R. Asberry left at 6:30 PM.

B. Approve 26/27 Calendar Update

I. Kalra made a motion to update calendar to add late start testing days in October and April for 2026-2027 year.
R. Alleman seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. KOSON Schools

A. CEO Update

Matt Cartier

Summary of HS Relocation Update and Appeal to CDE reasons for denial
Draft of letter to LPS and DCSD to start discussions to have MOU agreement and negotiating the process. Discussion around path forward.

B. Mineral High School Path Forward

G. Wing made a motion to send letters as discussed to DCSD and LPS board members to request consideration of MOU for the high school relocation to Mineral location.
C. Wroblewski seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Homeschool Enrichment Enrollment Policy

I. Kalra made a motion to update to Homeschool Enrichment Enrollment Policy.
G. Wing seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. CEO Annual Goals

Erin Quigley

1. Define Koson Identity and Organizational Model
2. Build Leadership Ownership and Reliable Executions
3. Strengthen STEM flagship
4. Advance Strategic Improvements and New Revenue Streams

Discussion around details and feedback requested by Erin before end of the month

E. Board Assessment Report

Carla Gustafson

Summary of board processes, growth, strengths, and future opportunities

V. Consent Agenda

A. Vote for Consent Agenda Items

I. Kalra made a motion to approve the consent agenda.
A. Campbell seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VI. Board Committee Updates

A. Academic Excellence Committee Update

Adelita Campbell

-Still discussing meeting times
-Highlighted some changes and proposed data dashboard

B. CEO Support & Evaluation Committee Update

Carla Gustafson

-No big changes, some schedule changes

C. Facility & Security Committee Update

Collin West

-Brand new committee
-Discussing one pager and goals for the year

D. Finance Committee Update

Gina Wing/Darrell Lomelino

-Not many updates on one pager; some new goals on how to make financial data more clear for board
-Audit for last year in progress, board review in November
-Updated finance report in board book

E. Governance Committee Update

Carla Gustafson/Ronalea Alleman

-No major changes

F. Strategic Plan/Growth Committee Update

Ishmeet Kalra

-Still discussing goals and meeting times

VII. Board of Director's Updates

A. Preview of Next Meeting

Next Month's Meeting:

- Approve School Performance Framework/Unified Improvement Plan
- Approve Proposed 27/28 Calendar
- Approve CEO Annual Goals and KPIs
- Approve Committee One Pagers
- Discuss Board Officer succession planning

D. Lomelino left at 8:35 PM.

VIII. 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 8:39 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
I. Kalra

Documents used during the meeting

- September_Board_Presentation_26_27-update.pdf
- Updated - 26-27 STEM Academic Calendar.pdf
- CEO Board Presentation 20260916.pptx.pdf
- Policy_Homeschool Enrichment Enrollment_2026.pdf
- Redline Changes - Policy_Homeschool Enrichment Enrollment.pdf
- Koson CEO Goals & S&E Processes_2026-2027 (1).pdf
- Presentation_2026 Board Assessment Results.pdf
- 2026-2027HomeSchoolCalendarUpdate.pdf
- September Board Presentation 26_27.pdf

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