

**STEAM ACADEMY BOARD MEETING
AGENDA/MINUTES 10/08/21**

School Name	STEAM Academy	
Charter Number	#4270	
Date	10/08/2021	
Address	1250 Fifield Ave, Falcon Heights, MN 55108 Via Zoom https://zoom.us/j/99230597772 Meeting ID: 992 3059 7772	
Board Members Present		Role
Hamada Aboubakr		Board Chair
Sarah Chebli		Board Vice Chair
Mahdi Nur		Board member
Board Members Absent		
Tamer Din		
Joseph Lopez		
Community members present		
TAG Group		
Luli Axhijaj, Amina Adan, Magdy Rabeaa		
Call to Order	By	Time
	Hamada Aboubakr	5:02pm
School Mission Statement		
<p>Mission: STEAM Academy’s mission is to provide a student-centered learning environment where all of its students, families, and communities apply the civic skills needed to wisely meet the common good through personal and public education. Our school strives to answer the question, “Why do I need to know this?” from diverse perspectives: culturally responsive, critical thinking, life-long learning, gender neutral, community informed, cross generational, and any other viewpoint that produces a greater public good.</p> <p>Vision: STEAM Academy embraces a multidisciplinary curriculum with an emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) to provide a learning-for-understanding environment which values personal and community accountability, creativity, diversity, critical thinking, and multiculturalism. We believe that schools can prepare their students for greater understanding of profound issues through collaboration, critical thinking and problem solving. We believe this is possible when learning is done with purpose.</p>		

Community Comment			
Public Comment is an open forum portion of the meeting and is an opportunity to present an issue, concern, or other statement to the Board of Directors. Individuals wishing to address the Board must sign up prior to the Call to Order and will be allotted three (3) minutes. Total public comment will be limited to twenty one (21) minutes.			
No comment.			
Declaration of Conflict of Interest if any			
Board members read the agenda and disclose if they have any real or perceived conflict of interest with any agenda item.			
Approval of the Agenda			
Motion	Motion made by at 5:08 pm to Approve the Agenda		
Made by:	Seconded by:		
Sarah Chebli	Hamada Aboubakr		
	Yea	Nay	Abstain
	3	0	0
Consent Agenda			
Board Resolution:			
1. Audit Deviation Request for FY21			
Other Business			
2. Approve Abdo, Eick and Myers, LLP as the audit firm			

Audit Deviation Request for FY21			
Motion	Motion made by at 5:13pm		
Made by: Hamada Aboubakr		Seconded by: Sarah Chebli	
Discussion	Robin Pikal explanation of the exception for need of board approval to do a audit deviation request for year 2021, chances of being rejected, schools situation is understandable and TAG has done it before for other clients. Incase of the rejection it would need to come from the general ed fund, which the school has other needs for. Authorizer included in the letter included that if not accepted to be able to use the CSP fund for this Audit.		
	Yes	Nay	Abstain
	3	0	0

Approve Abdo, Eick and Myers, LLP as the audit firm			
Motion	Motion made by 5:22 pm		
Made by: Hamada Aboubakr		Seconded by: Sarah Chebli	
Discussion	Robin Pikal has looked into three companies, and Audit company Abdo, Eick and Myers was a better choice because in the first year it's cheaper by 700 and the next years are higher 400 but the other company is not local and Abdo company shows better turnaround time. Schools need their own auditor independent.		
	Yes	Nay	Abstain
	3	0	0

Adjourn Meeting			
Motion	Motion made by at 5:33pm		
Made by: Hamada Aboubakr		Seconded by: Sarah Chebli	
Discussion	Luli's contract ended last month and the need for CSP Grant management and IT Services. Extending his contract is budgeted in with the CSP. His management expertise is needed for the school's starting year. One more month of approval until the regular meeting to talk more in depth. Motion made at 5:32pm, Made by Hamada Aboubakr, seconded by Sarah Chebli. 3 yes and 0 Nay and 0 Abstain.		
Vote was unanimous			
	Yes	Nay	Abstain
	3	0	0

Notes

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- 2. Approve Abdo, Eick, and Myers LLP as audit group.**

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