

**STEAM ACADEMY BOARD MEETING
AGENDA/MINUTES 01/28/2022**

School Name	STEAM Academy	
Charter Number	#4270	
Date	01/28/2022	
Address	Zoom	
Board Members Present	Role	
Sarah Chebli	Board Chair	
Hamada Aboubakar	Vice Board Chair	
Mahdi Nur	Treasure	
Board Members Absent		
Joseph Lopez	Secretary	
Tamer Sharafeldin	Community Member	
Community members present		
Amina Adan, Magdy Rabeaa, Luli Axbijaj, Maryam Arab, Fadli Mohamed, Makia Jama, Scott Brown, Joseph Soviene, Tu Nguyen, Wendy Choi.		
Call to Order	By Sarah Chebli	Time 5:09pm
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:

Tu Nguyen from NEO spoke stating that he is thankful for the Board and their leadership, Amina and teachers that are not here for what they do for the families and students especially during this tough time.

Magdy Rabeaa also thanked Amina Adan for her hard work especially during this hard time and her stepping up substituting for their teachers when needed, and taking care of daily operations.

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.

None.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion	Motion made at 5:16 pm
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Made by: Sarah Chebli	Seconded by: Hamada Aboukar
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Discussion	Add the Board members approval as third item in the meeting.
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	Yea	Nay	Abstain
	3	0	0

- Agenda**
- 1- Approve last meeting minutes
 - 2- Finance & CSP reimbursement update
 - 3. Board Members Approval
 - 4- Facilities
 - 5- Board Training
 - Framework for STEAM from NEO
 - 6 – Contracts
 - 7- other suggested agenda Items

1. Review and approve the last meeting minutes.

Motion	Motion made at 5:31pm		
Made by: Sarah Chebli		Seconded by: Hamada Aboukar	
Discussion	Luli said there are some typos from the last meeting minutes that we will correct.		
	Yes	Nay	Abstain
	3	0	0

2. Finance Report (Finance/CSP reimbursement update)

Motion	Motion made at 5:41pm to approve the financial reports and bill payments as presented.		
Made by: Sarah Chebli		Seconded by: Hamada Aboubakar	
Discussion	Joseph from TAG is taking over the Financials and CSP Grant Reporting due to Robin moved on with another job elsewhere. The Board reviewed the financial packet, cash balance which is healthy. Also the working budget is looking right, there are some things that are heavier because of supplies are bought more during the first year. The CSP Planning Grant ended in September 30 th , 2021 and CSP Implementation 1 started October 15 th . Scott from TAG added that there is good news because there is a surplus in the state. There is a budget to add funds to the education. Title funding is still on its way but it has not been released yet, all together it's about \$35,000 and the application is time consuming. A few grants were already approved for the school and school is applying for next year VPK preschool funding.		
	Yes	Nay	Abstain
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3. Approval of New Board Member

Motion	Motion made at 5:45pm to approve Makia Jama as a Teacher Board member.		
Made by: Mahdi Nur		Seconded by: Hamada Aboubakar	
Discussion	Sarah introduced Makia Jama a STEAM Academy teacher. Her resume was emailed to the board prior to the meeting. Makia talked about wanting to be part of the STEAM Academy Board to help with making a stronger school. She		

	has been an educator for seven years and is interested to help the team.		
	Yes	Nay	Abstain
	3	0	0

3. Approval of New Board Member

Motion	Motion made at 5:53pm to approve Maryam Arab as a Community Board member.		
Made by: Mahdi Nur		Seconded by: Sarah Chebli	
Discussion	Also, Maryam Arab was asked to introduce herself by the Board chair. Maryam is a current Intern at the Elections Office and does voter engagement and outreach. Maryam is interested in joining the STEAM Academy Board, she wants to support the school and give her perspective in making a better school for future leaders.		
	Yes	Nay	Abstain
	3	0	0

4. Facilities Update

Motion	No Motion just an update		
Made by:		Seconded by:	
Discussion	An Academic, facilities, and enrollment update. There was an 84% turn out for the second parent teacher conferences. The teachers are showing intents to return next year. We are meeting with the landlord to discuss the lease and express interest to stay in the current building for another few years. However, the landlord has potential tenants who are willing to rent the entire building including the three floors. The facility search committee including Luli, the realtor, Amina, and Magdy depending on his availability will be working to search for other buildings. Luli stated that he has already received some potential school buildings options from the realtor.		
	Yes	Nay	Abstain

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4. Board Training/ Framework

Motion	Training no motion		
Made by:			Seconded by:
Discussion	NEO provided training to the STEAM Board members on the area of governance and employment. Also, it is part of the contract with the authorizer to make sure we have a full five year contract. NEO Authorizer provided training to the Board on understanding the framework and how they measure the school’s performance.		
	Yes	Nay	Abstain
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5. Contracts- Leading Education Services, LLC

Motion	Motion made at 6:26pm to continue the contract with Leading Educational Services, LLC till the end of school year, June 30 th 2022.		
Made by:	Sarah Chebli		Seconded by: Hamada Aboubakar
Discussion	The STEAM Academy Board expressed the importance of continuing the contract agreement with Leading Educational Services, LLC. The Board appreciated Luli for his support with STEAM Academy and opening successfully as a Startup Coordinator (Consultant). Luli was responsible with all the Startup tasks, searching and securing the Facility, sending the request for proposals (RFPs) out to vendors, negotiating contracts, CSP Grant, support with job descriptions, interviews and hiring, compliance with the MDE, Authorizer, State and Federal laws. He is currently the CSP Grant manager, documentation and reports for CSP grant including inventory, working with vendors. He provides Information Technology (IT) Services, supports the staff and students at STEAM Academy with technology needs, operations, and compliance.		
	Yes	Nay	Abstain
	3	0	0

9. Other Suggested Items

Adjourn Meeting			
Motion	Motion to adjourn meeting made at 6:54pm		
Made by: Sarah Chebli		Seconded by: Mahdi Nur	
Discussion	none		
Vote was unanimous			
	Yes	Nay	Abstain
	3	0	0

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