

**STEAM ACADEMY BOARD MEETING
AGENDA/MINUTES 02/25/2022**

School Name	STEAM Academy	
Charter Number	#4270	
Date	02/25/2022 5:00pm Central Standard Time	
Address	On Zoom The Zoom link was made available to public for those who wanted to join the meeting.	
Board Members Present		Role
Sarah Chebli		Board Chair
Mahdi Nur		Treasure
Makia Jama		Teacher
Maryam Arab		Secretary
Board Members Absent		
Hamada Aboubakr		
Community members present		
Amina Adan, Magdy Rabeaa, Dan Jett (NEO), Joseph Soveine (TAG), and Luli Axfhijaj		
Call to Order	By: Sarah Chebli	Time: 5:04pm
<p>School Mission Statement</p> <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 comments

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.

No Conflict of Interest

Approval of the Agenda

Motion Motion made at 5:10pm

Made by: Sarah Chebli **Seconded by: Mahdi Nur**

Discussion The Board said we want to be mindful of time.

	Yea	Nay	Abstain
	4	0	0

Agenda

- 1- Approve last meeting minutes
- 2- Finance & CSP reimbursement update
- 3- Facilities Update and Academic Update
- 4. Staffing Update
- 5- Board Training
- 6. Enrollment update
- 7. Board Members Update
- 8- Other suggested agenda Items

1. Review and approve the last meeting minutes.

Motion Motion made at 5:11pm

Made by: Mahdi Nur **Seconded by: Maryam Arab**

Discussion The previous meeting minutes look good.

	Yes	Nay	Abstain
	4	0	0

2. Finance Report (Finance/CSP reimbursement update)

Motion	Motion made at 5:24pm to approved the financial reports		
Made by: Sarah Chebli	Seconded by: Mahdi Nur		
Discussion	School is getting paid on 64 ADM and the working budget is on 60 ADM, it is projected that the school year will end in a healthy fund balance. MDE is paying from different buckets through the year to meet the school's payments. The projection is being adjusted throughout the year, new school usually has a high supplies need. The cash flow looks is a little concern, but we are 14% low on expense side. We are at 58% through the year already and we haven't spent as much as we projected. We are working now on CSP grant Implementation 1 submission; we haven't heard anything back yet.		
	Yes	Nay	Abstain
	4	0	0

3. Facilities Update and Academic Update

Motion	No motion made / required		
Made by:	Seconded by:		
	School is starting the process to look for a new facility; the current landlord has found a new tenant for next year. The MobyMax academic reporting was presented to the board about the student academic achievements. The students are making really good progress.		
	Yes	Nay	Abstain
	0	0	0

4. Staffing Update

Motion	Motion made at 5:32pm to hire a paraprofessional.
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Made by: Maryam Arab		Seconded by: Makia Jama	
Discussion	The Board discussed about the new position, and then approved the hiring of the general teacher assistant.		
	Yes	Nay	Abstain
	4	0	0

5. Board Training- Conflict of Interest

Motion	No motion made / required		
Made by:		Seconded by:	
	Amina Adan did a presentation and provided training materials to the Board members on the area of Conflicts of Interest. The Board found the training very helpful and necessary. This was a refreshment to the previous trainings that they had received.		
	Yes	Nay	Abstain
	0	0	0

6. Enrollment Update

Motion	No motion made / required		
Made by:		Seconded by:	
	STEAM Academy had another Kindergarten student enrolled. The current enrollment is at 65 students.		
	Yes	Nay	Abstain
	0	0	0

7. Board Members Update

Motion	Motion made at 5:50pm to accept the resignation of Joseph (Joe) Lopez		
Made by: Mahdi		Seconded by: Maryam	
Discussion	Accepting Joseph resignation, he can no longer commit to STEAM Academy board due to his busy schedule.		

	Luli added that he really appreciates all the contribution and commitment that Joe brought to STEAM Academy while serving as a Board member for years. The STEAM Board members and leadership thanked Joe as well.		
	Yes	Nay	Abstain
	4	0	0

7. Vote for new Board Secretary

Motion	Motion made at 5:54pm for Maryam Arab to be the Secretary.		
Made by: Makia	Seconded by: Mahdi		
Discussion	The Board discussed for Maryam to become the new secretary as recommended by Sarah. Maryam did not vote on this motion.		
	Yes	Nay	Abstain
	3	0	1

7. Board Members Update

Motion	Motion made at 5:57pm to accept the resignation of Tamer Sharafudin.		
Made by: Mahdi	Seconded by: Sarah		
Discussion	Tamer resigned because he is no longer able to commit to STEAM Board. The STEAM Academy Board members and the leadership appreciated Tamer for serving on the Board of STEAM Academy and his commitment.		
	Yes	Nay	Abstain
	4	0	0

8. Other Suggested Items

Adjourn Meeting

Motion	Motion to adjourn the meeting made at 6:02pm		
Made by: Sarah	Seconded by: Mahdi		
Discussion	none		
Vote was unanimous			
	Yes	Nay	Abstain
	4	0	0

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