

STEM Action Center Board Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2019 • 2:00pm

STEM Action Center: 60 East South Temple, Suite 850, Salt Lake City

Members Present:	Vance Checketts, Scott Nowlin, Sarah Lehman, Sydnee Dickson, Scott Hansen, Tami Pyfer, Bert VanderHeiden, Jared Haines, Jill Love
Members Absent:	Val Hale, Blair Carruth, Jon Pierpont, Mark Sunday
Staff:	Tami Goetz, Sue Redington, Allison Spencer, Suzy Cox, Lynn Purdin, Kellie Yates, Melanie Shepherd, Colleen Fisher, Molly Bock, Becca Robison, Julienne Bailey, Katherine Kireiev, Clarence Ames
Visitors:	Scott Cheney, Carrie Mayne, Nate McDonald

I. Welcome and Related Business

Vance Checketts called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

A motion was made to approve the November minutes by Scott Nowlin, second by Sydnee Dickson.

II. Swearing In:

Introduction and swearing in of: Sarah Lehman, Scott Hansen and Jill Love.

III. Board Discussion

Tami Goetz stated that STEM Action Center (STEM AC) would have a new home agency starting July 1, 2019. The STEM Action Center will be joining the Department of Heritage and Arts (DHA) that currently serves as the home agency for the following divisions: Arts & Museums, Utah State Library, UServeUtah, Utah Office of Multicultural Affairs, Utah Division of Indian Affairs and Utah State History. Jill Love commented on how DHA will work will work with STEM Action Center and that she sees a lot of new opportunities for collaboration. Tami commented on programs the STEM AC is already partnering with DHA divisions. Vance commented on being excited about students and getting out into the communities through DHA's partnership. Sarah Lehman asked if this affects the funding for STEM. Tami Goetz answered "No". Syd Dickson commented that Utah State Board of Education (USBE) would gladly have taken on STEM and that she is supportive of where STEM AC will be with DHA. Tami Pyfer commented that the Governor's office supported STEM AC going to DHA.

Tami Goetz stated that GOED would most likely need space and the STEM AC's offices make the most sense for growth. The STEM AC is looking for a new space to be a gathering place, preferable on the west side of the valley for students to have a place to convince for robotics work. We would welcome ideas for spaces to for the new STEM

AC location. GOED would like our space a year from July, according to Jill Love. Vance stated he is looking forward to reviewing multiple options of spaces and that we need to work quickly so that we can build out the space by July 2020. Bert VanderHeiden recommended that we review our vision for the STEM AC and align it with the configuration and location of the space, then look for the location. Vance read the mission statement for the new board members.

Tami Goetz stated that Elementary STEM Endorsement Program has moved to the USBE. Kellie commented on the changes in the program.

There was a discussion about Professional Learning Program. Kellie Yates went provided an overview of the Professional Learning program for school year 2019-20. Vance & Syd brought up the \$5 million that was transferred from the STEM AC's base budget to USBE during the 2019 legislative session. Vance commented that this money is to be used for the kids, whether it comes through USBE or the STEM AC.

A question about having data was brought up. Clarence Ames stated we are making progress with Math data. Tami Goetz stated that hopefully next board meeting we will have data to show. Bert VanderHeiden asked if we have any more data on students going into STEM fields. Syd Dickson stated she has data from ACT tests that indicate what field the students want to register for in college. More girls have indicated they want to go into STEM fields. Vance asked Tami to coordinate a request for data to analyze if we are accomplishing what we want to in STEM.

Upcoming Events:

- National CSforAll Summit – October 21 – 23. It will be held at the University of Utah. Tami Goetz stated that if you know anyone that would like to donate or help us, let us know.
- Girls Who Code Entrepreneurial Challenge – Allison Spencer gave an overview of this event. It is being held April 25, 2019.
- The next board meeting will be combined with the Foundation board meeting – June 26, 2019 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm.
- Boeing STEM Signing Day – Allison Spencer talked about this upcoming event being held on April 29, 2019.

Scott Hansen asked where he could find a copy of the budget. Sue Redington responded that we do our new budget in the fall (November meeting). Sue stated she could send out the budget to new board members.

Vance Checketts thanked everyone for coming.

IV. Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 pm