

STEM Action Center Board Meeting Minutes

October 22, 2015 • 2:00pm

GOED: 60 East South Temple, third floor, Salt Lake City

Members Present:	Jeffery Nelson, Gene Levinzon, Norm LeClair, Mark Huntsman, Reza Jalili, Tami Pyfer, Bert VanderHeiden, Rob Brems, Val Hale
Members Absent:	Blair Carruth, Rich Nelson, Brad Smith,
Staff:	Tami Goetz, Sue Redington, Jenna Johnson, Kaitlin Felsted, Jackie Moynihan, Sarah Young, Kellie Yates
Visitors:	Susan Eisenman, Sarah Brasiel, Brent Peterson, Ivan Alfaro

I. Welcome and Related Business

Jeff Nelson, STEM Action Center Board Chairman, called the meeting to order, and introduced and welcomed the group. Chairman Nelson asked for a recap from the Close It Summit in Washington DC the week prior. Then Susan Eisenman from the Attorney General's Office briefed the Board on conflict disclosures as required by State law.

APPROVE MINUTES

MOTION: MARK HUNTSMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES, SECONDED BY TAMI PYFER. THE MOTION WAS UNANAMOUSLY APPROVED.

Sarah Young provided a recap of joint board meeting held with the Utah State Board of Education in August 2015. Sarah provided a handout of key points and action items discussed at that meeting and briefly discussed how the STEM Action Center is addressing these action items. The STEM Action Center Board Members agreed that it was a beneficial meeting and would like to hold another similar meeting in the future.

II. Presentation

Dr. Sarah Brasiel presented the year-end data from the math software data that was collected over the last year. Sarah gave the same presentation given to the Legislative Education Committee the day prior. Her findings are attached to these minutes. Board members had questions about significance and what it means for the future of the math software. Discussions about future funding and possible statewide licensing will happen at a future board meeting.

III. Board Discussion

Dr. Tami Goetz opened up the discussion to change the dates of the STEM board meetings to a different week of the month so that members from the Utah State Office of Education can have an easier time attending. It was decided that the last Wednesday of the month works well for the members present.

Tami then brought up the topic of the need to fill a vacancy on the board. Tami stated that if board members have suggestions of individuals, they should send those to herself and Chairman Nelson. Those suggestions are then taken to the Governor for appointment.

Tami also gave an update on the foundation and the process of hiring a law firm to create the foundation. Board members agreed with Tami that the process was necessary and looked forward to its completion.

Jenna Lillywhite then gave a report on the grant funding offered in the prior fiscal year 2015 for student, classroom and organizations. Her presentation is also attached to these minutes.

Tami then gave a brief update on legislative strategy and a future site visit to Davis School District. A report of that visit will be given at the next board meeting.

IV. Adjournment

MOTION: JEFF NELSON MOVED TO CLOSE THE MEETING, SECONDED BY ROB BREMS. THE MOTION WAS UNANAMOUSLY APPROVED.