

STEM Action Center Board & STEM Foundation Board Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2021 • 2:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

STEM AC Board Members Present:	Vance Checketts, Mark Sunday, Jill Love, Andrea Ibanez, Brittney Cummins, Scott Hansen, Nate McDonald, Jamie Morningstar
STEM AC Board Members Absent:	Sydnee Dickson, Mark Ripke, Sarah Lehman, Chiao-ih Hui
STEM Foundation Board Members Present:	Eric Pope, Michael Grooms, Brad Shafer, Angela Mastaloudis, Shon Hender
STEM Foundation Board Members Absent:	Vanessa Perez, Brian Parker
Staff:	Tami Goetz, Sue Redington, Jack Markman, Becca Robison, Colleen Fisher, Lynn Purdin, Julianne Bailey, Allison Spencer, Kellie Yates, Clarence Ames, Gina Muhlestein, Shelby Averett
Visitors:	Cari Heizer, Afton (student), Sophia (student), Hanifi Oguz, Tiffany Porter, Nathan Johnson, Krista Ruggles, Caroline Chapdelaine

I. Welcome and Related Business

Vance Checketts called the meeting to order. Vance Checketts requested approval of minutes from September 29, 2021. Mark Sunday motioned to approve the minutes. Scott Hansen seconded the motion. Shelby Averett, Communications Manager, introduced herself to the board members as a new member to the STEM Action Center team.

Members of the STEM Action Center board and the STEM Foundation board introduced themselves to each other.

Allison Spencer shared about some donations made to the STEM Foundation.

II. Presentations and Board Discussion “Celebrating Partnerships”

Tami Goetz introduced new template for board meetings starting with today’s meeting.

a. Student Voices “Robotics” with Afton and Sophia

Becca Robison shared information about robotic programs in general, and specifically a robotics team that comes in to the STEM Action Center every Thursday. Afton, a Girl Scout on this robotics team, shared a short presentation about her experience with STEM. Sophia, who is also on the FLL team, shared her experience with STEM.

b. School Partnerships – STEM School Designation with Dr. Hanifi Oguz (Beehive Academy) and Tiffany Porter (Crimson View Elementary)

Kellie Yates shared information about our STEM School Designation program. Kellie Yates introduced our next two guests: Hanifi Oguz and Tiffany Porter. These two guests shared their experiences becoming a STEM designated school.

January 26-28, 2022 for STEM school reviews. Contact Tami Goetz (tgoetz@utah.gov) or Kellie Yates (kellieyates@utah.gov) to be a part of the process.

c. Post-Secondary Partnerships – Innovation Hub Network with Krista Ruggles (UVU), Nathan Johnson (SUU), and Cari Heizer (DSU)

Becca Robison shared information about the Innovation Hub Network in progress. Krista Ruggles (kruggles@uvu.edu; <https://www.uvu.edu/education/creative-learning/>) shared a presentation about STEM at UVU, particularly with UVU School of Education. Cari Heizer shared a video about the K-12 STEM Outreach Center at the Innovation Plaza (<https://stem.dixie.edu/>) and her experience in the world of STEM. Nathan Johnson shared his experiencing being a part of the Thunderworks Innovation Center at SUU (<https://www.suu.edu/thunderworks/>).

III. Meeting Adjourned at 3:55 pm.