

**STEM Action Center Board Meeting Minutes**

August 31, 2022 • 2:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

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**Members Present:** Vance Checketts, Brittany Cummins, Scott Cheney, Scott Hanson, Jill Love, Sydnee Dickson, Jamie Morningstar, Andrea Ibanez, Chiao-ih Hui, Nate McDonald,

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**Members Absent:** Mark Ripke, Mark Sunday, Sarah Lehman

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**Staff:** Tami Goetz, Sue Redington, Allison Spencer, Jana Alexander, Clarence Ames, Shelby Averett, Julianne Bailey, Gina Muhlestein, Becca Robison, Emmett Speed, Kellie Yates, Viena Zeitler

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**Visitors:** Kaitlin Maguire, Idaho STEM Action Center

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**I. Welcome and Related Business**

Checketts called the meeting to order at 2:04pm.

- a. Approve June STEM AC meeting minutes  
There was a motion, a second, and the Board unanimously approved the June STEM AC meeting minutes. *(Hansen/Hui)*
- b. Board Member STEM share out (10 minutes) - Vance Checketts  
Checketts asked the Board to hold off on the normal share out time to give more time for the presentations later in the meeting.
- c. Budget overview (5 minutes) - Sue Redington  
Redington sent out the budget close-out prior to the meeting. Redington clarified and answered questions regarding the year end budget close.

**II. PRESENTATIONS & BOARD DISCUSSION**

- a. Idaho STEM Action Center (45 minutes) - Kaitlin Maguire  
Checketts had the Board introduce themselves to Maguire. Maguire presented on the Idaho Stem Action Center, which is based on our Utah model. The Idaho STEM Action Center was established in 2015 through the Idaho legislative body and are housed under the Governor's office to partner across all agencies and work collaboratively, aligning education and workforce needs. Robust discussion occurred throughout the presentation.
- b. Utah Innovation Hub Network (30 minutes) - Becca Robison  
Robison presented on the Innovation Hub Network across Utah, highlighting the evolution of the space and how the AmeriCorps grant will provide support "on the ground" at the Network Hubs, helping to develop well-rounded Hubs as well as provide STEM opportunities for underrepresented participants across Utah, and in rural areas specifically. Discussion followed.
- c. STEM Fest update (5 minutes) - Shelby Averett  
Averett reported on the preparations for STEM Fest in Sandy September 27-28, including media outreach and vendors exhibiting. Redington reported on several rural schools that will be attending this year (Daggett, Piute, Duchene, and Emery).
- d. How'd You Think of That with Temple Grandin (10 minutes) - Julianne Bailey

**Due to time constraints, this agenda item will be on the agenda for the next Board meeting.**

e. STEM Foundation (10 minutes) - Allison Spencer

Spencer reported on the Utah STEM Industry Coalition's interest in the Governor's Week of STEM. Spencer listed the four programs that will be announced during the Week of STEM that are generating volunteering and financial interest within the Coalition, including the CSO programs, robotics teams support, Club Ability partnership with Tech Moms, and Micro STEM Fest kits. She will give an update at the next Board meeting on the CSO program. There are 48 volunteers for STEM Fest, mostly from industry partner volunteers, more than normal, pushing Muhlestein to create and introduce a new STEM volunteer website to facilitate matching volunteers with opportunities. Spencer reported that funding is coming back and the Foundation is within \$7,000 of their STEM Fest funding goal, with those same companies also donating to Week of STEM. Spencer shared that the excitement in the Coalition could spur donations for a traveling STEM space, similar to Idaho STEM Action Center's, and is looking forward to growing these relationships and keep the momentum going to sustain STEM programs. **Spencer will send out fliers on Week of STEM to this Board.**

f. STEM Best Practices summary (5 minutes) -Shelby Averett

Averett gave a recap of the three STEM Best Practices conferences, including post-conference survey results to continue hosting in-person at several locations, including both rural and metro, during the summer months. The next Best Practices Conference will be held at two locations in direct response to the survey results.

**III. Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 pm.**

Goetz let the Board know that vacancies on the Board will be filled and asked for any recommendations from the Board for both this Board and the Foundation Board.

Checketts adjourned the meeting at 4:00pm. **Checketts would like to propose an additional Board meeting at the end of October to have some focus for Week of STEM. Goetz will look at dates and send to the Board for consideration.**