

STEM Action Center Board Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2024 at 2pm

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333 W River Park Dr, Provo, UT 84604

Members Present:

Donna Law, Sarah Reale, Aniza Brown, Vance Checketts, Kat Potter, Chiao-ih, Jamie Morningstar, Rich Nye, Mark Sunday, Andrea Iberez Kuntz, Sydnee Dickson, Kennedy Mpungu, Vic Hockett

Members Absent:**Staff:**

Tami Goetz, Sue Redington, Becca Robison, Julienne Bailey, Allison Spencer, Kellie Yates, Clarence Ames, Gina Muhlestein, Emmett Speed, Jana Alexander, Shelby Averett, Tori Agnelli, Viena Zeitler

Visitors:

Liz Andrus from UVU and Stacy Pierce from Jordan School District

I. Welcome and Related Business

Vance Checketts called the meeting to order at 2:08pm.

- a. Welcome
- b. Introductions and Oath of Office for Richard Nye
- c. Approve June meeting minutes - A motion to approve the June 5 meeting minutes was made by Donna Law, seconded by Chiao-ih Hui, and was unanimously approved.
- d. Budget review Sue Redington
Sue Redington went over the close out of last fiscal year's budget. We have a little remaining that we hope to roll those over into the new fiscal year but will not know if we can keep it until December. Sue also went over the new fiscal year budget and answered a question about when our fiscal year begins and ends and clarification on the carry over funding.

II. PRESENTATIONS & BOARD DISCUSSION

- a. Center updates (STEMFest, Week of STEM) Shelby Averett/Tami Goetz
Shelby Averett gave a summary of STEM Fest numbers this year. Averett then gave a preview of Week of STEM, November 4-9, with the theme STEM in the Arts. Goetz talked about Maker Con as a part of Week of STEM and will be an inaugural event (November 8-9at UVU) for the Utah Innovative Makers Space Network.
- b. PRE-freshman Engineering Program (PREP) UVU and Jordan SD
Tami Goetz introduced the guests from UVU regarding the PREP program. Liz Andrus presented on the UVU PREP program (recruitment of high achievers), while Stacy Pierce spoke on the Jordan School District's program (Title 1 schools in Jordan School District) and its differences to the UVU program. Robust discussion followed and many questions answered and clarification of the programs, as well as discussion on sustainable funding needs. Goetz provided a summary of the STEM Action Center's involvement with PREP over the years.

III. Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Mark Sunday spoke passionately about AI and Sydnee Dickson suggested having Matt Winters come to speak about AI.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:56PM. The next board meeting will be on December 4 at 2PM, location TBD.

Upcoming events

November 4-9—Week of STEM

November 8-9—Maker Con at UVU

July 10 – closing celebration for UVU PREP

July 23—closing celebration for Jordan SD PREP