

STEM Action Center Board Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2025 • 2:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting

STEM Action Center | 3848 S. West Temple, Suite 105 | South Salt Lake, UT 84115

Members Present:	Vance Checketts, Sydnee Dickson, Kennedy Mpungu, Sarah Reale, Mark Sunday, Kat Potter, Molly Hart, Vic Hockett
Members Absent:	Chiao-ih Hui , Jamie Morningstar, Rich Nye, Donna Law, Aniza Brown, Rebecca Banner, Andrea Ibanez Kuntz
Staff:	Tami Goetz, Sue Redington, Becca Robison, Lynn Reichert, Julienne Bailey, Allison Spencer, Kellie Yates, Clarence Ames, Jana Alexander, Gina Powell, Shelby Averett, Viena Zeitler
Visitors:	BoA Interns –Kai McMillan, Angelina Nguyen, Allen Liang, Luis Ortega-Sanchez, and Marketing intern, Val Rodriguez

I. Welcome and Related Business

- a. Approve meeting minutes Vance Checketts
 - i. Approve October meeting minutes - A motion to approve the October 2 meeting minutes was made by Mark Sunday, seconded by Sarah Reale, and was unanimously approved.
 - ii. Approve March meeting minutes - A motion to approve the March 19 meeting minutes was made by Sarah Reale, seconded by Molly Hart, and was unanimously approved.
- b. Board STEM share outs Vance Checketts
 - i. Mark Sunday is very excited on increased focus on AI in the State. Checketts attending the University of Utah AI workshop this morning by the College of Engineering that was really inspiring. The State doing a good job of leaning in on AI. First credential opportunities for STEM to offer.
- c. New board member introduction Vance Checketts/Sydnee Dickson
 - i. Dickson, Reale, and Checketts introduced Molly Hart, the newest Board member, replacing Sydnee Dickson. Checketts and Goetz welcomed Hart to the Board.
- d. Introduce interns Lynn Reichert
 - i. Reichert introduced the Bank of America interns and outlined the projects they will be working on this summer.

II. PRESENTATIONS & BOARD DISCUSSION

- a. Budget review Sue Redington
 - i. Redington reported on the budget, reminding the Board that we still are working our 25% final payouts and reporting. FY ends June 30, 2025.
- b. AmeriCorps grant update (20 minutes) Tami Goetz/Sue Redington
 - i. Maker Learning summer program – staff, management, and the Foundation have been able to redesign the summer program so that the camps continue. Will look at

the school year programming – the new grant was made eligible for review and determination will be done on June 25 and up in eGrants by June 26-28. Hub partners are getting support through the Computing Partnership grants through Reichert.

- ii. Math Mentors – the data on this program was starting to show the promise of the program, targeting kids that were 2 years behind in mathematics leveling. Funding was used to support the staffing of the AmeriCorps program. Due to the termination of the program, the STEM Action Center lost Emmett Speed but was able to restructure the program to utilize the Utah Education Policy Center. The UEPC reports are available. Having secured some funding, many of the mentors want to come back.
- c. Indirect cost for grants (10 minutes) Tami Goetz
 - i. All grant applicants' (LEAs and higher ed) maximum amount for grants to \$50,000 and capped at 5%. Wanted a standard policy to address this when it comes up. Board had no issues with this policy.
- d. Strategic planning (20 minutes) Tami Goetz
 - i. Goetz reported on the facilitator for strategic planning Dr. Kathy Einhorn. Kathy will be reaching out to Board and community partner focus groups for interviews. Higher ed and K-12 partner interviews; focus groups of informal ed, admin, and educators will be separated from other groups. Checketts extolled the membership to put priority on the time with Kathy when she reaches out. Checketts requested that Dr. Einhorn come to the next Board meeting.
 - ii. Parents and caregivers wanted more take-home resources last time STEM did a strategic plan; higher ed wanted more engagement and time to partner
- e. STEM Foundation update Allison Spencer
 - i. Spencer reported that Rocky Mtn Power came by to deliver a donation and take a tour. Spencer shared the reduction in volunteerism this year from last year and Checketts shared that return to the office seems to have slowed down the impetus for getting out to volunteer.

III. **Meeting Adjourned at 3:41pm.**

As there was no further business, the meeting ended at 3:41pm. The next board meeting will be on August 27 at 2PM, focusing on the strategic planning timeline.