

STEAM Academy Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 – 5:30 PM

Meeting Address: Online Meeting using Zoom (Audio & Video)

Interested individuals from the public who would like to attend the meeting, should email: info@steamacademymn.org with their Name, email address and phone # by Noon on 06-27-2024.

Mission: STEAM Academy's mission is to provide a student-centered learning environment where all of its students, families, and communities apply the civic skills needed to wisely meet the common good through personal and public education. Our school strives to answer the question, "Why do I need to know this?" from diverse perspectives: culturally responsive, critical thinking, life-long learning, gender neutral, community informed, cross generational, and any other viewpoint that produces a greater public good.

Vision: STEAM Academy embraces a multidisciplinary curriculum with an emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) to provide a learning-for-understanding environment which values personal and community accountability, creativity, diversity, critical thinking, and multiculturalism. We believe that schools can prepare their students for greater understanding of profound issues through collaboration, critical thinking and problem solving. We believe this is possible when learning is done with purpose.

Meeting Minutes:

- ❖ Call to Order: The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 5:34pm.
- ❖ Present:
 - Board Members: Sarah Chebli, Mahdi Nur, Hamada Aboubakr, Abdallah Mohammed, and Amir Mahmud
 - Public: Magdy Rabeaa and Luli Axfhijaj
- ❖ Reading STEAM Academy Mission and Vision: Sarah Chebli read the mission and vision.
- ❖ Conflict of Interest Check by Sarah Chebli (Board Chair): None
- ❖ Comments/Questions from the Public, 2 minutes per person: None
- ❖ Agenda
 - Approval of Agenda at 5:39pmm - Motioned by Mahdi, seconded by Abdallah, motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Approval of changes in STEAM - NEO contract: The Board reviewed and discussed the changes on the STEAM and NEO Authorizer contract agreement.

- Approval of changes on the STEAM and NEO Authorizer contract agreement at 5:41pm - Motioned by Mahdi, seconded by Hamada, motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Lease Agreement for 2024-2025
 - Motion to Authorize Sarah (Board Chair) to sign the lease agreement for 2024-2025 at 5:51pm: motioned by Hamada, seconded by Mahdi, motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Approval of the Policies
 - Motion to approve the Record Retention and Inventory tracking policy at 5:55pm: motioned by Abdallah, seconded by Mahdi, motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Approval the Updated Articles of incorporations
 - Motion to approve the Updated Articles of incorporations at 5:59pm: motioned by Hamada, seconded by Mahdi, motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Approve the Board Election Results
 - Motion to approve the STEAM Academy Board election results at 6:01pm: Motioned by Hamada, seconded by Mahdi, motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Executive Director Role
 - Motion to approve the decision for Mr. Magdy Rabeaa to act as ED of the school at 6:03pm: motioned by Hamada, seconded by Mahdi. The Board discussed about the executive director position. Mr. Rabeaa also consults with other schools through Students Prepared to Succeed (SPS). Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Board Training
 - The Board discussed about the Board trainings for all the members. The new members have to start the training within six months of being seated. The Board also discussed about the topics of training for the Board members.
- ❖ Other Suggested items at 6:07pm: Call to action for student enrollment - Asking board members to assist with outreach via flyers, word of mouth, and social media.
- ❖ Adjourn the meeting - Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:09pm: motioned by Mahdi, seconded by Sarah, motion passed unanimously.