

Tall Pines STEM Academy Board Meeting Agenda

Meeting October 20, 2022

Location: Tall Pines STEM Academy, Aiken, South Carolina

Commencement Time: 5:00 P.M. Presiding: Michelle Lorio, Chair

1. Meeting Opening:

- Call to Order
- Welcome and Mission Statement

“The mission of Tall Pines STEM Academy is to provide an option for families where STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) is intertwined in the school’s culture and prepares middle school students to become the next generation of ethical leaders. Tall Pines STEM Academy will provide a combination of classroom and outdoor learning experiences to engage students, promote wellness and physical fitness, inspire creativity, foster critical thinking and problem solving skills, and cultivate citizenship and leadership skills through rigorous and relevant content and projects in a natural setting.”
- Call Roll and Establish Quorum(Michelle Lorio, Mandy Sims, Alisa Perry, Chasity McDaniel, Jennifer Minolfo, Phillip Dersham, Tim Meesseman, Tracie McBride, Wendy Dietzel)
- Public Comments

Please note that the official meeting of the board is by law a public meeting and the board values citizen input; however, in order to protect the integrity of the agenda, public dialogue will be restricted to the “Public Comments” section of the agenda or as directed by the board chair. Each speaker has 2 minutes and speakers may not ask questions of the Board Members. Board members may not engage speakers in discussion. Disruptive behavior and personal attacks aimed at students, staff or board members are not permitted.

2. Old Business:

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3. Matters for Decision:

- Approve meeting minutes from September 2022
- Approve monthly financials from September 2022
- Adjourn to Executive discussion (as necessary for Legal, Personnel, or Contract matters)

4. Matters for Discussion:

- Fundraising Committee Update
- Upcoming Board Elections
 - Lori Mastromonico e-mailed sample ballots to meet before Fall Break to meet the required date of distribution date of October 15th. Paper ballots must be sent home on October 24th.
 - Ballots must be received by the 28th (because the 30th is on a Sunday)
 - We will need a member of the board to help count ballots on October 31st - Date/Time of counting must be published and open to the public.
 - Appointments - The board needs to make selections for appointments to the board
 - Member of the community (one year appointment)
 - Local Business Person (two year appointment)
 - Teacher (one year appointment)
 - Teacher (two year appointment)

5. Matters for Noting:

- School/Principal’s Update
- There is a SCDE Virtual Board Training on Wednesday, November 30th from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Thank you to the members of the board who have faithfully served TPSA.

6. Meeting Finalization:

- Review actions to be taken
- Next Meeting – November 17, 2022 at 5:00 pm