

**Tall Pines STEM Academy Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting Date: September 15, 2022**  
**Location: Tall Pines Campus – Camp Long, Aiken South Carolina**  
**Commencement Time: 5:01 pm**

Presiding: Michelle Lorio

**1. Meeting Opening:**

- a. Michelle Lorio called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm and Alisa Perry read the mission. Michelle Lorio called roll and a quorum was established.
- b. Meeting Attendance:
  - i. Present:
    - Lori Mastromonico, Tim Meesseman, Phillip Dersham, Alisa Perry, Sandy Blankenship, Michelle Lorio, Mandy Sims, Kevin Vincent
  - ii. Absent:
    - Chasity McDaniel and Tracie McBride, Wendy Dietzel , Jennifer Minolfo , Tracie McBride
  - iii. Public members: None

**2. School/Principal's Update**

- a. Open house went well to include parent toolkit
- b. Sports underway
- c. Clubs started
- d. Discussed Standardized Testing scores as compared to other schools in the area
  - i. TPSA excels at ELA and is outperforming most other local schools in Math

**3. Old Business**

- a. Planning to add HVAC to the gym
  - i. This will result in an elevated electric bill and ongoing upkeep costs

**4. Matters for Decision:**

- a. Approval of August 2022 Meeting Minutes:
  - i. The minutes were approved. Tim Meesseman motioned to approve, Alisa Perry seconded. Vote was unanimous.
- b. Approval of monthly financials from August 2022: Mandy Sims motioned and Tim Meesseman seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.
  - i. One question about a check paid to The Anglican Diocese of SC.
- c. Approval of proposed revision to the TPSA Bylaws: Tim Meesseman motioned to approve, Phillip Dersham seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.
- d. Board did not adjourn to Executive Session.

**5. Matters for Discussion:**

- a. Fundraising Committee Update
  - i. Sports car wash was a great success, another one is scheduled
- b. Upcoming Board elections
  - i. Nominations due by Sept. 30th
  - ii. Ballots due by October 28th

- iii. Ballots will be counted on Oct 31st.
- iv. Alisa Perry made a motion to change the Meeting Agenda to reflect the correct dates, Tim Meesseman seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.
- v. New Appointed Board member choices were discussed
  - Michelle Lorio is willing to stay
  - Mandy Sims wants to stay
  - Appointed Board members will be decided in the October Board meeting.

**6. Matters for Noting**

- a. No matters for noting.

**7. Meeting Finalization:**

- a. Review actions to be taken:
  - i. Michelle to get approved version of the bylaws ready for publishing
  - ii. All members will reach out to potential diversity and/or STEM appointees
  - iii. Michelle to draft letter to teachers from the Board to show appreciation for their hard work
- b. Next Meeting: Oct 20, 2022 at 5pm
- c. Comments:
  - i. Tim Meesseman had to leave the meeting early.
- d. Meeting close:
  - i. Alisa Perry made motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Phillip Dersham and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:01 pm.