OPENING:
The 17th meeting of the UTPB STEM Academy was called to order at 11:33 A.M. on October 12, 2016 on the campus of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, Room 4206, 4901 University Blvd, Odessa, TX, by Dr. Christopher Hiatt.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
Dr. Christopher Hiatt, Dr. Yolanda Salgado, Dr. Roy Hurst, Dr. Luis Trueba, Becky Latham and Donna Walker.

STEM STAFF PRESENT:
Superintendent: Dr. Juli Ratheal-Burnett
Deputy Superintendent/Principal: Oscar Rendon
Finance Manager: Debra Green
Administrative Assistant II: Kathleen Halford

1. Call to Order – Confirm Quorum is Present:
Quorum was met.

2. Pledge:
Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag led by Oscar Rendon
Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag led by Oscar Rendon

3. Open Forum:
None

ACTION ITEMS:

4. Donna Walker took the Oath of Office and was sworn in by Debra Green.

5. A request for motion was made by Dr. Hiatt to approve the Special Education Policies. Dr. Salgado motioned to approve with corrections noted and seconded by Donna Walker.

6. A request for motion was made by Dr. Hiatt to approve the District Improvement Plan. Dr. Salgado motioned to approve with corrections noted and seconded by Dr. Hurst.
INFORMATION ITEMS

7. Update on Board Training – Board training will be provided on campus November 9th in the afternoon and November 10th in the morning. Exact times will be emailed out to each board member.

8. Superintendent’s Report
   a. Attendance Number – The STEM Academy has a current enrollment of 570 students. Total capacity is 594. Possible expansion options were discussed for the continuing growth plan.

9. Personnel – Two new teachers and 1 administrative assistant are in the process of being hired.

ADJOURNMENT:

There were no additional comments or discussion. Dr. Hiatt adjourned at 12:28pm.

Next meeting: November 9, 2016 @ 12:00pm.

Minutes submitted by: Kathleen Halford