UTPB STEM Academy
Meeting Minutes
May 30, 2017

OPENING:
The May 30th board meeting of the UTPB STEM Academy was called to order at 12:15 P.M. on May 30, 2017 on the campus of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin STEM Academy – District Office, 4901 University Blvd., Odessa, TX, by Dr. Christopher Hiatt.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:
Dr. Yolanda Salgado, Dr. Roy Hurst, and Dr. Ahmed Kamel

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

1. OPENING OF MEETING
   A. Call to Order – Confirm Quorum is Present:

   Quorum was met.

   B. Pledge:

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

   C. Open Forum:

   None.

2. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Discussion was held on the differences between a university school board vs. a traditional school board.

3. ACTION ITEMS
   A. A request for motion was made by Dr. Christopher Hiatt to approve purchases over $50,000. Dr. Luis Trueba motioned to approve and seconded by Becky Latham.
   (Vote: 4-for 0-against)
4. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

A. School Update:
   1. **STAAR Scores**: Results discussed.
   2. **Summer School**: Will begin 6/5/17.
   3. **Buildings**: Phase II will be completed by July 31st and Phase III will begin after school starts.
   4. **Staffing**: Continuing to hire the needed teachers for the 2017-2018 school year.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

   There were no additional comments or discussion.
   Dr. Christopher Hiatt adjourned at 1:01 pm.

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Donna Walker, STEM Academy Board Secretary