



STEM ACADEMY

University of Texas of the Permian Basin
4901 E. University Blvd., Odessa, Texas 79762

STEM Board Meeting Minutes for Friday, April 13, 2018
STEM Academy at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin

Members Present: Maria D. Avalos, Becky Latham, Lorraine Spickermann, Adrian Vega,
Sumit Verma

Members Absent: Milka Montes, Douglas Young

STEM Staff Present: Kevin Badgett, Interim Assistant Superintendent
Shannon Davidson, Interim Principal and Curriculum Director
Kathleen Halford, Administrative Assistant II
Cody Griffin, Principal
Kathy Killingsworth, Business

- I. Meeting Called to Order – 12:02pm
 - A. Quorum was established.
 - B. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.
 - C. Open Forum – No business before the Board.

- II. Action Items
 - A. Sumit Verma moved to approve the minutes with revisions from the Board meeting held on February 16, 2018, seconded by Becky Latham. The motion passed unanimously.

 - B. STEM Academy Financial Report - Kathy Killingsworth
Adrian Vega moved to approve the budget amendment submitted by Kathy Killingsworth, seconded by Sumit Verma. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget amendments include:

INCREASE

Function 11:	\$139,000.00
Function 13:	\$40,000.00
Function 53:	\$6,000.00

DECREASE

Function 23:	\$10,000.00
Function 31:	\$89,000.00
Function 41:	86,000.00

- III. Information Items
 - A. STEM Academy Update – Shannon Davidson
Shannon provided a report regarding past and upcoming events, new community partnerships, projects, shared initiatives, and current needs. While preparing for the end of the school year, efforts are being made to determine the needs for the next academic year.

 - B. Kathleen Halford provided the STEM Academy Financial Report.

C. Superintendent's Report

a. Personnel

- Welcomed by Cody Griffin and Monica Elizondo to campus, indicating that they both bring a wealth of knowledge and experience that will benefit the campus and students at the Academy.
- Currently conducting interviews for a school counselor.

b. T-STEM Designation

There is a new T-STEM Blueprint and efforts are underway to demonstrate campus and teaching alignment with these new standards. T-STEM Academies are demonstration schools and learning labs that develop innovative methods to improve science and mathematics instructions.

The Academy is focusing on the following three Pathways for high school students: Engineering, Biomedical and Computer Science.

c. 2018-2019 School Calendar Update

There are various drafts of the calendar being reviewed which include various factors such as instructional days versus minutes. The Superintendent will approve the final calendar.

IV. Meeting Adjournment at 12:51.

The next Board meeting will be held on May 11, 2018.