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## STEM School Highlands Ranch

### Minutes

July 21, 2022 Board Meeting

Special Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Thursday July 21, 2022 at 4:00 PM

**Location**

8920 Barrons Blvd  
Littleton, CO 80129

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**Directors Present**

C. Gustafson (remote), I. Kalra (remote), J. Hardy, K. Reyna, L. Davison, M. Horne, N. Smith (remote), R. Lukez

**Directors Absent**

*None*

**Ex Officio Members Present**

K. Johnson (remote)

**Non Voting Members Present**

K. Johnson (remote)

**Guests Present**

Lynann Kovalsky (remote), N. Bostel (remote)

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**I. Opening Items****A. Record Attendance****B. Call the Meeting to Order**

K. Reyna called a meeting of the board of directors of STEM School Highlands Ranch to order on Thursday Jul 21, 2022 at 4:09 PM.

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**D. Reciting of the Mission Statement**

**II. CEO KOSON Schools Recruitment**

**A. Discuss CEO Role and recruitment strategies.**

CEO Recruitment discussion was tabled until clarifying questions could be answered by legal counsel. It was resolved that another meeting was needed with the lawyer so that all board members can ask questions and all be on the same page with our next steps.

**III. Development**

**A. Proposed organizational name change**

Name change to KOSON schools with each school as a d/b/a (doing business as): Kelly reported on her discussion with our legal support for replication. The proposed change is to rename KOSON Schools as the corporate name for the overall group (501c3) with the goal of multiple schools within the group in the future. Each school, including STEM School Highlands Ranch, will be an individual d/b/a under the umbrella of KOSON Schools. Each school will have their own checking account and everything would stay STEM School HR from the student point of view. In Kelly's discussions with legal rep, she explained it was very important to our community that the STEM name is visible to the students/community. There was some concerns by Board members that legal documents may need to say KOSON Schools d/b/a STEM School Highlands Ranch or that external databases for SAT/ACT/College Apps might have the legal name of KOSON.

Kelly will take these questions back to legal to confirm what situations, if any, that students/community would see KOSON name instead of STEM School HR. Legal rep may need to present at future Board meeting to confirm all Board questions are answered.

The proposed motion only requests Board approval of the name change to KOSON Schools. Question- Is a separate motion needed by the Board to authorize the d/b/a for STEM School Highlands Ranch?

KOSON Foundation is setup as a separate 501c3 with a focus on fundraising and to accept funds. Kelly clarified with legal that a separate entity is not required but it's already setup, so the recommendation is to keep both organizations. It was previously clarified by legal that a separate Board is required for KOSON Foundation. It was requested that the legal rep provide confirmation that a separate board is or is not required for the KOSON Foundation.

**B. Replication**

Both DPS and DCSD denied STEM replication applications. Dr. J explained that DPS and DCSD situations were very different. STEM was not known to DPS compared to DCSD where we have an active and previously renewed charter contract. In the case of DCSD, STEM only uploaded the specific documents that were requested. There were other documents/sections that were not requested so we didn't provide them.

Kelly will request copies of the replication application be sent to board members for their information.

#### **IV. Closing Items**

##### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

The Board briefly discussed the importance of promoting the benefits of replication with students, parents, and staff.

The Board scheduled the next meeting for Wednesday 7/27 at 4-6 pm.

R. Lukez motioned to adjourn and J. Hardy seconded the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
C. Gustafson

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