



## Advisory Committee - General Meeting

### Capital Area STEM Network Center

May 24, 2021 | 11:00AM-12:00PM

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**Attendees:** Dixie Gautreaux, Spencer Roby, Ben Necaie, Summer Dann, Natassia Jones, Fernando Alegre, Girard Melancon, Frank Neubrandner, Cate Heroman, Mary Miller, Bruce Waguespack, Natassia Jones, Kim Fossey

### Agenda

Committee will address the following three priority issues:

- Member updates
  - Overview of Goals/Priorities
  - Progress and Work Ahead
  - Next steps for our group & state collaboration efforts
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### Meeting Notes and Details

#### Member Updates

- Mary Miller replaced Dennis Taylor (BRCC) on board
- Cate Heroman - Shared results of KKCM's successful Maker Ed regional PD for teachers PK-3. Over 50 teachers participated in region.
- Ben Necaie - Transition at EBRPSS; Focus on Pathway programs and Fast Forward - aggressive timeline to get these underway. Key to success is work-based exposure and experiences. Parents are key to success - changing mindsets about reality of today's workplaces. Ben also mentioned BRBytes program.
- Kim - Mentioned Learning Blade Pilot
- BRCC is partnering with Glen Oaks and other schools to do collaborative research projects with high schools. They will partner with Lumcon - Title is La Sponge Waters
- SU - Virtual Reality PD
- SU - ESports

#### Quick Overview of Goals/Strategies

- (3 focus areas) – Students/Families; Educators; Business & community
- (Deliverables) – Directory of Learning Opps; Tools and resource Guide; Consulting; Information; Networking opps

#### Progress and work ahead

- PROGRAMMING
  - STEM integration pilot with WF and LIV + educator PD
  - Women in STEM Webinar
  - Communications Plan
    - Cate mentioned the need for an official launch. An event perhaps? +Press release
    - In meanwhile continue to participate in any event to grow visibility, EBRP Library STEM day, Teacher Leader Event, MWM-La webinar
  - Engaging Business -
- OPERATIONS

- Communications Plan and Website (membership drive)
- Selection of permanent director
- Advisory Board – Members and quarterly meeting suggestions/workgroups
  - Cate mentioned Library
  - Fossey mentioned IBM, b/c commitment to P-Tech program
  - Frank - Ronnie Morris, BESE
  - Government - Mayor's office - Dr Jones
  - Chamber - Andrew???
  - LPB
- Workforce Gap analysis/Asset Mapping
  - Girard also mentioned BRAC Andrew for helping get workforce gap analysis info
- Review of Strategy/Goals/Metrics

Next step highlights for our group

- Cradle to Career Initiative, Fast Forward, Jump Start 2.0
- YouthForce NOLA/EBR project
  - As well as other groups such as Apprenti
- Need for establishing a set day/time for quarterly meetings
- Need to establish a few workgroups
  - Form Business/industry taskforce, that will result in a plan for development of range of engagement tools and focused convenings to raise awareness for PK-16 engagement
  - School districts
  - Official Launch
  - Learning Tour - EBR is already talking about Pharr San Juan

