



Board Governance Policy 1.6

Sumter STEAM Charter Policy for Conducting Executive Sessions during Board Meetings

Purpose: To establish the basic structure for conducting executive sessions.

The board, by majority vote, may go into executive session for reasons provided for by law. Only upon request of the board may persons other than board members be present during executive sessions. Before going into executive session, the board chairman will put the question of whether to meet in executive session to a vote. If such vote is favorable, the chairman will then announce the specific purpose of the executive session, i.e., identify the matter to be considered in executive session.

As permitted by law, executive session matters are limited to the following areas:

- individual student personnel actions
- individual staff personnel actions (unless the individual requests a public meeting)
- discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements
- acquisition or sale of property
- receipt of legal advice, including settlement of a claim
- security
- investigation of criminal misconduct

The board shall not take any formal action in executive session. Formal action means a recorded vote committing the board to a specific course of action. The board shall not take a vote in executive session nor shall it poll members in executive session. A vote may be taken on any action discussed in executive session only after the board returns to open session. Board members and other persons attending the executive session are duty bound not to disclose matters discussed in executive session.

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Legal references: Section 30-4-70 (Public Records).