Ohio Sunset Review Committee
Agency Questionnaire

Agency Name STEM Committee

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Agency's primary purpose and its various goals and objectives

As established under Revised Code 3326.02, the STEM Committee plays a specific role within the context of Ohio's educational and economic development framework. Its primary purpose is to evaluate and approve applications for the designation of STEM schools and programs within the state. This is part of a broader effort to improve STEM education, ensuring that students in Ohio have access to high-quality learning experiences in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. By doing so, the committee aims to prepare students for high-demand careers in a global economy, fostering innovation, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. Additionally, the committee may also advise on policies and strategies to enhance STEM education statewide, contributing to workforce development and economic competitiveness.

Agency's past and anticipated workload, number of staff required to complete workload, and total number of staff

The STEM Committee meets four times annually to review applications, make policy recommendations, discuss the state of STEM in Ohio, and designate STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) and STEAM (science, technology, eningeering, the arts, and mathematics) schools.

There are three staff members and one intern in the Office of Innovative Approaches to Teaching and Learning. All three support the work of the STEM committee in various capacities.

Agency's past and anticipated budgets and its sources of funding

There are no current sources of funding for the STEM Committee.

Number of members of its governing board or other governing entity and their compensation, if any

The STEM Committee has seven members:

1. Director of the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (or designee)
2. Chancellor of Higher Education (or designee)
3. Director of Development Services Agency (or designee)
4. Four members of the public with expertise in STEM fields (2 appointed by the Governor, 1 appointed by the House Speaker, and 1 appointed by the Senate President)

Members receive no compensation.

Additional notes

Current designated STEM and STEAM Schools as of April 25, 2024:

Public schools designated as STEM schools: 37
Public schools designated as STEAM schools: 12
STEM school equivalents: 11
STEAM school equivalents: 9
Independent STEM schools: 7