

**Discovery Charter School**

**1100 Camino Biscay  
Chula Vista, CA 91910**

**Board of Directors**  
Regular Board Meeting  
Thursday, May 11, 2023  
5:30pm  
Regular Meeting

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**MINUTES**

**I. Opening Procedures**

**A. Call to Order** at 5:30pm

**B. Roll Call**

Members Present: Rochelle Carrol, Terry McKearney, Tara Zaragoza, and Morgan Appel arriving at 6:07pm

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Neil MacGaffey, Erika Alamo

**C. Pledge of Allegiance** led by student, Jocelyn Abenojar

**D. Student Recognitions:**

**a. Science Fair Winners, Mrs. Peterson**

Mrs. Peterson spoke about the 22-23 Science and Engineering Fair at Discovery. She presented the first-place student winners who also spoke about their projects and experiences participating in the Science Fair. The Board members praised the students for their excellent job.

**b. Girls Basketball Team, Ms. Sotomayor**

Mrs. Sotomayor presented the Discovery Girls Basketball team and praised them for their efforts during this season. A few team members spoke about their experience and determination, despite playing against other older and more difficult teams. The Board members praised the girls for all their efforts and perseverance.

**c. Safety Patrol Major: Jocelyn Abenojar**

Mrs. Hernandez presented our Safety Patrol Major, Jocelyn Abenojar, who was promoted to Major and who recently interviewed for higher ranking. Discovery and the Board expressed how proud they are of her for this accomplishment.

**E. Recognition of Staff Longevity Award Recipients**

**a. 10 years of service:** Evelyn Barrientos & Martha Uyeda

- b. 15 years of service:** Erika Alamo, Michelle Dyson, Nelida Hermosura
- c. 20 years of service:** Olivia Norman & Christina Thielemann

Mr MacGaffey presented our staff longevity recognition to teachers and staff who have reached their 10, 15 and 20 years of service. He spoke about what was going on in the world during those years, and recognized each of them for their dedication to Discovery.

**II. Approve Agenda** (Action)

*Motion: McKearney      Second: Zaragoza      Vote: MCSU*

**III. Approve Minutes from April 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting** (Action)

*Motion: Zaragoza      Second: Appel      Vote: MCSU*

**IV. Public Comment:** Persons wishing to address the Board of Directors on any item on the agenda or non-agenda items should do so during the Public Comment portion of the meeting. No action or discussion shall be undertaken by the Board of Directors on any item not appearing on the posted agenda. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to no more than five (5) minutes.

**A. Public Comment – Items on the Agenda - None**

**B. Public Comment – Items not on the Agenda - None**

**V. Executive Director’s Report** (Information/Report)

- Mr. MacGaffey shared about the ELPAC reclassification ceremony;
- Discovery had a successful school-wide recognition assembly, which was the first time the entire school was together since COVID;
- Mr. MacGaffey also shared that the Science & Engineering fair was a great success, and Discovery also had 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Masonic Awards;
- Mr. MacGaffey announced that the parent seat on our Board is vacant and we will be asking parents for their nominations, which should be announced on our upcoming June Board meeting. One of our community Board member seats is also up for election and our Board will announce the seat in June as well.

**VI. DCS Sunshine Articles for Future Negotiations** (Information/Report)

1. Public Hearing: Discovery Charter School’s Initial Proposal for re-opening negotiations for the 2023-2024 school year with the Discovery Charter School Teachers Association.
  - Mr. MacGaffey on behalf of Discovery Charter School sunshined the following articles for the 2023-2024 negotiations with DCTU:
    1. Article 15: Compensation
2. Public Hearing: Discovery Charter School Teachers Association’s Initial Proposal for re-opening negotiations for the 2023-2024 school year with Discovery Charter School.
  - Mrs. Thielemann on behalf of DCTU sunshined the following articles for the 2023-2024 negotiations with Discovery Charter School:
    1. Article 9: Certificated Evaluation Procedure
    2. Article 15: Compensation

**VII. PBIS and Counseling Report** (Information/Report)

- Our School Counselor, Mrs. Orozco, presented on Discovery’s various student supports, including Tier 1 and Tier 2 supports and the percentage of implementation at our site. Mrs. Orozco also spoke about the counseling services at Discovery, which showed that our Tier 1 support was really working. Additionally, she also shared the results of the student climate survey which had very positive feedback.

**VIII. LCAP Public Hearing** (Information/Report)

- Mrs. Alamo started the presentation by summarizing the results of Discovery’s Thought Exchange. She indicated that Discovery was doing very well and pointed out what were some things we can improve on according to the survey.
- Mr. MacGaffey presented the LCAP hearing which included a budget overview, budget expenditures, and summaries on educational partners and engagement. He also reviewed Discovery’s goals and the action and data in relation to the goals, including what our school is succeeding in and what are some things we can improve on.

**IX. Board Announcements**

- Mr. McKearney congratulated the teachers and staff for their longevity awards and praised the Science & Engineering Fair. Mr. McKearney also extended an apology for prior remarks related to the demographics in the OoTM and Engineering groups at Discovery.
- Dr. Appel expressed his appreciation for these meetings and reminded staff regarding the opportunity to participate in the RFK Human Rights Organization Teacher’s Institute that UCSD will be offering to Faculty in June.
- Mrs. Zaragoza was happy with all of the presentations and praised Mrs. Orozco for all that she is doing.
- Mrs. Carroll thanked all of the staff and expressed how lucky our families are to be part of this great community and felt it was a great night of celebration.

**X. Adjournment**

(Action)

A motion was made by President Carroll to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm.

*Motion: McKearney*

*Second: Appel*

*Vote: MCSU*

**The next regular meeting of the Discovery Charter School Board of Directors will be on Thursday June 8, 2023, at 5:30pm**

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Rochelle Carroll, Board President

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Neil MacGaffey, Secretary to the Board