**Discovery Charter School**

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

**Board of Directors**
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 20, 2025
5:30pm

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**MINUTES**

## I. Opening Procedures

**A. Call to Order** at 5:31pm

**B. Roll Call**
Members Present: Rochelle Carroll, Morgan Appel, Sara Roa, Harry Sevel

Members Absent: Tara Zaragoza

Others Present: Neil MacGaffey, Erika Alamo, Rubi Palomares

**C. Pledge of Allegiance** led by Ramon Bonilla

**D. Middle School Art Elective Students**

- Mrs. Donovan, along with five of her talented Middle School Art Elective students, presented to the Board about their current Art project display that they worked on and displayed at the Multi-cultural Fair. Mrs. Donovan also spoke about the projects that they all worked on throughout the year. The students spoke about their experiences working on different pieces, and the techniques they used and learned throughout the year. The students also spoke about the art projects that they brought with them for display and detailed the personal aspects of their own work.

**E. Safety Patrol Presentation**

- Mrs. Palacio along with five of Discovery's Safety Patrol Officers, presented all about the Safety Patrol program and what they do. They spoke about their daily experience being part of the Safety Patrol squad, the importance of each position, team building and promotions.

**II. Approve Agenda** (Action)

*Motion: Appel* *Second: Sevel* *Vote: MCSU*

**III. Approve Minutes from the April 22, 2025 Regular Board Meeting** (Action)

*Motion: Sevel* *Second: Roa* *Vote: MCSU*

**IV. Approve Minutes from the May 6th, 2025 Special Board Meeting** (Action)

*Motion: Sevel* *Second: Roa* *Abstain: Appel* *Vote: MCSU*

**V. 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

**VI. Executive Director's Report** (Information/Report)

- Mr. MacGaffey spoke about the recent events that Discovery had. He talked about the Multicultural fair and the PTC Spring Event. It was an amazing event.
- He shared about our recent Scholastic Book Fair, led by our wonderful PTC and parent volunteers.
- Mr. MacGaffey spotlighted our awesome Noon Duty staff. He expressed how amazing it is to watch them work and they are a great group to have at Discovery. The school is lucky to have them.
- Mr. MacGaffey shared about all our upcoming events happening at Discovery as we finish off our school year.
- He mentioned that students have been well underway working on our state testing and continue will this week.

- Mr. MacGaffey highlighted how well our Track team did this season, with the leadership of Mrs. Mack.
- Mr. MacGaffey also shared the kudos that were given to Discovery from our Achieve representative who shared that we have an extremely high percentage of students that met their growth. The rep was very impressed expressing that they had never seen anything like that from other schools.

## VII. Approve Consent Calendar

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered by the Board to be one action. There will be no discussion on these items prior to the time the Board votes on the motion unless members of the Board request specific items to be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar.

A. **Approve Independent Contractor Agreement with AthLEAD LLC for Physical Education & Development Program for 2025-2026.**

**Services:** Physical education and development services for students during the instructional day.
**Term of Contract:** July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.
**Total Cost:** $70,500.
**Funding Source:** Unrestricted Charter Funds

B. **Approve Independent Contractor Agreement with AthLEAD LLC for Expanded Learning Opportunity Program (ELOP) Afterschool and Intersession Services for 2025-2026.**

**Services:** Afterschool and intersession program activities that align with the California Quality Standards for Expanded Learning. The 2025-2026 contract will maintain the 2024-25 student enrollment spots for 125 students.
**Dates**: July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.
**Total Cost**: $411,000.
**Funding Source**: Expanded Learning Opportunity Program Grant Funds

C. **Approve Professional Legal Services in 2025-2026 from Young, Minney, & Corr, LLP**

**Services:** Young, Minney, and Corr, LLP to provide legal counsel on matters related to Discovery being a California charter school, including but not limited to compliance requirements and labor negotiations during the 2025-2026 school year.
**Cost:** $15,000 on blanket purchase order to pay for legal services as they are received during the 2025-2026 school year. Services not to exceed $15,000.
**Funding Source:** Unrestricted General Fund

D. **Approve Independent Contractor Agreement with Sprockids for 2025-2026**

**Services:** Provide four 5-week long after-school trail bike riding programs during the 2025-2026 school year and an additional 3-week Summer Camp program in June of 2026. Each 5-week program will have five on-site classes and one trail riding class at Rice Canyon. Quarter 1 will be designated for 1st-3rd graders, Quarter 2 will be designated for 4th-6th graders, Quarter 4 will have one class designated for 1st-3rd graders and another class designated for 4th-6th graders. Each week-long Summer Camp program will service up to 12 students each week, and include fundamental skills and activities, plus nearby trail riding.

**Total Cost:** $27,885
**Funding Source:** ELOP Grant Funds

E. **Approve Overnight Travel to Camp Cuyamaca Outdoor School**

**Location:** Descanso, California
**Dates:** October 27-31, 2025
**Participants:** Sixth grade students and teachers
**Funding Source:** Student family payments, fundraisers, & Gift Account

F. **Approve Daily Rates for Certificated Substitute Employees to Continuously Align with the Rates for CVESD**

*Motion: Appel* *Second: Sevel* *Vote: MCSU*

## VIII. Attendance Policy Information Report (Information/Report)

- Mr. MacGaffey shared the recent updates and plans for our attendance policy.
- He shared that the recent practice has been to follow the district's current attendance policy and reviewed some of those policies that we have followed.
- He shared a summary of our attendance data.
- Mr. MacGaffey shared some changes that Charter schools have had within the district, including an independent DELAC, enrollment policy, SARB processes and leadership meetings.
- Mr. MacGaffey detailed the purpose and the need to follow our current charter attendance policy, beginning in the 25-26 school year.
- Mr. MacGaffey summarized the new attendance process that we will follow beginning next school year, which will mirror the current attendance policy, already approved by our Board.

## IX. LCAP Public Hearing (Information/Report)

- Mr. MacGaffey shared his report for our 25-26 LCAP. He began by sharing the Budget Overview for Parents and projected 25-26 revenue.
- He also went over the expected expenditure for 25-26, which totaled 1.4 million in total expenditures within the LCAP.
- Mr. MacGaffey went over the purpose of our LCFF funding formula and reviewed our two LCAP goals, including the actions taken in order to meet these goals.

## X. DCS Sunshine Articles for Future Negotiations (Information/Report)

1. Public Hearing: Discovery Charter School Teachers Association's Initial Proposal for re-opening negotiations for the 2025-2026 school year with Discovery Charter School.
   - Mrs. O'Connor on behalf of DCTU sunshine the following articles for the 2025-2026 negotiations with Discovery Charter School:

     1. Article 6: Class size
     2. Article 8: Workday
     3. Article 15: Compensation

2. Public Hearing: Discovery Charter School's Initial Proposal for re-opening negotiations for the 2025-2026 school year with the Discovery Charter School Teachers Association.
   - Mr. MacGaffey on behalf of Discovery Charter School, sunshine the following articles for the 2025-2026 negotiations with Discovery Charter School:

     1. Article 7: Employment Status
     2. Article 12: Assignment and Reassignment
     3. Article 15: Compensation

## XI. Approve Travel to G.L.A.D. Tier I Trainings for Four Teachers (Action)

**Location:** San Diego County Office of Education
**Dates:** Part I: Research & Theory: September 3-4, 2025, confirmed
Part II: In Classroom 4-Day Demonstration: TBD* upon successful passing of Part I and what dates are available: *October 7-10, 2025, December 9-12, 2025, February 3-6, 2026, March 3-6, 2026, OR April 21-24, 2026.
**Total Cost:** Registration cost is $1,300 per participant including materials, total cost $5,200, not to exceed.
**Funding Source:** Educator Effectiveness Funds

*Motion: Sevel* *Second: Roa* *Vote: MCSU*

**XII. Approve Three Year Agreement with San Diego County Office of Education for Cuyamaca Outdoor School** (Action)

**Information:** This Agreement will lock in the Equity Credit Rate and Per Student Base Fee for three years. These terms of this Agreement will commence on July 1, 2025, and will continue through June 30, 2028.

*Motion: Appel* *Second: Roa* *Vote: MCSU*

**XIII. Board Announcements**

- Mr. Sevel appreciated and enjoyed the presentations and congratulated the students and teachers.
- Dr. Appell, was impressed and was grateful to see the vast talent of our marvelous students.
- Mrs. Roa was amazed at the talent and how students demonstrated such personal aspects through their art. She thanked Mrs. Donovan, Mrs. Hernandez, and Mrs. Palacio for their presentations.
- President Carroll thanked all staff and teachers for their fantastic work and wished everyone a great end of the school year.

**XIV. Adjournment** (Action)

- A motion was made by President Carroll to adjourn the meeting at 6:57pm.

*Motion: Sevel* *Second: Appel* *Vote: MCSU*

**The next regular meeting of the Discovery Charter School Board of Directors will be on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 5:30pm.**

**Rochelle Carroll, Board President**

**Neil MacGaffey, Secretary to the Board**