

**Discovery Charter School**

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

**Board of Directors  
Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, August 19, 2025  
5:30pm  
Auditorium**

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**MINUTES**

**I. Opening Procedures**

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

**B. Roll Call**

Members Present: Rochelle Carroll, Morgan Appel, Graciela Flores, Sara Roa, Harry Sevel

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Neil MacGaffey, Erika Alamo, Rub Palomares

**C. Pledge of Allegiance** led by student, Andrew Manley

**D. Grade Level Presentation: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade teachers, Mrs. Mosey, Mrs. Salo and Mrs. Kobatake, presented alongside a few of their students for the Board. Students presented and spoke about what they're working on at school and worked with the Board on a fun guided SEL activity. The students spoke about what current units of study they are working on, and what they look forward to learning this school year. They received many praises from the Board.

**II. Approve Agenda**

(Action)

*Motion: Appel*

*Second: Sevel*

*Vote: UNANIMOUS*

**III. Approve Minutes from the July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 Regular Board Meeting** (Action)

*Motion: Flores      Second: Appel      Vote: UNANIMOUS*

**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 with our Board about parent participation in our recent school meetings, including Coffee with Admin, and our recent PTC meeting which had a great turnout. He also shared a concern that was brought up by a parent in regard to the recent immigration incidents around the neighborhood and traffic concerns.
- He shared about our recent after school clubs and different sports that have started up and spoke about how things and activities have been going really well.
- Mr. MacGaffey happily shared about the recent findings in our data and mentioned how well we are doing and how much students have improved in Math, ELA and Science. He also shared our current standings at Discovery, including that for the first time ever, we are #1 in Math within our district. He also shared that our EL students also did very well and are achieving great growth.
- In attendance, he shared that Discovery remains ranked #1 within Charters and #2 overall within the district, meaning we are at a lowest rate for chronic absenteeism.
- He shared that he met with ILT, about the current goals for Discovery and decided to stay with the Teacher Clarity goal this year, with a bit more in depth focus.
- Mr. MacGaffey shared about our upcoming events with PTC.
- He also shared about the work that Athlead is doing with our students. He gave them a special shout-out for going above and beyond painting the lines for our fields and even cutting the grass so the students can have the best field to play in.
- He shared about the recent fun assembly we had with the students which was a great event for our students, staff and parents.
- Mr. MacGaffey also shared a video of another skit from our staff meeting activity from the beginning of the year.

**VI. 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 Overnight Travel to the San Diego Zoo Safari Park “Roar & Snore Safari”**

**Location:** Escondido, California

**Dates:** November 6-7, 2025

**Participants:** Middle School students and teachers

**Funding Source:** Student family payments, fundraisers, & Gift

**B. Approve Middle School Student Fundraising Request**

**Purpose of Fundraiser:** To raise funds so families can help pay for the Middle School overnight trip to the Safari Park.

**Description of Fundraiser:** Sell commercially prepared popcorn through Double Good Popcorn’s online sales. Students earn 50% of the proceeds from their sales.

**C. Approve 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Fundraising Request**

**Purpose of Fundraiser:** To raise funds so families can help pay for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp.

**Description of Fundraiser:** Sell commercially prepared popcorn through Double Good Popcorn’s online sales. Students earn 50% of the proceeds from their sales.

**D. Approve Safety Patrol Student Fundraising Request**

**Purpose of Fundraiser:** To raise funds for student incentives and motivation.

**Description of Fundraiser:** Sell glow sticks and other glow items to families during the PTC Family Camp-out on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

*Motion: Sevel*

*Second: Appel*

*Vote: UNANIMOUS*

**VII. Approve Prop 28: Arts & Music in Schools Funding Report for Discovery for Fiscal Year 2024-25** (Action)

**Background Information:** On November 8, 2022, California voters approved Proposition 28: The Arts and Music in Schools (AMS) Funding Guarantee and Accountability Act. The measure required the State to establish a new, ongoing program supporting arts instruction in schools beginning in 2023-24. Discovery is projected to receive approximately \$118,000 each year and is using those funds to pay for most of the salary and benefits of our Theatre Teacher. Attached for the Board, is the 2024-25 Proposition 28 Annual Report for Discovery.

*Motion: Appel      Second: Roa      Vote: UNANIMOUS*

**VIII. Increase 2024-25 Independent Contractor Agreement with Sprockids from \$23,100 to \$30,100** (Action)

**Services:** Sprockids' 2024-2025 Independent Contractor Agreement for \$23,100 currently provides after-school trail bike riding classes during the instructional year. The requested increase of \$7,000 is to cover the balance due for classes held during the Summer 2024-2025 ELOP Intersession.

**Total Increase Requested:** \$7,000

**Funding Source:** ELOP Grant Funds

*Motion: Sevel      Second: Appel      Vote: UNANIMOUS*

**IX. Board Announcements**

- Mr. Sevel praised the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade presentation and thanked the staff and Mr. MacGaffey for his great presentation.
- Dr. Appel mentioned a story about a colleague, who praised Discovery for being an amazing school with quality programs, which made him proud to be a member of our Board.
- Mrs. Flores also reiterated how much she hears from others who speak so highly about our school. She feels it is such a privilege to watch the student presentations and to sit as part of the Board and is in awe of the work that Discovery does.
- Mrs. Roa, seconds everything said and congratulated everyone for their hard work and feels proud and honored to be part of the Board.
- President Carroll thanked the PTC for their representation in our meetings and for all of their wonderful contributions to Discovery. She is grateful for all the collaboration and thanked the teachers and staff for their participation in the Board meetings.

**X. Adjournment**

(Action)

- A motion was made by President Carroll to adjourn the meeting at 6:16pm.

*Motion: Sevel*

*Second: Flores*

*Vote: UNANIMOUS*

**The next regular meeting of the Discovery Charter School Board of Directors will be on Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 5:30pm.**

  
Rochelle Carroll, Board President

  
Neil MacGaffey, Secretary to the Board