

Discovery Charter School

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

**Board of Directors
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 16, 2025
5:30pm
Auditorium**

MINUTES

I. Opening Procedures

A. Call to Order at 5:34pm

B. Roll Call

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

Members Absent: Sara Roa

Others Present: Neil MacGaffey, Erika Alamo, Rubi Palomares

C. Pledge of Allegiance led by Zoe Aguilar

D. Student Recognitions for State Testing

- Mr. MacGaffey spoke about the effort our students made during the 24-25 CAASPP State Testing. He noted that the group being recognized tonight exceeded the expectations and scored the highest score possible in the CAASPP State Testing. The Board members praised and recognized the students for their achievement.

E. Grade Level Presentation: 4th Grade

- The 4th Grade team, along with a group of their students, spoke about their first quarter at Discovery. The students spoke about what they were working on in science and shared their recent learning about energy propulsion. They completed a small demonstration of their work and presented in both English and Spanish. The students also spoke about their recent fieldtrip to the Life Science Station and shared what they learned. The Board praised the students and teachers for their fantastic presentation.

II. Approve Agenda

(Action)

Motion: Appel Second: Flores Vote: UNANIMOUS

III. Approve Minutes from the August 19, 2025 Regular Board Meeting (Action)

Motion: Flores Second: Sevel 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 reported on the recent great things happening at Discovery.
- He noted that our Music teacher and Theatre teacher have commenced informances and invited parents to watch small snippets of what they are working on in each class.
- He shared images from our recent PTC fundraising competition, where Chik-Fil-A donated lunch and visited the winning classrooms with a cheerful visit from their mascot, the Chik-Fil-A Cow.
- Mr. MacGaffey reported that 2nd grade recently had their annual Grandparents Day. It was a wonderful event and very well attended.
- He noted that recently we had our PTC Family Camp Out. The turnout was tremendous, and all families had a great time. Mr. MacGaffey mentioned that the feedback from the families was very positive.
- This week, our PTC Scholastic Book Fair also kicked off. It's been a great event for students and families.
- Mr. MacGaffey mentioned that Discovery is back at #1 in our attendance ranking.
- He noted that Discovery is currently working on our new 3-year tech plan.
- We recently had our DELAC meeting. He shared that the group visited our Art and STEAM labs, which was great for the parents to see, and they were very pleased.

- He noted that Admin had another ILT meeting recently to plan out another quarter and will meet soon with the Charter Cohort at Feaster Charter School for a PD day.
- Mr. MacGaffey shared a very positive email from a parent with some wonderful feedback about our Athlead after school program.

VI. Approve Discovery Choir Fundraising Request (Action)

Purpose of Fundraiser: To raise funds for choir expenses.

Description of Fundraiser: On Tuesday, October 7th, 2025, Discovery Choir will perform their Fall concert. Tickets to the event will be sold between September 17th – October 7th.

Motion: Sevel Second: Appel Vote: UNANIMOUS

VII. Approve Registration for (2) TK Teachers to attend the Preschool/TK Learning Foundations (PTKLF) Language & Literacy w/ ELD Training (Action)

Location: SD County of Education, San Deigo CA

Dates: 10/15/25 (Session 1), 3/10/26 (Session 2) and 5/28/26 (Session 3)

Rationale: This in-person 3-part professional development learning series examines how early foundational skills lay the groundwork for later language & literacy success. Guided by the P-3 Learning Progressions and Preschool/TK Learning Foundations (PTKLF), participants will explore how language and literacy skills develop across the P-3 continuum and leave each session with practical, “try-tomorrow” strategies to strengthen instruction from preschool through 3rd grade.

Total Cost: Registration total for (2) teachers is \$170.00 not to exceed \$200.00

Funding Source: California PreK (UPK) Grant

Motion: Appel Second: Flores Vote: UNANIMOUS

VIII. Board Announcements

- Mrs. Flores thanked the staff for all their work. She noted that she feels the sense of community and looks forward to the next events.
- Dr. Appel was pleased to see a packed room and mentioned that it was wonderful to see the success and accomplishments of the students.
- Mr. Sevel praised the turnout and praised the 4th grade presentation. He noted that the camp-out was special and feels wonderful and grateful for the feeling of safety around these events.
- President Carroll wished everyone a wonderful break. She looked back at a very successful quarter and thanked everyone who attended.

IX. Adjournment

(Action)

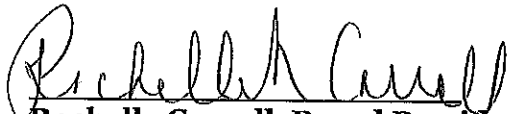
- A motion was made by President Carroll to adjourn the meeting at 6:15pm

Motion: Sevel

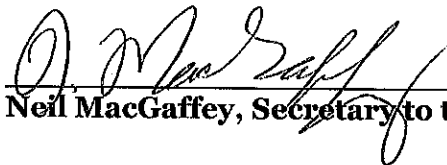
Second: Appel

Vote: UNANIMOUS

The next regular meeting of the Discovery Charter School Board of Directors will be on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 5:30pm.



Rochelle Carroll, Board President



Neil MacGaffey, Secretary to the Board