

Discovery Charter School

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

**Board of Directors
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 17, 2026
5:30pm
Auditorium**

MINUTES

I. Opening Procedures

A. Call to Order at 5:32pm

B. Roll Call

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

Members Absent: Sara Roa

Others Present: Neil MacGaffey, Erika Alamo, Rubi Palomares

C. Pledge of Allegiance led by Makena Edwards

D. Drama Club Presentation

- Drama Club students presented various song excerpts to the Board, from their most recent production of Beauty and the Beast Jr. Students spoke about their experience in the Drama Club this year and spoke about what it's like to be part of the Drama Club. The Board congratulated the cast and crew of students for their amazing job and performances.

II. Approve Agenda

(Action)

Motion: Appel

Second: Flores

Vote: UNANIMOUS

III. Approve Minutes from the January 20, 2026 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 presented current Dual Immersion data, including a snapshot of mid-year Lexile results for grades 3–6 and updated CAASPP ELA and Math comparisons to the overall student population. He also shared updates from last week’s DELAC meeting.
- He reported strong parent engagement at the recent PTC meeting and highlighted the success of the PTC Fun Run, which raised \$57,000 to support field trips, classroom materials, sports, and student activities. He also thanked families who attended Coffee with Admin earlier that morning.
- Mr. MacGaffey noted that a newly formatted Thought Exchange Survey was shared with families, with additional feedback expected from staff and students.
- He also described a recent collaborative walkthrough with Arroyo Vista Charter School, followed by their reciprocal visit to Discovery. He added that Mueller Charter School will visit later in the week to observe Discovery’s math curriculum approach.
- He shared that Discovery continues to enroll new students and that teachers are notified in advance to prepare. On each student’s first day, the administrative team provides a campus tour for the student and their family to ensure a welcoming transition.
- Enrollment for the upcoming year has opened successfully. Mr. MacGaffey concluded by sharing a short video recap of the school’s Dragon Dash event.

VI. Kindness Report (Information/Report)

- Mr. MacGaffey provided an update on Discovery’s ongoing Kindness Campaign. Students have received Kindness Cards featuring positive messages intended to encourage thoughtful behavior, students can then gift this card or leave it for someone to find.
- He shared that beginning next Monday, the school will launch a monthly kindness assembly to recognize students who demonstrate notable acts of kindness in front of their peers and families.

- The PBIS committee has created a series of videos inspired by Steve Hartman's Kindness 101, in which students reenact everyday scenarios that highlight different forms of kindness. Teachers are showing these videos in class and leading follow-up discussions with students.
- In addition, he shared that 5th-grade teachers visited nearby homes to deliver valentine cards made by students, showcasing Discovery's commitment to kindness within the broader community.
- Mr. MacGaffey also highlighted a recent school assembly where students were recognized for their achievements in sports and learned more about the kindness campaign. He shared a video of students performing the kindness song in sign language under the direction of Mrs. Salo.
- The Board expressed appreciation for the staff's efforts and commended them for their outstanding work.

VII. Approve Renewal of BrainPop Online Learning Platform Subscription (Action)

Rationale: BrainPop's educational website provides teachers with school wide access to BrainPop Jr (K-3), BrainPop (3-8) and BrainPop Español which helps build background knowledge and vocabulary that supports grade-level curriculum across all subjects. Content includes videos, games, word play lessons, movies, quizzes and creative tools to help reinforce learning.

Total Cost: \$4,500.00, not to exceed \$4,600.00

Funding Source: Restricted Lottery

Motion: Appel

Second: Sevel

Vote: UNANIMOUS

VIII. Approve Renewal of DreamBox Reading Plus Online Subscription (Action)

Rationale: Reading Plus is an evidence-based, online program that accelerates learning by providing personalized instruction and intervention for students.

Total Cost: \$2,700.00, not to exceed \$2,800.00

Funding Source: Restricted Lottery

Motion: Flores

Second: Appel

Vote: UNANIMOUS

IX. Approve Purchase of Five (5) MacBook Teacher Devices (Action)

Rationale: To support continued high-quality instruction and ensure teachers have access to updated technology, Discovery will purchase updated technology devices to replace outdated computers and provide upgraded teacher laptops. The plan includes purchasing 5 Macbook laptops within the allocated computer budget for the 2025-26 school year

Total Cost: \$8,000.00, not to exceed \$8,200.00

Funding Source: Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant

Motion: Sevel

Second: Flores

Vote: UNANIMOUS

X. Approve Purchase of Four Hundred Thirty-Five (435) Student Headphones

(Action)

Rationale: To align with the LCAP goal analysis and ensure students have access to essential and functional instructional technology, Discovery will purchase four hundred thirty-five (435) student headphones. This purchase will be funded through the allocated materials budget for the 2025–26 school year.

Total Cost: \$4,000.00 not to exceed \$4,100.00

Funding Source: Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant

Motion: Sevel

Second: Flores

Vote: UNANIMOUS

XI. Approve Catering for the ILT Charter Cohort Walkthrough

(Action)

Location: Discovery Charter School

Date: February 4, 2026

Rationale: Discovery's Instructional Leadership Team (ILT) visited Arroyo Vista Charter School to observe classrooms and provide feedback. Arroyo staff subsequently visited Discovery for classroom observation. Lunch was provided for (24) Discovery and Arroyo staff members.

Total Cost: \$450.00, not to exceed \$500.00

Funding Source: Unrestricted Charter Funds

Motion: Appel

Second: Sevel

Vote: UNANIMOUS

XII. Approve Attendance to the Association of Two-Way & Dual Language Education (ATDLE) Conference

(Action)

Location: San Diego, Ca

Dates: June 17th – June 19th 2026

Rationale: Educators from throughout the U.S. will gather to share practices, study, review current research, and network in an effort to build programs of excellence. Conference will offer powerful speakers and innovative breakout sessions led by Two-Way & Dual Language Educators. Participants will explore effective strategies for vocabulary development tailored to dual immersion. Six (6) Teachers and two (2) Administrators are recommended to attend.

Total Cost: \$5,400.00 not to exceed \$5,500.00

Funding Sources: Educator Effectiveness Funds and Title II

Motion: Flores

Second: Appel

Vote: UNANIMOUS

XIII. Approve Increase of Service Provider fee to AthLEAD Advantage After School Program (Action)

Rationale: Increase number of staffing to support additional students who will join the After School program for Quarter 4 of the 2025-26 school year.

Total Cost: \$51,000.00, not to exceed \$52,000.00

Funding Sources: Extended Learning Opportunities Program

Motion: Appel

Second: Flores

Vote: UNANIMOUS

XIV. Board Announcements

- Mr. Sevel shared that it is always a pleasure to hear about the Drama Club and its productions. He thanked the faculty for their excellent work and expressed appreciation for Mr. MacGaffey's report.
- Dr. Appel echoed Mr. Sevel's remarks and reflected on what makes Discovery a special place, highlighting the tools and preparation students gain to succeed in various environments. He noted that Discovery exemplifies what it means to be kind.
- Mrs. Flores shared her memories of this year's Starlight Parade, recalling the pride she saw in Mrs. Alamo and Mr. MacGaffey—an expression she observed again during the meeting. She praised Discovery as an exceptional school that offers so much to its students and families.
- President Carroll agreed with the Board's sentiments, noting that Discovery's "secret sauce" is its people and the community's generosity. She expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to support and continue working with Discovery.

FULL BOARD TO CLOSED SESSION

- XV. Closed Session** - President Carroll recessed to closed session at 6:35pm for the purpose of:

A. Conference with Labor Negotiators

Agency Designated Representative:

Neil MacGaffey

Employee Organization:

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FULL BOARD TO OPEN SESSION

Reconvene to Open Session – Discovery Charter School Auditorium, President Carroll reconvened to Open Session at 6:55pm

A. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

President Carroll reported there is nothing to report, and no action was taken.

XVI. Adjournment

(Action)

- A motion was made by President Carroll to adjourn the meeting at 6:56pm

Motion: Flores

Second: Appel

Vote: UNANIMOUS

The next regular meeting of the Discovery Charter School Board of Directors will be on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 5:30pm.


Rochelle Carroll, Board President


Neil MacGaffey, Secretary to the Board