Discovery Charter School

1100 Camino Biscay
Chula Vista, CA 91910

Board of Directors
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 21, 2026
5:30pm
Auditorium

MINUTES

I. Opening Procedures

A. Call to Order at 5:32pm

B. Roll Call
Members Present: Rochelle Carroll, Graciela Flores, Sara Roa, Harry Sevel

Members Absent: Morgan Appel

Others Present: Neil MacGaffey, Erika Alamo, Rubi Palomares

C. Pledge of Allegiance led by: Isabella Reyes

D. Middle School Presentation

- Middle School teachers, along with a group of 7th and 8th grade students, presented to the Board on their recent field trips. Seventh-grade students shared highlights from their visit to the Innovation Center, including what they learned, their experiences at various stations, and the activities they found most engaging. Eighth-grade students presented on their trip to JA Finance Park, including a video of their experience. They discussed different professions explored during the simulation, key concepts related to money management and economic decision-making and reflected on the most surprising insights and lessons learned.

E. Dual Immersion Presentation

- Dual Immersion students from grades K–6 presented to the Board on the history of the Dual Immersion (DI) program at Discovery. Students highlighted key aspects of the DI community and shared the program's impact on their academic and personal growth. They discussed what it means to be bilingual, described various projects and activities they have participated in, and reflected on the importance and benefits of learning in two languages, including their ability to translate and communicate across languages. The presentation also included a video showcasing students engaged in learning across TK–6 Dual Immersion classrooms.

II. Approve Agenda (Action)

Motion: Sevel *Second: Roa* *Vote: UNANIMOUS*

III. Approve Minutes from the March 17th, 2026 Regular Board Meeting (Action)

Motion: Sevel *Second: Flores* *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 that Discovery recently hosted the Masonic Awards on campus and expressed pride in the six outstanding sixth-grade students who were selected.
- He shared that Discovery held its Purple Up assembly to recognize and honor students from military families. The assembly also acknowledged student participation in various sports teams. Mr. MacGaffey extended special recognition to AthLEAD for their exceptional commitment and support of students.
- Mr. MacGaffey invited the Board to attend the upcoming Spring Fest on May 1 and expressed appreciation to the PTC for organizing a successful Book Fair, including special thanks to the PTC President for their leadership.

VI. Thought Exchange Survey Report (Information/Report)

- Mrs. Alamo presented results from the recent Thought Exchange survey, which gathered input from families, staff, and students on areas of strength and opportunities for improvement at Discovery.
- Overall, families expressed interest in expanding extracurricular opportunities such as clubs, sports, and tutoring, while also noting concerns about communication volume, traffic during arrival and dismissal, fairness in student recognition, increased paper-based homework, and offering Spanish in middle school.
- Staff highlighted strengths including dedicated teachers, strong programs (such as fine arts), a focus on kindness, and effective communication. Areas for growth included additional social skills support, professional development for behavior management, strengthening staff community, increased parent education opportunities, and expanded RTI support.

- Students shared appreciation for fine arts, caring teachers, after-school opportunities, a culture of kindness, and a safe environment. Their concerns included cafeteria food quality, supervision during lunch, restroom cleanliness, longer recess, and increased mental health and counseling support.
- Mrs. Alamo noted that these concerns are being addressed through ongoing discussions with students and will also be reviewed collaboratively with staff and families.

VII. Approve Consent Calendar (Action)

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 Learning A-Z Online Curriculum
Rationale: 26-27 Renewal for Reading A-Z and Raz Kids online learning platform for grades K-3rd.
Total Cost: $2,400.00, not to exceed $2,500.00
Funding Source: Restricted Lottery

B. Approve Achieve Literacy Online Curriculum
Rationale: 26-27 Renewal for Achieve 3000 online learning platform.
Total Cost: $19,000.00, not to exceed $20,000.00
Funding Source: Restricted Lottery

C. Approve Catering for Charter Leadership Cohort Meeting
Rationale: Charter Leadership met at Discovery to discuss and collaborate on community building, instructional focus, and operational items. Breakfast was provided for (11) Chater Administrators.
Location: Discovery Charter School
Date: April 8, 2026
Total Cost: $30.00, not to exceed $40.00
Funding Source: Unrestricted Charter Funds

D. Approve Catering for ELOP Summer Intersession Services
Rationale: Discovery Charter School, in partnership with AthLEAD, LLC, will host the ELOP Summer Intersession serving approximately forty (40) students. The program provides a full-day schedule of athletics, enrichment activities, and supervised engagement. Catering services are necessary to provide daily breakfast, lunch, and snacks. El Tapatio, a district-approved vendor, will provide these services.
Dates: June 8th – June 29th, 2026
Total Cost: $12,000 not to exceed $13,000
Funding Source: Extended Learning Opportunities Program Grant Funds

E. Approve Independent Contractor Agreement with Ro Health, LLC for Staffing Services for the 2026-27 School Year

Rational: To support the continued operation of Discovery's Health Office and ensure availability of qualified per diem substitute personnel as needed.
Dates: July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027
Total Cost: Not to exceed $5,000
Funding Source: Unrestricted Charter Funds

Motion: Sevel *Second: Roa* *Vote: UNANIMOUS*

VIII. Approve Independent Contractor Agreement with AthLEAD LLC for Expanded Learning Opportunity Program (ELOP) Afterschool and Intersession Services for the 2026-2027 School Year
Rationale: AthLEAD LLC will provide structured afterschool and intersession programming aligned with the California Quality Standards for Expanded Learning, supporting student enrichment and engagement beyond the instructional day.
Dates: July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027
Total Cost: $429,000
Funding Source: Expanded Learning Opportunity Program Grant Funds

Motion: Roa *Second: Flores* *Vote: UNANIMOUS*

IX. Approve Independent Contractor Agreement with AthLEAD LLC for Physical Education & Development Program Services for the 2026-2027 School Year
(Action)
Rationale: AthLEAD LLC will deliver standards-based physical education and student development services to support student wellness, physical fitness, and overall development.
Dates: July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027
Total Cost: $73,200
Funding Source: Unrestricted Charter Funds

Motion: Flores *Second: Roa* *Vote: UNANIMOUS*

X. Board Announcements

- Mrs. Roa expressed pride in Discovery, highlighting it as a well-rounded school that offers many opportunities for students and commending the team's collective efforts.
- Mrs. Flores echoed these sentiments, sharing that the student presentations and collaboration among parents and teachers were inspiring. She spoke highly of Discovery's programs and praised the teachers for their dedication and for preparing students for the future.
- Mr. Sevel shared his appreciation for the presentations, particularly noting the middle school presentation and the opportunity to see students demonstrating Spanish language skills across grade levels.

- President Carroll thanked everyone for their efforts, expressing appreciation for the team's work and noting that, as a board member, she feels fortunate to support such a strong and dedicated community.

XI. Adjournment at 6:48pm. (Action)

- A motion was made by President Carroll to adjourn the meeting at 6:48pm.

Motion: Sevel *Second: Flores* *Vote: UNANIMOUS*

The next regular meeting of the Discovery Charter School Board of Directors will be on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 5:30pm.

Rochelle Carroll, Board President

Neil MacGaffey, Secretary to the Board