Discovery Charter School

1100 Camino Biscay
Chula Vista, CA 91910

Board of Directors
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 9, 2026
5:30pm
Auditorium

MINUTES

I. Opening Procedures

A. Call to Order at 5:31pm

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Neil MacGaffey, Erika Alamo, Rubi Palomares

C. Pledge of Allegiance led by Dr. Appel

II. Approve Agenda (Action)

Motion: Appel *Second: Roa* *Vote: UNANIMOUS*

III. Approve Minutes from the May 19, 2026 Regular Board Meeting (Action)

Motion: Roa *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 reported on the successful conclusion of the school year, highlighting the completion of state testing and numerous student activities, including the Goodbye Tunnel and the 6th and 8th Grade Promotion Ceremonies.
- Mr. MacGaffey recognized Mrs. Jessica Bravo, Business Manager, who was present at the meeting. He expressed his appreciation for her dedication, hard work, and support throughout the school year. President Carroll echoed these sentiments, commending Mrs. Bravo for her outstanding contributions and successful first year at Discovery.
- Mr. MacGaffey informed the Board that the current School Nurse is unable to assume the Charter Nurse position due to the credential requirements associated with the role. As a result, the school will continue its search to fill the position.
- Mr. MacGaffey shared information regarding the Student Support Professional Development Grant, which provides funding for one-time purchases such as technology, professional development opportunities, and other approved resources. Discovery is exploring opportunities to utilize these funds to support school programs and staff development.
- Mr. MacGaffey noted that the Board would be asked later in the meeting to consider approval of the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and the associated budget overview. He expressed confidence in the school's planning and fiscal outlook.
- A reminder was provided regarding the required ethics training for Board members, and Mr. MacGaffey thanked those who have already completed the training.
- Mr. MacGaffey proudly announced that Discovery finished the year ranked first in attendance, recognizing the efforts of students, families, and staff in achieving this accomplishment.
- Mr. MacGaffey shared video highlights showcasing various end-of-year student activities and celebrations.
- Mr. MacGaffey concluded his report by introducing Mrs. Priya Naidu as the newest Parent Representative on the Board. He also recognized and thanked Mr. Sevel for his three years of dedicated service as a Parent Representative, expressing appreciation for his commitment and support of the Discovery community.

VI. Local Indicators Report (Information/Report)

- Mr. MacGaffey presented an overview of the California School Dashboard, the state accountability system used to measure school and district performance. He explained that five of the ten state priority areas are reported through Local Indicators and are directly connected to the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).
- Mr. MacGaffey reviewed Discovery's performance on each of the five Local Indicators and summarized the actions and initiatives implemented throughout the school year to meet these priorities. He highlighted key accomplishments, areas of focus, and the

comprehensive supports provided to students, including academic, social-emotional, and enrichment opportunities.

- Mr. MacGaffey emphasized Discovery's commitment to maintaining a well-rounded system of support for all students and outlined how the school's programs and services align with state priorities and the goals established in the LCAP.

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

- Public Hearing: Discovery Charter School Teachers Association's Proposal for re-opening negotiations for the 2026-2027 school year with Discovery Charter School.
    - Mrs. Lopez on behalf of DCTU sunshine the following articles for the 2026-2027 negotiations with Discovery Charter School:
        1. Article 12: Assignment and Reassignment
        2. Article 13: Layoffs

VIII. 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 New Certificated Employment

1) Jamala Simms, Charter School Counselor, 7 hours, 185 days, effective July 1, 2026
2) Cameron Gregg, Charter Teacher, Kindergarten/EO, 7 hours, 185 days, effective July 1, 2026
3) Adam Ko, Charter Middle School Teacher, 7 hours, 185 days, effective July 1, 2026
4) Claudia Mendoza, Charter Teacher, 4th Gr./Dual Immersion, 7 hours, 185 days, effective July 1, 2026

B. Approve Proposed Use of Education Protection Account (EPA) Funds for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Information: Discovery Charter School proposes to apply EPA Resource 1400 funds as an offset to certificated employee (teacher) salaries, consistent with prior years and in full compliance with statutory requirements. EPA revenue appears in the general ledger as a revenue source that directly offsets teacher salary costs — representing each school's proportionate share of the higher-income tax surcharge collected statewide. The attached exhibit A presented to the Board for approval reflects the resolution and annual determination regarding EPA expenditures.

C. Amend Approval of the Independent Contractor Agreement with Ro Health, LLC for Staffing Services for 2026-27

Information: Approval is requested to increase the existing purchase order for RO Health to provide continued school nurse staffing coverage for the school year from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.
Estimated annual cost: $95,000, not to exceed $100,000.00
Funding Source: Unrestricted Charter Funds

D. Approve Degree Tuition Support for Employee No. 104437

Location: San Diego State University (SDSU)
Date: Fall 2025 Semester
Information: Approval is requested to provide tuition support for a certificated employee pursuing a Master's Degree in Reading and Learning Comprehension. The program will enhance the employee's ability to assess student reading levels and implement effective instructional strategies. Discovery Charter School recognizes the direct benefit to student achievement and supports ongoing professional development.
Total Cost: $1500.00, not to exceed $1600.00
Funding Source: Educator Effectiveness Funds

E. Approve Professional Legal Services Agreement with Young, Minney, & Corr, LLP for the 2026-27 School Year

Information: Approval is requested to contract with Young, Minney & Corr, LLP to provide specialized legal counsel related to charter school operations. Services will include, but are not limited to, guidance on compliance requirements, governance, and labor relations for Discovery Charter School during the 2026–2027 school year.
Cost: $15,000 not to exceed $20,000.
Funding Source: Unrestricted General Fund

F. Approve Independent Contractor Agreement with Sumner Photography for the 2026-27 School Year

Information: Approval is requested to contract with Sumner Photography to provide photography services for Discovery Charter School during the 2026-27 school year. Services include but are not limited to student picture days, staff photography, staff identification badges, and yearbook-related services.
Cost: No financial impact to the school. The vendor is paid directly by parents through purchase revenue.

Motion: Sevel *Second: Appel* *Vote: UNANIMOUS*

IX. Approve the 2026-27 Discovery Charter School LCAP and Budget Overview (Action)

Motion: Appel *Second: Sevel* *Vote: UNANIMOUS*

X. Consideration and Approval of the Appointment of Morgan Appel as Community Representative for the Discovery Charter School Board of Directors for the Term of Two Years, 2026-27 and 2027-28. (Action)

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

XI. Approve the 2026-27 Board of Director's Meeting Schedule (Action)

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

XII. Board Announcements

- Mr. Sevel expressed his appreciation to the Board and staff, thanked Mr. MacGaffey for the commemorative plaque, welcomed Mrs. Naidu as the incoming Parent Representative, and thanked Dr. Appel for his years of service and support to Discovery.
- Dr. Appel reflected on his ten years of service to Discovery, expressing gratitude for the opportunity to serve the school community. He noted the many ways Discovery positively impacts students and families and emphasized that the school's success is the result of a collective team effort. Dr. Appel shared his appreciation for the information presented regarding school operations and future improvements, including plans related to the school nurse position. He welcomed Mrs. Naidu to the Board, thanked the Board and staff for their collaborative spirit, and recognized Mr. Sevel for his dedication and contributions as a Board member.
- Mrs. Flores thanked Mr. MacGaffey and the Discovery staff for their work throughout the year and reflected on her first year serving as a Board member. She shared that she consistently leaves Board meetings encouraged by the positivity, teamwork, and commitment demonstrated by the school community. She expressed appreciation for the staff, the programs offered at Discovery, and the informative reports presented throughout the year.
- Mrs. Roa thanked both Dr. Appel and Mr. Sevel for their service to the Board and school community. She expressed appreciation for Dr. Appel's insight and perspective during his years of service. Mrs. Roa congratulated the staff and teachers on the school's attendance and shared her pride in hearing positive feedback from parents and community members about Discovery. She noted that the school's success is the result of a strong community effort and stated that she is proud to serve as a Board representative. She also expressed appreciation for the successful 6th and 8th Grade Promotion Ceremonies and all those who contributed to making them memorable events.
- Mrs. Carroll thanked Mr. Sevel for his service, support, and commitment to Discovery. She also expressed appreciation for Dr. Appel's years of service and shared her gratitude that he will continue to remain involved with the school community. Mrs. Carroll reflected on the value of retirement and the opportunities it provides to continue giving back through

service. She shared that Board meetings consistently leave her feeling motivated and reminded of the many positive things happening at Discovery. She welcomed Mrs. Naidu to the Board, thanked Mrs. Bravo for her outstanding work during the year, and recognized Mrs. Lopez for her contributions and support. Mrs. Carroll commended the staff for their efforts in organizing successful promotion ceremonies and wished everyone a restful and enjoyable summer break.

XIII. Adjournment (Action)

- A motion was made by President Carroll to adjourn the meeting at 6:17pm

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

The next regular meeting of the Discovery Charter School Board of Directors will be on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at 5:30pm.

Rochelle Carroll, Board President

Neil MacGaffey, Secretary to the Board