

Vision: To empower all students with a STEM education which will help them reach their maximum potential and guide them to a promising and successful career.

Mission: To provide a high-quality, well-rounded education for K-12 students in Central Florida by incorporating innovative, proven, research-based instructional methods in a stimulating and nurturing environment which provides a special emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM), and Reading.

DISCOVERY EDUCATION SERVICES INC.,
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Thursday, January 29, 2026

5:30 PM

at Osceola Science Charter School

Schools:

Orlando Science Middle/High School
Orlando Science Elementary School
Orlando Science Charter School K-8
Seminole Science Charter School
Osceola Science Charter School

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda Items
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes – 12.4.2025
4. Principal's Report
5. Public Remarks
6. Board Member Remarks

ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda Items

- A01. Request Approval of 2025-26 school year Out-of-Field teachers of Osceola Science Charter School (49-0181).
Acharya, Pooja (ESOL) – Baritogo, Maria Vanessa (ESOL) – Bryant, Madison (Middle Grades General Science 5-9) – Cenita, Maria (ESOL) – Cherelus, Daphney (ESOL) – Chervenak, Deana (ESOL) – Durham, Veery (ESOL) – Eltanal, Jenilee (ESOL) – Fletcher, Tamara (ESOL) – Forrester, Tasha (ESOL) – Fandy, Jacob (PLTW) - Gonzalez, Jennifer (ESOL) – Harrison, Cierra (ESOL) – Hopkins, Kari (ESOL) – Jude Johnson, Anna (Health K-12) – Kafati, Carolina (ESOL) – Lopez, Juan (ESOL) – Machado, Miriam (ESOL) – Mañon, Jazmin (ESOL) – Oquendo, George (ESOL) – Parker, Deborah (ESOL) – Poniros, Mark (ESOL) - Quiñones, Jasmine (ESOL) – Rosado, Maria (ESOL) - Ruddock, Nefretitti (ESOL) – Saint-Pierre, Samantha (ESOL) – Sommer, Caleb (ESOL) – Sousa, Patricia (ESOL) – Taylor, Sandra (ESOL) – Velez-Perez, Paulette (ESOL)

Non-Consent Agenda Items

- A02. Approval of Board Member Change
- A03. Approval of January 30, 2025, Nomination for Board Director
- A04. Approval of DSS/CEO Contract/Amendment/Resolution Changes
- A05. Election of officers other than President per DES Bylaws

Discussion Items

- D01. Discussion/Review of CEO Hiring Employees Other than Principals
- D02. Discussion/Review of Enrollment Application Exemptions Granted
- D03. Discussion/Review of Public Record Requests

Closure of Meeting

Items Discussed and Voted by Governing Board Members:

Mr. Fortna, Dr. Brindala, and Mr. Akdeniz attended in-person, Mr. Sabuncu and Mr. Colak were absent.

1. Call to Order

- Mr. Fortna called the meeting to order at **5:32 p.m.**

2. Approval of Agenda Items

- Dr. Brindala moved to approve the agenda items. Mr. Fortna seconded.
- Motion approved unanimously.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes (12/04/2025)

- Dr. Brindala moved to approve the meeting minutes from 12/04/2025.
- Mr. Fortna seconded the motion.
- Motion approved unanimously.

4. Principal's Report

- Mr. Moon provided an update on recent activities at Osceola Science Charter School.

5. Public Remarks

- Two members of the public addressed the Board.

6. Board Member Remarks

- Mr. Akdeniz formally submitted his resignation from his position on the Board of Directors of Discovery Education Services, effective immediately. Dr. Brindala and Mr. Fortna asked that he not submit his resignation until after the important school/sponsor related agenda item A01, but he refused. A quorum was then no longer present.
- Dr. Brindala suggested calling Mr. Colak to check his availability to join the meeting briefly in order to establish a quorum and approve Agenda Item A01. Mr. Colak was contacted and joined the meeting virtually at 6:14 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda Items

A01. Request Approval of 2025-26 school year Out-of-Field teachers of Osceola Science Charter School (49-0181).

- Dr. Brindala moved to approve the motion. Mr. Fortna seconded.
- Motion approved unanimously.

Non-Consent Agenda Items

A02. Approval of Board Member Change

- Dr. Brindala moved to approve the motion. There was no second.
- Mr. Colak left the meeting during this item and the meeting no longer had a quorum. Mr. Fortna and Dr. Brindala decided to continue with discussion items on the agenda.
- Dr. Brindala requested that this item be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

A03. Approval of January 30, 2025, Nomination for Board Director

- This item was withdrawn by Mr. Fortna.

A04. Approval of DSS/CEO Contract/Amendment/Resolution Changes

- Dr. Brindala requested that this item be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

A05. Election of officers other than President per DES Bylaws

- Due to the lack of a quorum, no action was taken on this item.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

D01. Discussion/Review of CEO Hiring Employees Other than Principals

- Dr. Brindala made some comments about DSS contract.

D02. Discussion/Review of Enrollment Application Exemptions Granted

- Available data was reviewed and questions have been asked by board members.

D03. Discussion/Review of Public Record Requests

- The list of public record requests have been reviewed.

7. Adjournment

- Mr. Fortna adjourned the meeting at **6:53 p.m.**