

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

Wednesday, April 9, 2025
5:30 PM
at Orlando Science Schools Lynx Campus

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. Public Remarks
4. Board Member Remarks

ACTION ITEMS

Non-Consent Agenda Items

- A01. Approval of DES Corporation By-Laws Revision

A02. Closure of the Meeting

Items Discussed and Voted by Governing Board Members:

Board Members Mr. Fortna, Dr. Yuksel and Mr. Colak attended in person. Mr. Sabuncu and Dr. Brindala attended online.

1. Call to Order

- Mr. Fortna called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda Items

- The motion was moved by Dr. Yuksel and seconded by Mr. Colak. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Public Remarks

- No public remarks.

4. Board Member Remarks

- No board member remarks.

ACTION ITEMS

Non-Consent Agenda Items

A01. Approval of DES Corporation By-Laws revision

- Board members discussed changes suggested by Yuksel for the draft bylaws from the workshop on February 22, 2025. The board attorney suggested approving the changes line by line, which was followed by the board. The following motions were made on the draft bylaws:
 - 1.4. The motion was moved by Dr. Yuksel and seconded by Mr. Colak. Mr. Sabuncu, Mr. Colak, and Dr. Yuksel voted in favor; Mr. Fortna and Dr. Brindala voted against. The motion was approved by majority vote.
 - 1.6. The motion “to adopt 1.6 as it appears on the proposed amendment with Dr. Yuksel’s redline comments to remove public charter and leave as schools” was moved by Dr. Yuksel and seconded by Mr. Sabuncu. Mr. Sabuncu, Mr. Colak, and Dr. Yuksel voted in favor; Mr. Fortna and Dr. Brindala voted against. The motion was approved by majority vote.
 - 4.2. The motion “to leave 4.2 as proposed amendment” was moved by Mr. Fortna and seconded by Dr. Brindala. Mr. Fortna and Dr. Brindala voted in favor; Mr. Colak, Mr. Sabuncu and Dr. Yuksel voted against. The motion failed.
 - 4.2. The motion “to change number of board members to 5 or 7 or 9” was moved by Mr. Sabuncu and seconded by Dr. Yuksel. Mr. Colak, Mr. Sabuncu and Dr. Yuksel voted in favor; Mr. Fortna and Dr. Brindala voted against. The motion was approved by majority vote.
 - 4.3. The motion “to remove second sentence from the proposed amendment” was moved by Dr. Yuksel and seconded by Mr. Colak. Mr. Sabuncu, Mr. Colak and Dr. Yuksel voted in favor; Mr. Fortna and Dr. Brindala voted against. The motion was approved by majority vote.
 - 4.4. The motion was moved by Dr. Yuksel and seconded by Mr. Sabuncu. Mr. Colak, Mr. Sabuncu and Dr. Yuksel voted in favor; Mr. Fortna and Dr. Brindala voted against. The motion was approved by majority vote.
 - 4.5. The motion failed. Mr. Colak and Dr. Yuksel voted in favor; Mr. Fortna, Dr. Brindala and Mr. Sabuncu voted against. The motion failed.
 - 4.6. The motion “to adopt 4.6 as proposed amendment with Dr. Yuksel’s redline comments” was moved by Dr. Yuksel and seconded by Mr. Colak. Mr. Sabuncu, Mr. Colak, and Dr. Yuksel voted in favor; Mr. Fortna and Dr. Brindala voted against. The motion was approved by majority vote.
 - 4.7. No action was taken.
 - 5.2. Dr. Yuksel withdrew his comment.
 - 5.6. The motion “to remove word unexcused from 5.6” was moved by Mr. Fortna and seconded by Dr. Yuksel. The motion was approved unanimously.
 - 5.10. No action was taken.
 - 5.12. No action was taken.
 - 6.2. The motion “to change word shall to may” was moved by Mr. Fortna and seconded by Dr. Yuksel. The motion was approved unanimously.
 - 7.4. No action was taken.
 - 7.7. No action was taken.

- 7.8. No action was taken.
- 12. The motion “to revise the article 12 to reflect the discussions” was moved by Dr. Yuksel and seconded by Mr. Colak. Mr. Sabuncu, Mr. Colak and Dr. Yuksel voted in favor; Mr. Fortna and Dr. Brindala voted against. The motion was approved by majority vote.
- The motion “to approve the revised bylaws” was moved by Dr. Yuksel and seconded by Mr. Colak. Mr. Sabuncu, Mr. Colak and Dr. Yuksel voted in favor; Mr. Fortna and Dr. Brindala voted against. The motion failed since the revision of bylaws requires unanimous approval.
- The board attorney brought up a suggestion to amend the current bylaws to comply with current laws and the request from DOE grant office. He presented items 1-6 as the first amendment of the bylaws. The motion “to adopt the first amendment” was moved by Dr. Brindala and seconded by Mr. Sabuncu. The motion was approved unanimously.

A02. Closure of the Meeting

- Mr. Fortna moved to adjourn the meeting, and Dr. Brindala seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.