

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, May 15, 2025

5:30 PM

at Orlando Science Middle/High School 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. Approval of Meeting Minutes - 4.3.2025
4. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes – 4.9.2025
5. Principal's Report
6. Public Remarks
7. Board Member Remarks

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Consent Agenda Items**

- A01. Request Approval of Osceola Science's Additional Parking Lot Construction
- A02. Request Approval of East Campus Playground and Capital Improvements
- A03. Approval for Board Members to attend charter school conferences/workshops

**Non-Consent Agenda Items**

- A04. Individual Board Member Signing of Conflict-of-Interest Form
- A05. Request Approval of Civility Policy
- A06. Discussion of CEO Search Committee Report, Questions to Committee Candidates, and Possible Action for CEO selection

**A07. Closure of the Meeting**

### **Items Discussed and Voted by Governing Board Members:**

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

#### **1. Call to Order**

- Mr. Fortna called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

#### **2. Approval of Agenda Items**

- The motion was moved by Dr. Brindala and seconded by Mr. Fortna. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of 4/3/2025**

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

#### **4. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of 4/9/2025**

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

#### **5. Principal's Report**

- Ms. Santos provided an update on recent activities at Orlando Science Middle/High School Lynx Campus.

#### **6. Public Remarks**

- No public remarks.

#### **7. Board Member Remarks**

- Dr. Yuksel shared remarks, stating that it has been a privilege to serve on the board, as this was his final meeting before his resignation effective May 31, 2025.
- Mr. Fortna commented on the end-of-year graduations and the Seminole campus expansion plan.

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- Mr. Aksu presented items A01, A02 and A03. Dr. Yuksel moved to approve the consent agenda in its entirety. Dr. Brindala seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **Non-Consent Agenda Items**

A04. Individual Board Member Signing of Conflict-of-Interest Form

- Dr. Brindala moved to have Shawn Arnold and his legal team revise the COI affirmation form and policy and present them at the next board meeting. Dr. Yuksel seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

- Dr. Akin will bring employee to employee conflict of interest report to share with board in the next board meeting.

#### A05. Request Approval of Civility Policy

- Dr. Yuksel moved to approve the civility policy as presented. Dr. Brindala seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### A06. Discussion of CEO Search Committee Report, Questions to Committee Candidates, and Possible Action for CEO selection

- CEO candidates were each given three minutes to introduce themselves. Board members then had the opportunity to ask questions. The nominations were as follows: Mr. Fortna nominated Mr. Singleton; Mr. Colak nominated Mr. Aksu; Mr. Sabuncu nominated Mr. Aksu; Dr. Brindala nominated Mr. Moon; and Dr. Yuksel nominated Mr. Aksu.
- Dr. Brindala moved to approve the appointment of Mr. Aksu as CEO of Discovery Education Services, Inc., with the responsibilities outlined in the job description. Dr. Yuksel, Mr. Colak, Dr. Brindala, and Mr. Sabuncu voted in favor; Mr. Fortna voted against. The motion passed by majority vote.
- Dr. Brindala moved to set Mr. Aksu's CEO contract term to three years, ending on July 31, 2028. Dr. Yuksel seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Mr. Fortna moved to appoint a new principal for Seminole Science Charter School effective August 1, 2025. Dr. Brindala seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Dr. Brindala moved to set the CEO's salary at \$160,000 effective immediately. Dr. Yuksel seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### A07. 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 8:15 p.m.