

**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, December 4, 2025  
5:30 PM  
at Seminole 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 – 10.02.2025, 10.25.2025, 10.30.2025
4. Principal's Report
5. Public Remarks
6. Board Member Remarks

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Consent Agenda Items**

- A01. Request Approval of School Recognition Funds Distribution Plans of OSS, OSEC, OSCS, SSCS and OSES

**Non-Consent Agenda Items**

- A02. Approval of the revised by-laws
- A03. Approval of amending the bylaws to increase the number of board members to seven, if A02 did not get approval.
- A04. Review of/discussion of/action on, submitted Board Director interest information (nominate candidate(s) for opened new Board Member vacancy if A02 or A03 approved, discussion with nominated candidate(s), and vote on nomination(s) to fill new Board Member vacancy).
- A05. Discuss and amend service provider contract duties given the hiring of a CEO after executing that service provider contract

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- D01. Review/discuss lottery application exemption requests.

7. Closure of the Meeting

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

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

#### 1. Call to Order

- Mr. Fortna called the meeting to order at **5:33 p.m.**

#### 2. Approval of Agenda Items

- Mr. Fortna requested revising Item A04 to the original language he finalized before the agenda was shared with the public. The proposed language was:  
*A04. Review of/discussion of/action on, submitted Board Director interest information (nominate candidate(s) for board member vacancy, discussion with nominated candidate (s), and vote on nomination(s) to fill Board Member vacancy).*
- Dr. Brindala requested adding two items to the agenda:
  - A01.1 Agenda Development Process
  - A01.2 Discussion and potential action on board member resignation
- Dr. Brindala moved to approve the agenda items as revised. Mr. Akdeniz seconded.
- Motion approved unanimously.

#### 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes (10/02/2025, 10/25/2025, 10/30/2025)

- Dr. Brindala moved to approve the meeting minutes from 10/02/2025, 10/25/2025, and 10/30/2025.
- Mr. Fortna seconded the motion.
- Motion approved unanimously.

#### 4. Principal's Report

- Ms. Wence provided an update on recent activities at Seminole Science Charter School.

#### 5. Public Remarks

- Two members of the public addressed the Board.

#### 6. Board Member Remarks

- Mr. Fortna asked if an email from a Board Member was a possible violation of Sunshine Law and should be read into the meeting record.
- Board attorney **Shawn Arnold**'s recommendation was that the email did not violate Sunshine Law and did not need to be read into record for that purpose.

#### ACTION ITEMS

##### Consent Agenda Items

#### A01. Request Approval of School Recognition Funds Distribution Plans for OSS, OSEC, OSCS, SSCS, and OSES

- Mr. Aksu briefed the Board on the School Recognition Funds and the distribution plans in compliance with State requirements.
- After discussion, Dr. Brindala moved to approve the motion. Mr. Akdeniz seconded.
- Motion approved unanimously.

## **Non-Consent Agenda Items**

### **A01.1 Agenda Development Process**

- Dr. Brindala explained his thoughts on the board agenda preparation process.
- He suggested that a person designated by the CEO collect agenda items to form the agenda, with the Board Chair responsible for finalizing it. No action was taken.

### **A01.2 Discussion and Potential Action on Board Member Resignation**

- Mr. Omer Akdeniz discussed his resignation letter, which had been submitted to the Board electronically. No action was taken.

### **A02. Approval of the Revised Bylaws**

- Board attorney **Shawn Arnold** explained why board needs to have revised bylaws.
- After Board discussion, Mr. Akdeniz moved to approve the motion. Mr. Sabuncu seconded.
- Voting results:
  - **YES:** Mr. Akdeniz, Mr. Sabuncu, Mr. Colak
  - **NO:** Dr. Brindala, Mr. Fortna
- Motion failed, as bylaw changes require unanimous approval.

### **A03. Approval of Amending the Bylaws to Increase the Number of Board Members to Seven (if A02 did not pass)**

- After discussion, Mr. Sabuncu moved to approve the motion.
- There was no second.
- Motion failed.

### **A04. Review of/Discussion of/Action on Submitted Board Director Interest Information (nominate candidate(s) for Board Member vacancy, discussion with nominated candidate(s), and vote on nomination(s) to fill Board Member vacancy).**

- Prior to the meeting, some Board members submitted a list of 11 of their nominated board member candidates.
- Each candidate was given 4 minutes to share their vision, availability, interest, and potential contributions.
- The Board took a break at 7:59 p.m. and reconvened at 8:05 p.m. before proceeding with Item A04.
- After presentations, Board members nominated candidates, reducing the pool to seven candidates.
- No candidate received a majority vote (two candidates received two votes each); therefore, no candidates were selected.

### **A05. Discuss and Amend Service Provider Contract Duties given the Hiring of a CEO after executing that service provider contract.**

- Dr. Brindala suggested reviewing the Educational Service Provider contract in light of the CEO position to clarify duties and eliminate duplication.
- Dr. Akin suggested addressing the matter in a workshop setting.
- January 22, 2025 was selected as the workshop date by all Board Members.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **D01. Review/Discussion of Lottery Application Exemption Requests**

- Mr. Fortna requested a review of a report outlining lottery exemption categories and the number of students accepted in each category as the 2026–2027 school year lottery process approaches.

#### **7. Adjournment**

- Mr. Fortna adjourned the meeting at 9:19 p.m.