

DISCOVERY EDUCATION SERVICES, INC.
GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP

Saturday, October 21, 2023
10:30 A.M.

at Orlando Science Middle-High Charter School Lynx Campus

Schools:

Orlando Science Middle/High School
Orlando Science Elementary School
Seminole Science Charter School
Osceola Science Charter School

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Presentation by the Board Attorney
 1. Sunshine Law
 2. Legislative Updates
3. Presentation by the Board Chair
 1. Board Meetings
 2. Conflict of Interest Affirmation
4. Presentation by the Executive Director
 1. Cognia System Accreditation
5. Closure of the workshop

Board Workshop Minutes

The Board President, Mr. Fortna, Board members Dr. Brindala, Dr. Yuksel, Mr. Colak, and Board Attorney Mr. Shawn Arnold attended in person. Board member Mr. Sabuncu was absent.

1. Call to Order:

- Mr. Fortna called the board workshop to order at 10:45 a.m.

2. Presentation by the Board Attorney:

- *Sunshine Law*
- *Legislative Updates*

- Board Attorney Shawn Arnold presented the Sunshine Law, Public Records Request Law, and 2023 Legislative updates for K-12 public charter schools. Questions were asked by all board members, as well as Dr. Akin, seeking clarification on various topics.

3. **Presentation by the Board Chair:**

- *Board Meetings*
 - Board President, Mr. David Fortna, expressed gratitude to the board members for their volunteer service. He emphasized the importance of participation in board meetings, workshops, and committee meetings. Mr. Fortna shared insights from the 2023 National Charter School Conference, including national best practices on Charter School Governance. Each board member received a charter school governance guide from the conference. The board extended thanks to Mr. Fortna for his leadership. Dr. Akin also thanked Mr. Fortna for his support, availability, and flexibility.
- *Conflict of Interest Affirmation*
 - The Orlando Science Schools Conflict of Interest Policy and affirmation for board members were reviewed, and all present members signed the affirmation.

4. **Presentation by the Executive Director:**

- *Cognia System Accreditation*
 - Executive Director, Dr. Yalcin Akin, updated the governing board on the progress of Cognia System Accreditation scheduled for March 2024. The external accreditation team will meet with the Governing Board for interviews.
 - Dr. Akin also briefed the board on the following:
 - Purchase plans for the land and loan closing of Seminole Science Charter School
 - The need to establish a Campus Development Committee during the construction timeframe
 - Opening plans for the K-8 Orlando Science Charter School East Campus.

5. **Adjournment:**

- The workshop was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

David Fortna, Board Chair

Date: _____