

MEETING MINUTES

Discovery Health Sciences Foundation Board of Directors Monday, September 19, 2022, 4:15 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Discovery Health Sciences Foundation, Inc. is held at Kenner Discovery Health Sciences Academy Loyola Campus, 3rd Floor Board Room (3837 Loyola Drive, Kenner, LA 70065).

I. Call to Order

A. **Mrs. Nugent Smith called the meeting to order at 4:29 PM.**

II. Roll Call

	<i>Board of Directors</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
1	Ms. Lynda Nugent Smith, Chair	X	
2	Mr. Ronnie Slone, Vice-Chair	X	
3	Ms. Emily Arata	X	
4	Mr. Joe Calderera	X	
5	Dr. Patty Glaser, ex officio member	X	
6	Ms. Diane Hollis	X	
7	Mr. Jim Hudson	X	
8	Dr. Vinicio Madrigal	X	
9	Ms. Jeanne Monte	X	
10	Dr. Lacey Ellis	X	
11	Mr. Henry Shane		X
12	Ms. Allison Sharai	X	
13	Mr. David Sherman		X
14	Mr. Chuck Toney, Jr.	X	
15	Mr. Todd Thomas	X	
16	Ms. Beth Walker	X	

**Denotes time joined the meeting.*

Non-Board members in attendance: Faith Broussard (development), Sharon Preen (CAO), Don Wheat (CFO), Jesse Watson (recruitment), Candice Schott (HS principal), Kassie Cusachs (HS Asst. Principal), Allison Lowe (curriculum), Christy Aymami (technology), and Todd Thomas.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Approval of Minutes

- A. ACTION ITEM: Mr. Slone moved to approve the minutes from the August 2022 meeting. Ms. Hollis seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion adopted by a unanimous vote.**

V. CFO Report, Don Wheat

- A. Mr. Wheat presented a brief CFO report to the Board, covering highlights in the financial statements.
- B. Mr. Wheat provided an update on the financial statement audit and 401K audit. He noted that our audit team is working to get our audit reports filed timely.

VI. Treasurer's Report

- A. Deferred

VII. Friends of Discovery Report

- A. Deferred

VIII. CAO/Asst. Head of School, Sharon Preen

- A. Ms. Preen stated to the Board that the school hosted 4 back to school nights on all campuses with high parent attendance.
- B. Ms. Preen states the teaching and learning priorities for the 22-23 school year.
- C. Instructional leadership team will set percent targets for the academic growth goals.
- D. Thank you to Ochsner Education Outreach for helping implement and fund the early literacy program at DJOD. This is a pilot program and if successful we can grow it to Maine.
- E. DEI - admin team has attended 7 PD sessions. Plans to start to create Discovery's equity plan.

IX. CEO/Head of School Report, Patty Glaser

- A. Academics: Discovery now has ILT's (instructional leadership team). This gets our admin team more involved with curriculum decisions. The school is working on analyzing the growth scores.
- B. IDEA: Discovery got the allocation of funds. We are in the process of establishing a budget for these funds. This will help our schools and our students with special needs.
- C. Construction:
- a. Vintage Campus – Crescent Construction has started construction. New classrooms and office space should be ready over winter break.
 - b. KDHSA - Arts & Athletic Performance Center – Still working with Landis and Brian Fauchaux toward a GMP. Dr. Glaser is working with legal and

finance on a loan from JP Schools. The school needs to raise \$500,000 for the stage and stage equipment.

- c. BROD - Dr. Glaser is working with the Ochsner construction team to decide on a final plan for the renovations.

D. Admissions:

- a. BROD - Applications open on October 3, 2022. The school will host several info sessions for prospective parents the week of October 3rd. Although Ochsner is undergoing a change in leadership, Ms. Arata (Ochsner) assures Ochsner is committed to the Discovery/Ochsner partnership.
- b. Applications for KDHSA and DJOD open on November 1, 2022.

E. Challenges:

- a. Additional funds for the arts and athletic performance center
- b. BROD launch and campus renovations
- c. KDHSA permanent MS wing

X. Action Items:

- A. **Appointment of the Treasurer. Ms. Nugent Smith states that Jim Hudson is able to assume the role of Treasurer. Ms. Hollis motions to appoint Mr. Hudson as the Treasurer of the Board. Ms. Monte seconded. All in favor. Motion adopted by a unanimous vote.**

XI. Old Business

XII. New Business

- A. Mr. Slone stated that they will circulate an electronic copy of the Bylaws to the Board. A meeting is to follow to update the document.

XIII. Executive Session

- A. The Board entered the executive session at 5:05 and exited the executive session at 5:35 PM. No action was taken. Ms. Hollis motions to reconvene the meeting. Ms. Monte seconded the motion. The meeting reconvened at 5:35 PM.

XIV. Public Comment

- A. Public comment was given by KDHSA alumni, Amanda Eberts.
- B. Public comment was given by KDHSA parent Lara Hernandez.
- C. Public comment was given by KDHSA parent Priscilla Peltier.

XV. Adjournment

- A. **Ms. Nugent Smith adjourned the meeting at 5:47 PM.**