

MEETING MINUTES

Discovery Health Sciences Foundation Board of Directors Monday, March 20, 2023, 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 4:15 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: Kevin Guterrez (development), Sharon Preen (CAO), Lee Reid (legal counsel), Kenneth Campbell (New Schools for Baton Rouge), Jim Garvey (BESE), Christy Reeves (Ochsner), Dr. Jesse Watson (recruitment/community engagement), Charles Natt (BROD Principal), Nhi Rusk (Controller) and Don Wheat (CFO).

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Approval of Minutes

- A. ACTION ITEM: Dr. Madrigal moved to approve the minutes from the February Regular Board meeting. Mr. Hudson seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion adopted by a unanimous vote.**

V. ACTION ITEM

- A. Legal Counsel, Lee Reid, asked the Board to amend the agenda to add a vote to approve a resolution allowing for execution of certain documents related to the borrowing of funds from the Jefferson Parish School Board for the construction of the Athletics and Arts Performance Center. **Mr. Hudson motioned to approve an amendment to the agenda, Mr. Toney seconded the motion. After public comment, the motion to amend the agenda was adopted by a unanimous vote.**

- B. Mr. Shane moved to approve the attached resolution for the borrowing associated with the Arts & Athletic Performance Center. Mr. Hudson seconded the motion. After public comment, the resolution was adopted by unanimous vote.**

VI. CFO Report, Don Wheat

- A. Mr. Wheat presented a CFO report to the Board providing an overview of financial reporting through January 31, 2023, for the HUB, KDHS, DJOD, and Friends of Discovery, and consolidated financial statements.
- B. Mr. Wheat presented a report on BROD. Current enrollment is at 158 and the budget is based on enrollment of 176.

VII. ACTION ITEMS/OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Glaser and Ms. Nugent gave a detailed overview of the current status of the Discovery Ochsner Baton Rouge school opening, including enrollment numbers, budgetary concerns and the continued support of all partners.

Mr. Ken Campbell of New Schools for Baton Rouge provided an overview of the Baton Rouge education landscape and reiterated the support for the school that NSBR will provide.

Ms. Emily Arata and Ms. Christy Reeves provided an overview of Ochsner support on Baton Rouge and all Discovery initiatives. Pledging to continue support and excitement for the DOBR school.

Mr. Jim Garvey of BESE expressed support for the school and provided additional information regarding benefits to Discovery in the school opening process.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. A motion was made by Mr. Hudson to enter into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shane. After public comment, the Board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session. The Board entered executive session at 5:20 PM and adjourned the executive session at 5:50 PM.**

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. After discussion was held to support the opening of the school in Baton Rouge, Dr. Madrigal made a motion to ratify the formation of Discovery Ochsner Baton Rouge and ratify the request to the Superintendent of Education to move the Baton Rouge charter from Discovery Health Sciences Foundation to Discovery Ochsner Baton Rouge. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson. After public comment, the Board voted unanimously to approve the motion. Ms. Arata and Dr. Ellis abstained from voting.**
- B. A motion was then made by Mr. Hudson to support the lease for Runnels school site between Discovery Ochsner Baton Rouge and Ochsner, to grant authority to Ms. Nugent to finalize the lease agreement with Ochsner and execute the finalized agreement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shane. After public comment, the Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.**

X. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per person)

- A. None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Ms. Nugent Smith calls to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 PM. Dr. Madrigal motions to adjourn. Mr. Shane seconds. No objections. The motion carried unanimously.**