

MEETING MINUTES

Baton Rouge Ochsner Discovery Health Sciences Foundation Board of Directors Monday, March 20, 2023, 5:52 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 5:52 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. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Mr. Caldarera motioned 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 Dr. Madrigal. After public comment, the Board voted unanimously to approve the motion. Ms. Arata and Dr. Ellis abstained from voting.**
- B. Mrs. Hollis motioned to approve 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. Mr. Caldarera seconded the motion. After public comment, the Board voted unanimously to approve the motion. Ms. Arata and Dr. Ellis abstained from voting.**

XI. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Ms. Nugent calls to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 PM. Ms. Monte motions to adjourn. Mr. Shane seconds. No objections. The motion carried unanimously.**