

Foundation for Louisiana Students

January 26, 2021
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
5:00 p.m.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH ACT 302 AND ACT 42 AND OPEN MEETINGS LAW

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1. Opening Items

A. Ms. Holliday called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m., announced certification compliance with ACT 302 and ACT 42 - Open Meetings Law, and conducted roll call.

[Mr. Price stepped out of the meeting at 5:11 p.m.]

On motion by Mr. Cooper, and seconded by Mr. Howes, Ms. Holliday conducted a roll call vote to declare the necessity for all agenda items to be discussed. The declaration was approved as presented and passed with Directors Holliday, Cooper, Duggan, Howes, Anderson, and Esmail voting in favor.

B. The following directors were recorded as present: Linda Holliday, Tre'veon Cooper, Adonica Duggan, Grace Anderson, Michael Howes, John Price, and Hala Esmail.

Guests Present: Michelle Clayton, Michael Adams, Joan Magee, Bryan Brown, Monese Scott-Brown, Suzette DeHart, and Dr. Lisa Smothers.

C. On motion by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Howes, and carried to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved as presented. The motion passed with Directors Holliday, Cooper, Duggan, Anderson, and Esmail voting in favor.

2. Routine Business

- A. On motion by Ms. Duggan, seconded by Ms. Anderson, and carried to approve the November 17, 2020 Regular Board Meeting minutes. The minutes were approved as presented. The motion passed with Directors Holliday, Cooper, Duggan, and Esmail voting in favor.

[Mr. Price returned to the meeting at 5:21 p.m.]

3. New Business

- A. Ms. Holliday led the discussion and Approval of Academic Airflow Project/Plan. Mr. Bryan Brown of ADG Baton Rouge Consulting Engineers conducted a presentation on air conditioning units, Covid ionization devices, duct work, cost of the project, and two solutions in the form of Plan A and Plan B. On motion by Mr. Price, seconded by Ms. Duggan and unanimously passed to accept Mr. Brown's recommendation to place on bid Plan A and in addition a request for bid for Plan B as an alternate. The motion passed with Directors Holliday, Cooper, Duggan, Anderson, Howes, Price, and Esmail voting in favor.

4. Oral Reports

- A. Dr. Clayton presented the Superintendent's Report to include the current enrollment summary, personnel update, events and information, student of the year, music program changes, and the Tallulah inventory process.
- B. Ms. Monese Scott- Brown presented the Monthly Financial Report for December 2020 to include the current fund balance, proposal for an amended budget, and movement of items for the overall budget.
- C. Ms. Holliday presented the Finance Committee Report to include recommendation of available funds for the airflow project, the computer project and the handicap ramp for the Administrative Center. The computer project will be discussed at a later meeting once Cares money is determined.

4. New Business

- A. Dr. Clayton led the discussion and approval of Amendment to the Student Handbook. On motion by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Ms. Duggan, and carried to approve the Amendment to the Student Handbook. The motion passed with Ms. Holliday, Mr. Cooper, Ms. Duggan, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Howes, Mr. Price, and Ms. Esmail voting in favor. No public comment.

- B. Ms. Holliday led the discussion and approval of New Position (Accountant Technician) to include the salary scale. On motion by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Howes, and carried to accept the New Position (Accountant Technician). The motion passed with Ms. Holliday, Mr. Cooper, Ms. Duggan, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Howes, Mr. Price, and Ms. Esmail voting in favor. No public comment.

- C. Dr. Smothers led the discussion and approval of the Amendment to the Covid 19 Policy. On motion by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Duggan, and carried to approve the Amendment to Covid-19 Policy. The motion passed with Ms. Holliday, Mr. Cooper, Ms. Duggan, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Howes, Mr. Price, and Ms. Esmail voting in favor. No public comment.

- D. Ms. Holliday led the discussion and approval of CPA. On motion by Mr. Price, seconded by Ms. Anderson, and carried to approve the CPA position. The motion passed with Ms. Holliday, Mr. Cooper, Ms. Duggan, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Howes, Mr. Price, and Ms. Esmail voting in favor. No public comment.

- E. Ms. Holliday led the discussion for the Superintendent Evaluation to include moving to Executive Session at 6:13 p.m. On motion by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Ms. Anderson, and carried to move the meeting to Executive Session. The motion passed with Ms. Holliday, Mr. Cooper, Ms. Duggan, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Howes, Mr. Price, and Ms. Esmail voting in favor. No public comment.

- F. On motion by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Ms. Duggan, and carried to adjourn Executive Session at 6:27 p.m. with no action taken. The motion passed with Ms. Holliday, Mr. Cooper, Ms. Duggan, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Price, and Ms. Esmail voting in favor. No public comment.

5. Closing Items

- A. On motion by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Ms. Anderson, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m. The motion passed with Directors Holliday, Cooper, Duggan, Anderson, Price, and Esmail voting in favor. No public comment.

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