

Foundation for Louisiana Students

April 27, 2021
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
5:00 p.m.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH ACT 302 and ACT 42 of the 2020 Session, and OPEN MEETINGS LAW

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1. Opening Items

A. Ms. Holliday called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m., announced certification compliance with ACT 302 of 2020, Act 42 of 2020, and the Louisiana Open Meetings Law.

B. Ms. Holliday conducted a roll call. The following Directors were recorded as present: Linda Holliday, Tre'von Cooper, Adonica Duggan, Grace Anderson, John Price, and Hala Esmail.

On motion by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Ms. Duggan, and approved to declare the board meeting necessary and essential and for all agenda items to be discussed online per Act 302. The declaration was approved as presented and passed with Directors Holliday, Cooper, Duggan, Anderson, Price, and Esmail voting in favor.

Guests Present: Michelle Clayton, Joan Magee, Michael Marsh, Dr. Lisa Smothers, Monese Scott-Brown, Michael Adams, Joe Rush, Kiley Cox, Lekisha Chambers, Kearney Craft, Victoria Tecche, and Suzette DeHart.

C. On motion by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Duggan, and carried to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed with Directors Holliday, Cooper, Duggan, Anderson, Price, and Esmail voting in favor. No Public Comment.

2. Routine Business

[Mr. Cooper exited the meeting at 5:04 p.m.]

- A. On motion by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Price, and carried to approve the March 23, 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes. The minutes were approved as presented. The motion passed with Directors Holliday, Duggan, Anderson, Price, and Esmail voting in favor.

[Mr. Cooper returned to the meeting at 5:06 p.m.]

- B. On motion by Mr. Price, seconded by Ms. Anderson and carried to approve the April 8, 2021 Special Board Meeting minutes. The minutes were approved as presented. The motion passed with Directors Holliday, Cooper, Duggan, Anderson, Price, and Esmail voting in favor.

3. Oral Reports

- A. Mr. Kearney Craft and Ms. Victoria Tecche presented the FY 2020 Audit Report/Summary to include staff participation, auditor's clean opinion, financial statements, net asset increase, cashflow statement, Covid impact footnote disclosure, internal controls over financial reporting, internal controls for major federal programs, schedule of expenditures of federal awards FY2020, schedule of auditor's clean results, and agreed upon procedures required by board of elementary and secondary education.
- B. Dr. Clayton presented the Superintendent Report to include the current enrollment summary, intent to return, personnel update, state testing update, summer school, summer enrichment, Tallulah Camps update, job fair, transition of remaining items at Tallulah.
- C. Ms. Scott-Brown presented the Financial Report to include revenue and expenses for March, proposed amended budget, and increase of MFP funding from July 2020 to March 2021.
- D. Ms. Holliday presented the Finance Committee's oral Report to include their recommendation to approve the revised budget, the notice for the special board meeting on May 25, 2021, the travel policy amendment, the revised computer policy, the Global Teletherapy contract, the Clarix contract, the stipend for in-person testing, and the stipend for teachers.

4. New Business

- A. Ms. Holliday and Ms. Scott-Brown led the discussion and approval of the Revised Budget for FY 2021 to include revenue and expenses for the amended budget. On motion by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Cooper, and carried to approve the Revised Budget for FY 2021. The motion passed with Directors Holliday, Cooper, Duggan, Anderson, Price, and Esmail voting in favor. No public comment.

- B. Ms. Holliday led the discussion of Public Notice for Special Board Meeting on May 25, 2021 at 4:30 pm for FY 2022 Budget Presentation. On motion by Mr. Price, seconded by Ms. Anderson, and carried to approve the Public Notice for Special Board Meeting on May 25, 2021 at 4:30 pm for FY 2022 Budget Presentation. The motion passed with Directors Holliday, Cooper, Duggan, Anderson, Price, and Esmail voting in favor. No public comment.

- C. Ms. Holliday led the Discussion and Approval of the Travel Policy Amendment. On motion by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Cooper, and carried to approve the Travel Policy Amendment. The motion passed with Directors Holliday, Cooper, Duggan, Anderson, Price, and Esmail voting in favor. No public comment.

- D. Dr. Clayton led the Discussion and Approval of the Revised Computer Purchase for Students and Staff. On motion by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Cooper, and carried to approve the Revised Computer Purchase for Students and Staff. The motion passed with Directors Holliday, Cooper, Duggan, Anderson, Price, and Esmail voting in favor. No public comment.

- E. Ms. Holliday and Dr. Clayton led the Discussion of Graduation Date/Events to include the student option for a virtual Graduation at 9:00 am or a face-to face Graduation at 4:00 pm at the River Center on May 29, 2021, and Board RSVP.

- F. Ms. Holliday led the Discussion and Approval of the 2021-2022 School & Employee Calendar. On motion by Ms. Duggan, seconded by Mr. Cooper, and carried to approve the 2021-2022 School & Employee Calendar. The motion passed with Directors Holliday, Cooper, Duggan, Anderson, Price, and Esmail voting in favor. No public comment.

- G. Ms. Holliday led the Discussion and Approval of the Global Teletherapy Contract. On motion by Mr. Price, seconded by Ms. Duggan, and carried to approve the Global Teletherapy Contract. The motion passed with Directors Holliday, Cooper, Duggan, Anderson, Price, and Esmail voting in favor. No public comment.

- H. Ms. Holliday led the Discussion and Approval of the Clarix Contract. On motion by Mr. Price, seconded by Ms. Anderson, and carried to approve the Clarix Contract. The motion

passed with Directors Holliday, Cooper, Duggan, Anderson, Price, and Esmail voting in favor. No public comment.

- I. Ms. Holliday led the Discussion and Approval of Stipend for In-Person Testing Activities. On motion by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Ms. Anderson, and carried to approve a Stipend for In-Person Testing. The motion passed with Directors Holliday, Cooper, Anderson, Price, and Esmail voting in favor and Duggan abstaining. No public comment.
- J. Ms. Holliday led the Discussion and Approval of Stipend for Teachers. On motion by Ms. Duggan, seconded by Mr. Cooper, and carried to approve the Stipend for Teachers to include an amendment of a one-time payment. The motion passed with Directors Holliday, Cooper, Duggan, Anderson, Price, and Esmail voting in favor. No public comment.
- K. Ms. Holliday led the Discussion of Financial Disclosure Documents to include the importance of submitting the documents to the Board of Ethics and the due date.
- L. Ms. Holliday led the Discussion of Pending Litigation, *Lincoln David Strauss v. Foundation for Louisiana Students, et al., Civil Action No. 3:21-cv-0021, United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana*. On motion by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Ms. Anderson, and carried to move to Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. The motion passed with Directors Holliday, Cooper, Duggan, Anderson, Price, and Esmail voting in favor. No public comment.

On motion by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Ms. Anderson and carried to return from Executive Session at 6:28 p.m. with no action taken during executive session. The motion passed with Directors Holliday, Cooper, Duggan, Anderson, Price, and Esmail voting in favor. No public comment.

5. Closing Items

- A. On motion by Ms. Duggan, seconded by Mr. Cooper, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 pm. The motion passed with Directors Holliday, Cooper, Duggan, Anderson, Price, and Esmail voting in favor. No public comment.

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