

# Foundation for Louisiana Students

May 24, 2022  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
5:00 p.m.

**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**Subject to approval at the next Board meeting**

*IN COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS LAW*

3113 Valley Creek Drive  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
First Floor Conference Room

## 1. Opening Items

A. Ms. Holliday called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

B. Ms. Holliday requested a roll call be conducted. Through a voice response, the following Directors were recorded as present: Linda Holliday, Tre'Von Cooper, Michael w. Howes, Grace Anderson, and John Price. Quorum obtained to conduct business.

In-Person Guests Present: Dr. Shana King, Michael Adams, Joan Magee, Monese Scott-Brown, Michael Marsh, Michael Tran, Melissa Grand, Christian Lee, Kerney Craft, Victoria Tecchie, and Sandra Walriven.

\*Public Guests present: See attached list.

C. On motion by Ms Anderson, seconded by Mr. Cooper, and carried to approve the Agenda for May 24, 2022. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Ms. Holliday, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Howes, Ms. Anderson, and Mr. Price, voting in favor. A request by the Board for Public Comment was made. No Public Comment.

## **2. Routine Business**

- A. On motion by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Cooper, and carried to approve the April 26, 2022 Board Meeting minutes. The minutes were approved as presented. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Ms. Holliday, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Howes, Ms. Anderson, and Mr. Price, voting in favor. A request by the Board for Public Comment was made. No public comment.

## **3. Oral Reports**

- A. Dr. King presented the Superintendent Report to include the current enrollment summary, intent to return numbers, personnel update, important dates, and school events. No vote taken.
  
- B. Ms. Monese Scott-Brown presented the Financial Report for April 2022. No vote taken.
  
- C. Ms. Holliday presented the Finance Committee Report regarding the availability of funds for the following: the purchase of 1,000 new computers for the 22-23 school year at a cost of \$645,000 and an additional \$12,000 for testing expenses. No vote taken.
  
- D. Ms. Magee presented the Facilities Report to include an update on sanitizing of the Academic Center, AC status at the Conference Center, Playground Project, Vehicle Purchase, and an update of the Lynx Den construction. Ms. Magee did recommend a facilities study group. No vote taken.

## **4. New Business**

- A. Ms. Holliday and the external auditors (Wegmann Dazet, CPA) led the Discussion and Approval of the Audit Report as of June 30, 2021. On motion by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Cooper, and carried to approve the Audit Report as of June 30, 2021. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Ms. Holliday, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Howes, Ms. Anderson, and Mr. Price, voting in favor. A request by the Board for public comment was made. No public comment.
  
- B. Ms. Holliday and Mr. Adams led the Discussion to Ratify by vote: New Board Member Ms. Ann Burgin. On motion by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Howes, and carried to approve the election of New Board Member Ann Burgin. The motion passed through a voice vote

with Directors Ms. Holliday, Mr. Howes, Ms. Anderson, and Mr. Price in favor. Mr. Cooper voted not in favor. A request by the Board for Public Comment was made. No public comment.

Ms. Holliday and Mr. Adams led the Discussion to Ratify by vote: Election of Secretary - Ms. Hala Esmail. On motion by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Price, and carried to approve the election Ms. Esmail as Secretary. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Ms. Holliday, Mr. Howes, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Cooper, and Mr. Price in favor. A request by the Board for Public Comment was made. No public comment.

- C. Ms. Holliday and Mr. Adams led the Discussion and Approval of Termination of the AIG 457 Plan. On motion by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Howes and carried to approve the Termination of AIG 457 Plan. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Ms. Holliday, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Howes, Ms. Anderson, and Mr. Price voting in favor. A request by the Board for Public Comment was made. No public comment.
- D. Ms. Holliday and Mr. Adams led the Discussion and Approval of authorization for another Board Officer to sign documents on behalf of the Board Secretary. On motion by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Howes and carried to approve Ms. Anderson to sign the AIG certification documents on behalf of the Board Secretary. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Ms. Holliday, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Howes, Ms. Anderson, and Mr. Price voting in favor. A request by the Board for Public Comment was made. No public comment.
- E. Ms. Holliday led the Discussion to Ratify by vote the following items from the March 24, 2022 Board Meeting; Mr. Adams as Board Attorney explained why the ratification was necessary:
  - 1. Creating an Executive Committee for UVA change orders for the Lynx Den Construction - On motion to ratify the previous vote by Mr. Price, and seconded by Mr. Howes and carried to approve an Executive Committee for UVA change orders for the Lynx Den Construction. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Ms. Holliday, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Howes, Ms. Anderson, and Mr. Price voting in favor. A request by the Board for Public Comment was made. Public Comment was made by Tammy Morgan.
  - 2. Hiring of Finance Personnel - On motion to ratify the previous vote by Ms. Anderson, and seconded by Mr. Cooper, and carried to approve the hiring of Finance Personnel. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Ms. Holliday, Mr. Cooper, Ms. Anderson, and Mr. Price voting in favor. Mr. Howes voted not in favor. A request by the Board for Public Comment was made. No public comment.
  - 3. Design and Construction of Playground/Green Space - On motion to ratify the previous vote by Mr. Howes, and seconded by Mr. Cooper, and carried to approve the Playground/Green Space with a security fence at a cost up to \$250,000. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Ms. Holliday, Mr. Cooper, Ms.

Anderson, Mr. Howes, and Mr. Price voting in favor. A request by the Board for Public Comment was made. Public Comments were made by Tammy Morgan, James Mungall, and Robert Cleere.

4. Overlay and Lynx Den Parking - On motion to ratify the previous vote by Mr. Howes, and seconded by Ms. Anderson, and carried to approve the Overlay and Lynx Den Parking at a cost of \$839,712. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Ms. Holliday, Mr. Cooper, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Howes, and Mr. Price voting in favor. A request by the Board for Public Comment was made. Public comment was made by Robert Cleere.
5. Science kits used with Amplify Tier I Curriculum grades 1-8 - On motion to ratify the previous vote by Mr. Howes, and seconded by Mr. Cooper, and carried to approve the Science kits used with Amplify Tier I Curriculum at a cost of \$222,000 for grades 1-8. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Ms. Holliday, Mr. Cooper, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Howes, and Mr. Price voting in favor. A request by the Board for Public Comment was made. No public comment.
6. Lynx Den Equipment (equipment, technology, etc) - On motion to ratify the previous vote by Ms. Anderson, and seconded by Mr. Cooper, and carried to approve the Lynx Den Equipment (equipment, technology, etc) at a cost of \$395,018. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Ms. Holliday, Mr. Cooper, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Howes, and Mr. Price voting in favor. A request by the Board for Public Comment was made. No public comment.
7. Approval of Internet Subsidy - On motion to ratify the previous vote by Mr. Howes, and seconded by Ms. Anderson, and carried to approve the Internet Subsidy at a cost of \$360,150. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Ms. Holliday, Mr. Cooper, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Howes, and Mr. Price voting in favor. A request by the Board for Public Comment was made. No public comment.
8. Approval of Vans & Truck Purchases - On motion to ratify the previous vote by Mr. Cooper, and seconded by Ms. Anderson, and carried to approve Option 3 for the Purchases of a Cargo Van, Passenger Van, and a Pick-up Truck up to \$114,225. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Ms. Holliday, Mr. Cooper, Ms. Anderson, and Mr. Price voting in favor. Mr. Howes abstained. A request by the Board for Public Comment was made. No public comment.

F. Ms. Holliday led the Discussion and Approval of additional expenses for testing: \$12,000. On motion by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Howes, and

carried to approve the additional testing expenses of \$12,000. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Ms.

Holliday, Mr. Howes, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Cooper, and Mr. Price in favor. A request by the Board for Public Comment was made. No public comment

G. Ms. Holliday led the Discussion and Approval of the Purchase of new computers for the 2022-2023 school year: \$645,000. On motion by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Cooper, and carried to approve the purchase of 1,000 computers and approval of the corrected cost of \$645,000 instead of \$625,000. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Ms. Holliday, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Howes, Ms. Anderson, and Mr. Price, voting in favor. A request by the Board for Public Comment was made. Tammy Morgan and James Mungall made public comments..

H. Ms. Holliday and Ms. Grand led the Discussion of the Revised COVID 19 Parent and Student Policy (Quarantine Days). On motion by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Howes, and carried to approve the Quarantine Days to be adjusted down from 14 days to a 5 day Quarantine Policy. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Ms. Holliday, Mr. Howes, Ms. Anderson, and Mr. Price in favor. Mr. Cooper abstained. A request by the Board for Public Comment was made. Robert Cleere made a public comment.

I. Ms. Holliday led the Discussion of the Update on Board Policies. In Ms. Burgin's absence she shared that Ms. Burgin is working with IT to develop a policy for statewide access to Board Meetings. Mr. Price shared that he is working on the Board Member Election and term policy. Mr. Howes has a meeting scheduled for the Solar Panel project. Ms. Holliday is working on the Board by-laws. A request by the Board for Public Comment was made. Rhonda Hall made a public comment.

Open Public Comments: Robert Cleere

## **5. Closing Items**

A. On motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Howes, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Ms. Holliday, Mr. Cooper, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Howes, and Mr. Price, voting in favor.

Public Comments: Public comments may be submitted via email before or during the meetings to Joan Magee: [swalriven@uview.academy](mailto:swalriven@uview.academy).

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