

Foundation for Louisiana Students

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes
3113 Valley Creek Drive
Baton Rouge, LA
First Floor Conference Room
August 22, 2023**

IN COMPLIANCE WITH LOUISIANA OPEN MEETINGS LAW

1. Opening Items

- A. Board President Holliday called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.
- B. Board President Holliday requested a roll call vote. The following Directors through a voice vote were recorded as present: Ms. Grace Anderson, Mr. Thomas Nealsson, Mrs. Ann Burgin, Dr. Hala Esmail, and Ms. Linda Holliday.

Guests present: Mr. William Biossat, Dr. Quentina Timoll, Ms. Lekisha Chambers, Dr. Dawn Love, Mr. Michael Adams, Ms. Darah Husser, Ms. Eugenia Cardozo, Ms. Traci Payne, Mr. Sean Kimball, Mr. Joe Keeney, Ms. Melissa Fox, Mr. Barry Harris, Mr. Dan Paradela, Mr. Jim Woodworth, and Mr. Leonard White.

Conference Room & Online Guests: See attached list.

- C. On motion by Director Nealsson, seconded by Director Anderson, to amend the Regular Board Meeting Agenda for August 22, 2023. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Anderson, Nealsson, Esmail, Burgin, and Holliday voting in favor. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.
- D. On motion by Board President Holliday, seconded by Director Nealsson, to add the following items to the Regular Board Meeting Agenda for August 22, 2023 – Appoint and Approve a temporary Secretary for this meeting only, Motion to Approve the Resolution authorizing the Board President to sign documentation for the property purchase, Motion to accept and approve the amendment to increase our enrollment to 3,333 with a max of 4,000 as reflected in the charter agreement between the LDOE and Foundation For Louisiana Students. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Anderson, Nealsson, Esmail, Burgin, and Holliday voting in favor. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.
- E. On motion by Director Nealsson, seconded by Director Anderson, and carried to approve the amended Regular Board Meeting Agenda for August 22, 2023. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Anderson, Nealsson, Burgin, Esmail, and Holliday voting in favor. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.

2. Routine Business

- A. Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting for July 25, 2023. On motion by Director Anderson and seconded by Director Nealsson, to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes with the correction to the spelling of Mr. William Biossat's name. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Anderson, Nealsson, Burgin, and Holliday voting in favor. Director Esmail abstained. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.
- B. Approval of the Minutes from the Special Board Meeting for August 8, 2023. On motion by Director Anderson and seconded by Director Nealsson, to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes for August 8, 2023 as presented. The motion failed with a voice vote with Directors Anderson, Nealsson, and Holliday voting in favor. Directors Esmail and Burgin abstained. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.

*****See Item 3E and 3F for Reconsideration/Approval of the Minutes from the Special Board Meeting for August 8, 2023.**

3. Oral Reports

- A. Dr. Quentina Timoll presented the Superintendent Report to include important upcoming dates and current enrollment. Dr. Timoll reflected on the first couple of weeks of the 2023-2024 school year at UVA. Ms. Lekisha Chambers introduced the new Chief of Academics, Dr. Dawn Love. Dr. Timoll acknowledged UVA staff who will represent UVA as teacher leader advisors at the LDOE this year. University View Academy's first Open House is this Friday, August 25th in Alexandria and the second Open House is next Friday, September 8th in Gonzales. Dr. Timoll stated that the current enrollment count is 3,600 and of that number 1,059 students are new. Currently there are 21 students in the pipeline being processed into JCampus and there are 489 applications being processed. No vote was taken.

***Mr. John Price arrived at 5:23 PM.

- B. Board President Holliday led the Discussion of the Financial Report for July 2023. Ms. Melissa Fox stated that preparations for the audit are underway and the auditor will begin her fieldwork on September 25th. Ms. Fox reviewed the period's Revenues, Actuals, and Expenses for the period ending July 31, 2023. The current period revenues and actuals totaled \$3.4 million and \$64,000 was earned from interest on investments for the month of July. The current period expenses and actuals totaled \$2.8 million. The current year surplus/(deficit) totaled \$505,430 and the adjusted AFR balance (state fund balance) totaled \$21.9 million. Ms. Fox confirmed that the fund balance can be used for facilities and instructional programs. Assets totaled \$35.7 million for the current period with a \$21.4 million cash balance. Liabilities totaled \$-417,379 for the current period. Equity totaled \$36 million. Ms. Fox explained that there is a teacher stipend pay raise and

Board President Holliday suggested he pay out be given in December. No vote was taken.

- C. Mr. Barry Harris provided a Status of Current Facility Projects. There are no updates for the Administration Building.

Academic Center: Mr. Harris stated that the Academic Center has reopened and the Elementary school staff moved in last week and the Middle school staff is moving in this week. Mr. Harris also provided pictures of the Academic Center. Board President Holliday mentioned the addition of a Gazebo to be built in the back of the building. Mr. Dan Paradela provided the Certificate of Mold Clearance to certify the interior of the building has cleared a visual and air test for the Academic Center and stated that he will continue to monitor the building monthly. Mr. Jim Woodworth provided a video to the Board on the Mold Clearance process and certified that the Mold has been completely removed from the Building.

Lynx Den: Roof coating on the existing roof is completed and total cost came in under budget at \$16,500. Board President Holliday requested an update on the side of the building that is letting in outside air and Mr. Leonard White stated that the spray foam insulation started on Monday, August 21st. Patio cleaning/repaint and front canopy painting has been completed.

Henderson Building: No issues to report.

4619 Bennington Ave: Mr. Harris discussed fencing for the new property. Board President Holliday would like to buy a chain link fence/gate while the building is being demolished. Two quotes from the realtor have been received to demolish the building on the property.

- D. Board President Holliday led the Discussion of the Finance Committee Report. The following items were discussed in the Finance Committee - Discussion and Availability of funds for the Drainage Plus, Inc. Invoice for the Academic Center. No vote taken.
- E. Reconsideration of the Minutes from the Special Board Meeting for August 8, 2023. On motion by Director Nealsson and seconded by Director Anderson, to reconsider Item B of Routine Business: Special Board Meeting Minutes for August 8, 2023. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Price, Anderson, Nealsson, Burgin, Esmail, and Holliday voting in favor. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.
- F. Approval of the Minutes from the Special Board Meeting for August 8, 2023. On motion by Board President Holliday and seconded by Director Nealsson, to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes for August 8, 2023 as presented. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Price, Anderson, Nealsson, and Holliday voting in favor. Directors Esmail and Burgin abstained. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No

public comment.

4. New Business

- A. Discussion and Approval of Drainage Plus, Inc. Invoice for the Academic Center. Board President Holliday led the discussion of the \$1,800 invoice from Drainage Plus, Inc. Mr. Dan Paradela explained that additional work was required for the drainage at the Academic Center and the work has already been completed.

On motion by Director Anderson and seconded by Director Price to approve the \$1,800 invoice for the additional work from Drainage Plus, Inc. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Price, Anderson, Nealsson, Burgin, Esmail, and Holliday voting in favor. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.

- B. Motion to Appoint and Approve a temporary Secretary for this meeting only. Director Thomas Nealsson volunteered for this appointment.

On motion by Board President Holliday and seconded by Director Anderson to appoint Mr. Nealsson as temporary Secretary for this meeting only in order to sign the Resolution for the purchase of the property. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Price, Anderson, Nealsson, Burgin, Esmail, and Holliday voting in favor. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.

- C. Motion to Approve the Resolution authorizing the Board President to sign documentation for the property purchase. Board President Holliday read the Resolution to the full Board and is attached to these minutes.

On motion by Director Price and seconded by Director Anderson to approve the Resolution authorizing the Board President to sign documentation for the property purchase. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Price, Anderson, Nealsson, Burgin, Esmail, and Holliday voting in favor. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.

***Mr. Price left the meeting at 6:15 PM.

- D. Motion to accept and approve the amendment to increase our enrollment to 3,333 students with a max of 4,000 students as reflected in the charter agreement between the LDOE and Foundation For Louisiana Students. Board President Holliday confirmed that this would be for the 2023-2024 school year. BESE Bulletin 126 §1903(E)(F) allows for addition of new grade levels or changes in student enrollment which result in excess of 120 percent of the total number of students set forth in the school's charter.

On motion by Director Nealsson and seconded by Director Esmail to accept and approve the amendment to increase our enrollment to 3,333 students with a max of 4,000 students as reflected in the charter agreement between

the LDOE and Foundation For Louisiana Students. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Anderson, Nealsson, Burgin, Esmail, and Holliday voting in favor. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.

5. Closing Items

- A. On motion by Director Nealsson, seconded by Director Anderson, and carried to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Anderson, Nealsson, Esmail, Burgin, and Holliday. A request by the Board for public comment was made. No public comment.

Conference Room & Online Guests:

First Name	Last Name	Location
Katie	Cali	Conference Room
***7 individuals logged in to attend the meeting online.		