

Foundation for Louisiana Students

Regular Board Meeting Minutes
3113 Valley Creek Drive
Baton Rouge, LA
First Floor Conference Room
February 20, 2024

IN COMPLIANCE WITH LOUISIANA OPEN MEETINGS LAW

1. Opening Items

- A. Board President Holliday called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.
- B. Board President Holliday requested a roll call vote. The following Directors through a voice vote were recorded as present: Mr. Michael Howes, Mr. Thomas Nealsson, Dr. Hala Esmail, Ms. Ann Burgin, Ms. Linda Holliday, and Ex-officio member – Dr. Quentina Timoll.

Guests present: Ms. Darah Husser, Ms. Traci Payne, Mr. Michael Tran, Ms. Krystle Dabney, Ms. Melissa Grand, Ms. Melissa Fox, Mr. Gary Dunn, Mr. Matt Viguerie, Ms. Ashley McCullen, Ms. Lekisha Chambers, Mr. John Cavell Jr., and Mr. Barry Harris.

Conference Room & Online Guests: See attached list.

- C. On motion by Director Burgin, seconded by Director Nealsson, to approve the Regular Board Meeting Agenda for February 20, 2024. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Howes, Nealsson, Esmail, Burgin, 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 January 23, 2024. On motion by Director Burgin and seconded by Director Nealsson, to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Howes, Nealsson, Burgin, and Holliday voting in favor. Director Esmail abstained due to missing a portion of the meeting. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.

3. Oral Reports

- A. Dr. Quentina Timoll presented the Superintendent Report to include important updates and current enrollment. Dr. Timoll reviewed the staff survey report that was conducted at the end of the semester. Results for this report were compiled from 247 staff surveys that were submitted on December 19, 2023. Gifted

teacher, Circe Bridges, was recognized as Employee of the month for February. Dr. Timoll stated that UVA currently has 3,719 active students and has 208 new applications that are being processed.

- B. Board President Holliday led the Discussion of the Financial Report for January 2024. Ms. Melissa Fox reviewed the preliminary revenues, actuals, and expenses for the period ending in January 31, 2024. The current period preliminary revenues totaled \$26.8 million. The current period preliminary expenses totaled \$26.9 million. Board President Holliday explained that a preliminary report is being presented due to the Board Meeting being pushed a week earlier and the Finance team can not close out until the fourth week of the month. The final January financials will be presented at the March Board meeting. No vote was taken.
- C. Board President Holliday presented the Finance Committee report. The Finance Committee recommended the availability of funds for FY 23-24 Budget Revision Projection and Gary Dunn Architects Revised Parking Lot Design with the removal of the fencing. The Finance Committee recommended deferring the Base Camp Renewables Solar Design Project. No vote was taken.
- D. Governance Committee Chair Thomas Nealsson presented the Governance Committee report. Board President Holliday provided the 2019 amended and restated bylaws. Mr. Nealsson drafted an email to send to organizations to facilitate interest for the Board Candidate Interest form. Board President Holliday acknowledged Mr. John Cavell Jr., who submitted the Board Candidate Interest form and voluntarily attended the Board meeting as a guest. Dr. Hala Esmail discussed the terms of the current Board members with Board President Holliday. The 2019 amended and restated bylaws designate each board member into one of the 3 classifications. Mr. Nealsson proposed to amend the bylaws so that Board members' terms do not all end in the same year. Mr. John Price is working on the bylaws.
- E. Mr. Barry Harris provided a Status of Current Facility Projects. Mr. Harris stated that there is nothing to report on the Academic Center, Bennington II, Administration Building, and Henderson Building.

Lynx Den: Mr. Harris did provide an update to the Board on a leak at the Lynx Den. He stated that the rain overflow in the gutter was causing the leak at the Lynx Den and has been repaired.

Academic Center: Mr. Harris reported that a smell in the Academic Center was caused from the exhaust system and it is being replaced.

4. New Business

- A. Discussion and approval of the FY 23-24 Budget Revision Projection. Board President Holliday and Melissa Fox led the discussion of the Budget Revision Projection. Ms. Fox reported that the FY 23-24 revised budget projects revenues

to total \$49.8 million and expenses to total \$46.8 million. Ms. Fox stated that the State recommended that a portion of the fund balance be restricted for capital improvements and \$530,044 was restricted.

On motion by Director Nealsson and seconded by Director Burgin to approve the FY 23-24 Budget Revision Projection. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Howes, Nealsson, Esmail, Burgin, and Holliday voting in favor. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.

*****Board President Holliday requested to take agenda item C out of order.**

- C. Discussion and approval of Base Camp Renewables Solar Design Project. Board President Holliday led the discussion with the suggestion to defer this item to a later date.

On motion by Director Howes and seconded by Director Nealsson to defer the Base Camp Renewables Solar Design Project. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Howes, Nealsson, Esmail, Burgin, and Holliday voting in favor. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.

- B. Discussion and approval of Gary Dunn Architects Revised Parking Lot Design. Board President Holliday led the discussion with Mr. Gary Dunn and Mr. Matt Viguerie from Gary Dunn Architects. Board President Holliday stated that the Bennington II parking lot design, a portion of the Lynx Den parking lot, and park area are included in this parking lot design revision. The fencing portion is not being discussed. Mr. Gary Dunn stated that the grand total for the new storage building and parking for Lynx Den building is \$1.02 million. Mr. Gary Dunn stated that the grand total for the new parking for Bennington II (corner lot) and added Lynx Den front area is \$872,021.69. The total base bid for both areas of work with contingency is \$1.89 million.

On motion by Director Howes and seconded by Director Nealsson to approve the Gary Dunn Architecture revised parking lot design for Bennington II and the Lynx Den with the exclusion of any fencing. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Howes, Nealsson, Esmail, Burgin, 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 Burgin, and carried to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Howes, Nealsson, Esmail, Burgin, and Holliday voting in favor.

Conference Room & Online Guests:

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