

# Foundation for Louisiana Students

Governance Committee Meeting Minutes  
3113 Valley Creek Drive  
Baton Rouge, LA  
First Floor Conference Room  
February 27, 2024

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

*IN COMPLIANCE WITH LOUISIANA OPEN MEETINGS LAW*

## 1. Opening Items

- A. Governance Committee Chair Thomas Nealsson called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.
- B. Governance Committee Chair Thomas Nealsson requested a roll call vote. The following Directors through a voice vote were recorded as present: Mr. Thomas Nealsson, Mr. John Price, Dr. Hala Esmail, and Ex-officio member – Dr. Quentina Timoll.

Guests present: Ms. Darah Husser, Ms. Traci Payne, Ms. Ashley McCullen, Ms. Melissa Grand, and Mr. Michael Tran.

Conference Room & Online Guests: See attached list.

- C. On motion by Director Esmail, seconded by Director Price, and carried to approval of the Governance Committee Meeting Agenda for February 27, 2024. The Governance Committee Meeting Agenda was approved as presented. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Nealsson, Price, and Esmail 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 Governance Committee Meeting for January 30, 2024. On motion by Director Price and seconded by Esmail, to approve the Governance Committee Meeting Minutes for January 30, 2024. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Nealsson, Price, and Esmail voting in favor. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.

### 3. New Business

- A. Discussion and review of Board Member candidate interest form submissions. Committee Chair Thomas Nealsson led the discussion of Board candidate submissions. Ms. Traci Payne stated that there are currently 5 candidates. No vote taken.
  
- B. Discussion and review of organizations to solicit Board member candidate interest. Committee Chair Thomas Nealsson led the discussion by reading the email he drafted to send to the selected organizations. Director Esmail and Price stated that the email should be revised to include mention of "University View Academy" (linking it to the UVA website), and a due date of March 10th to submit the candidate interest form (to be considered for the upcoming available opening on the board). Committee members will review all candidate interest form submissions on March 11th and come prepared to discuss their top 3 candidate choices at the March 14th Governance Committee meeting. No vote taken.

**\*\*\*Dr. Quentina Timoll exited the meeting at 5:45 p.m.**

**\*\*\*Ms. Melissa Grand exited the meeting at 6:06 p.m.**

- C. Discussion and review of Foundation for Louisiana Students Bylaws. Committee Chair Thomas Nealsson led the discussion of the current Board member terms as stated in the Bylaws. Director Esmail stated that Director Ann Burgin will be leaving the Board on May 21st. The Committee expressed concern with the Board succession process. Each Committee member agreed to draft ideas for term lengths/class designations for proposed revisions to the bylaws, and come prepared to discuss them at the March 14th Governance Committee meeting. No vote taken.

### 4. Closing Items

- A. On motion by Director Price, seconded by Director Esmail, and carried to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Nealsson, Price, and Esmail. A request by the Committee for public comment was made. No public comment.

#### Conference Room & Online Guests:

First Name	Last Name	Location
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*** 3 individuals logged in to attend the meeting online.		