

Foundation for Louisiana Students

Regular Board Meeting Minutes
3113 Valley Creek Drive
Baton Rouge, LA
First Floor Conference Room
January 23, 2024

IN COMPLIANCE WITH LOUISIANA OPEN MEETINGS LAW

1. Opening Items

- A. Board President Holliday called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.
- B. Board President Holliday requested a roll call vote. The following Directors through a voice vote were recorded as present: Mr. John Price, Mr. Michael Howes, Ms. Grace Anderson, Mr. Thomas Nealsson, Dr. Hala Esmail, Ms. Ann Burgin, Ms. Linda Holliday, and Ex-officio member – Dr. Quentina Timoll.

Guests present: Mr. Michael Adams, Ms. Darah Husser, Ms. Traci Payne, Mr. Michael Tran, Ms. Krystle Dabney, Ms. Melissa Grand, Ms. Melissa Fox, Ms. Catherine Gill, Mr. William Biossat, Ms. Donna Grice, Mr. Robert Martin, Ms. Sheryl Moore, Mr. Gary Dunn, Mr. Matt Viguerie, Mr. Tyler Carruth, Mr. Umut Meraler, and Mr. Barry Harris.

Conference Room & Online Guests: See attached list.

- C. On motion by Director Price, seconded by Director Anderson, to approve the Regular Board Meeting Agenda for December 12, 2023. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Price, Howes, Anderson, 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 December 12, 2023. 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 Price, Howes, Anderson, Nealsson, Burgin, and Holliday voting in favor. Director Esmail abstained. 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 upcoming dates and current enrollment. Dr. Quentina Timoll introduced Ms.

Sheryl Moore, Ms. Donna Grice, and Mr. Robert Martin to inform the Board of Directors about the student success initiative for student retention. UVA currently has 3,731 active students and is in the process of enrolling another 29 students. UVA also has 168 applications that are being processed. Ms. Thom Hollins was recognized as the Employee of the month for January. Dr. Timoll also acknowledged January as School Board Appreciation month.

- B. Board President Holliday led the Discussion of the Financial Report for December 2023. Ms. Fox reviewed the period's Revenues, Actuals, and Expenses for the period ending December 31, 2023. The current period revenues totaled \$3.4 million and actuals totaled \$23.3 million. \$68,953 was earned from interest from investments for the month of December. The current period expenses totaled \$3.7 million and actuals totaled \$20.1 million. Ms. Fox stated that at the close of December, Assets totaled \$39.6 million, Liabilities totaled \$697,735, and Equity totaled \$38.9 million. No vote was taken.
- C. Board President Holliday presented the Finance Committee report. The Finance Committee only discussed the Budget Revision Projection. No vote was taken.
- D. Mr. Barry Harris provided a Status of Current Facility Projects.

Lynx Den: General contractor punch list to be completed by February 2, 2024.

Academic Center: Solarium leak has been fixed, flashing was replaced at no cost.

Bennington II: Fencing work has started and is set to be completed by February 18, 2024.

On motion by Director Nealsson and seconded by Director Price to retire at 5:39 pm. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Price, Howes, Anderson, Nealsson, Esmail, Burgin, and Holliday voting in favor. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.

On motion by Director Nealsson and seconded by Director Price to return onto the record at 5:48 pm. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Price, Howes, Anderson, Nealsson, Esmail, Burgin, and Holliday voting in favor. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.

***Director Esmail stepped out of the meeting at 5:53 pm.

4. New Business

***Director Esmail returned to the meeting at 6:09 pm.

- A. Presentation from Gary Dunn Architecture and Base Camp Renewables of the Parking Lot Solar Project. Mr. Tyler Carruth and Mr. Umut Merales from Base Camp Renewables and Mr. Gary Dunn and Mr. Matt Viguerie from Gary Dunn Architecture gave the presentation to the Board of Directors. Two options were presented to the Board for notes and suggestions. Board President Holliday suggested that a finalized proposal be created and brought before the board again at a Special Board Meeting. The Board also discussed having a separate fencing package. No vote was taken.
- B. Discussion of Budget Revision Projection. Board President Holliday led the discussion of the Budget Revision Projection with Ms. Melissa Fox. Ms. Fox stated that the Budget Revision request will be brought before the Board at the February Board Meeting. No vote was taken.

***Director Howes stepped out of the meeting at 6:48 pm.

- C. Discussion and Approval of Trademark Policy. Board President Holliday led the discussion of the Trademark Policy with Mr. Michael Adams. Mr. Adams reviewed the Trademark Policy and its specifications with the Board.

On motion by Director Price and seconded by Director Anderson to approve the Trademark Policy. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Price, Anderson, Nealsson, Esmail, Burgin, and Holliday voting in favor. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.

***Director Howes returned to the meeting at 6:59 pm.

- D. Discussion of Board Governance Committee. Board President Holliday led the Discussion of the Board Governance Committee. Directors Nealsson, Price, and Esmail make up the Governance Committee and set a meeting date for Tuesday, January 30, 2024. No vote was taken.
- E. Executive Session: Complete Superintendent's Evaluation.

On motion by Director Price and seconded by Director Anderson to go into Executive session. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Price, Howes, Anderson, Nealsson, Esmail, Burgin, and Holliday voting in favor. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.

On motion by Director Price and seconded by Director Burgin to exit the Executive session with no vote taken. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Price, Howes, Anderson, 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 Anderson, seconded by Director Nealsson, and carried to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Price, Howes, Anderson, Nealsson, Esmail, Burgin, and Holliday voting in favor. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.

Conference Room & Online Guests:

First Name	Last Name	Location
Tyler	Nelson	Conference Room
***35 individuals logged in to attend the meeting online.		