

# Foundation for Louisiana Students

Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
3113 Valley Creek Drive  
Baton Rouge, LA  
First Floor Conference Room  
March 19, 2024

*IN COMPLIANCE WITH LOUISIANA OPEN MEETINGS LAW*

## 1. Opening Items

- A. Board President Holliday called the meeting to order at 5:12 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. Michael Adams, Ms. Eugenia Cardozo, Ms. Kendall Palmer, Mr. Frank Alpan, Ms. Lekisha Chambers, Mr. John Cavell, Ms. Amy McLin, Ms. Erin Sindelar, Ms. Deborah Sternberg, Ms. Amelia Sindelar, and Mr. Barry Harris.

Conference Room & Online Guests: See attached list.

- C. On motion by Director Nealsson, seconded by Director Burgin, to approve the Regular Board Meeting Agenda for March 19, 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 February 20, 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, Esmail, Burgin, and Holliday voting in favor. 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 announced that Raven Cole is a

semi-finalist for 2025 teacher of the year and continued to acknowledge Elementary math instructional coach, Kaleisha London, for being selected as employee of the month for March. Dr. Timoll introduced UVA sophomore Amelia Sindelar who was awarded \$5,000 in seed funding at the Young Entrepreneurs Academy of Baton Rouge Community Pitch. Amelia Sindelar presented her award winning pitch to the Board of Directors. Dr. Timoll stated that as a result of UVA's stellar performance at the Young Entrepreneurs Academy Pitch Fest, she will appear on the Clay Young show to highlight our operations and approach to testing season. To conclude her report, Dr. Timoll provided an update on enrollment with UVA having 3,622 active students, 225 completed applications being processed, and 192 applications in the pipeline. No vote was taken.

- B. Board President Holliday led the Discussion of the Financial Report for January 2024 and preliminary Financial Report for February 2024. Ms. Melissa Fox reviewed the YTD revenues, actuals, and expenses for the period ending in January 31, 2024 with revenues totaled at \$27.5 million and expenses totaled at \$24 million. Ms. Fox stated that for the period ending on January 31, 2024, assets totaled \$40 million and liabilities totaled \$819,086. Ms. Melissa Fox reviewed the preliminary YTD revenues, actuals, and expenses for the period ending in February 29, 2024 with revenues totaled at \$30.9 million and expenses totaled at \$27.3 million. Ms. Fox stated that for the period ending on February 29, 2024, assets totaled \$40 million and liabilities totaled \$728,217. No vote was taken.
- C. Board President Holliday presented the Finance Committee report. The Finance Committee recommended the availability of funds for the Base Camp Renewables Proposal and the Board's contractual obligations with Dr. Timoll. No vote was taken.
- D. Governance Committee Chair Thomas Nealsson presented the Governance Committee report. Committee Chair Thomas Nealsson recognized Dr. James Llorens, Mr. John Cavell, Ms. Tiffany Quiett, and Ms. Sara Mungall as the Governance Committee's top candidates for Board membership. Mr. Nealsson stated that the Governance Committee will suggest their final candidate(s) at the April board meeting. No vote was taken.
- E. Mr. Barry Harris provided a Status of Current Facility Projects. Mr. Harris stated that there is nothing to report on the Lynx Den, Administration Building, and Henderson Building.

Academic Center: Mr. Harris reported that all exhaust fans in the Academic Center have been replaced. The gazebo foundation is scheduled to begin construction on March 21, 2024.

Bennington II: Mr. Harris reported that the construction of fencing is scheduled to begin on March 25, 2024 and the concrete construction for the playground is scheduled to begin on March 25, 2024.

#### 4. New Business

- A. Discussion and approval of Base Camp Renewables Proposal. Board President Holliday led the discussion of the Base Camp Renewables Proposal with Mr. Frank Alpan and Ms. Kendall Palmer from Base Camp Renewables. Mr. Alpan reviewed the scope of work as outlined on the proposal and noted that the grand total for their services is \$267,120. Mr. Alpan informed the Board that UVA is eligible for a 30% solar credit and Base Camp Renewables would monitor the system for two years after installation. Board President Holliday stated that an insurance rider would need to be added to the current insurance policy. Ms. Kendall Palmer and Mr. Frank Alpan stated that a technical presentation is being held on Monday between Gary Dunn Architecture, LLC and Base Camp Renewables. Board President Holliday stated that they would like confirmation from Gary Dunn Architecture, LLC at the April board meeting that they support the work as outlined on this proposal before providing Board approval.

On motion by Director Nealsson and seconded by Director Esmail to defer the Base Camp Renewables proposal until the April board meeting. 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 the District Calendar. Board President Holliday led the discussion of the 2024-2025 District Calendar with Ms. Lekisha Chambers. Ms. Chambers stated that Mardi Gras break has been adjusted to March 3-7 and the first day for students has been adjusted to August 8. Mardi Gras break has been changed from a 3 day break to a full week and the first day for students has been changed from August 7th to August 8th.

On motion by Director Nealsson and seconded by Director Esmail to approve the 2024-2025 District Calendar as presented. 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.

- C. Discussion and approval of the Board's contractual obligations with Dr. Quentina Timoll. Board President Holliday led the discussion of the Board's contractual obligations by reviewing Dr. Timoll's contract with the Board of Directors. The contract states that Dr. Timoll shall receive supplemental compensation in the amount of \$5,000 for any year after the 2023 school year where the school's full-time enrollment increases by 100 full-time students at the end of the academic year. Each 100 full-time enrollment increase will reflect one \$5,000 incentive pay with the maximum of \$10,000. Board President Holliday stated that Dr. Timoll is entitled to \$10,000 supplemental compensation based on the following enrollment counts: 3,449 students on May 1, 2023, 3,717 students on October 1, 2023, and 3,719 students on February 1, 2024.

On motion by Director Nealsson and seconded by Director Esmail to approve Dr. Timoll's supplemental compensation in the amount of \$10,000. 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 Esmail, seconded by Director Burgin, and carried to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 6:03 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
Katie	Cali	Conference Room
***10 individuals logged in to attend the meeting online.		