
FOUNDATION FOR LOUISIANA STUDENTS

Governance Committee Meeting Minutes

3113 Valley Creek Drive

Baton Rouge, LA

First Floor Conference Room

May 16, 2024

IN COMPLIANCE WITH LOUISIANA OPEN MEETINGS LAW

I. OPENING ITEMS

A. Governance Committee Chair Thomas Nealsson called the meeting to order at 5:30 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, and Dr. Hala Esmail, Ex-officio member – Dr. Quentina Timoll, and Board President Linda Holliday.

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

Conference Room & Online Guests: See attached list.

C. On motion by Director Esmail, seconded by Director Nealsson, to approve the Governance Committee Meeting Agenda for May 16, 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.

II. ROUTINE BUSINESS

A. Approval of the Minutes from the Governance Committee Meeting for March 14, 2024. On motion by Director Price and seconded by Director Esmail, to approve the Governance Committee Meeting Minutes for March 14, 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.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Board Candidate Interview: Dr. James Llorens. Governance Committee Chair Thomas Nealsson led the interview of Dr. James Llorens. Dr. James Llorens introduced himself and provided a brief professional history. Dr. Llorens served as University View Academy's Interim Superintendent in 2022 and most recently worked alongside Mayor-President, Sharon Weston Broome. Board President Holliday noted that the Board needs someone who has the time to be an active member of the Board and has the executive experience Dr. Llorens has. Board President Holliday informed Dr. Llorens that if he is elected as the new Board member of the Foundation for Louisiana Students, he will be taking over Director Ann Burgin's term that has 1 more year. No vote taken.
- B. Discussion of Board Candidate Recommendation. Governance Committee Chair Thomas Nealsson led the discussion of the Board candidate recommendation with his nomination being Dr. James Llorens. Director Esmail and Director Price supported his nomination. Director Nealsson stated that they will bring their nomination to the full Board of Directors and the next Board meeting. Director Price noted that Ms. Tiffany Quiett, Mr. John Cavell, and Ms. Sara Mungall were also considered for Board membership. No vote taken.

IV. CLOSING ITEMS

- A. On motion by Director Price, seconded by Director Esmail, and carried to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Nealsson, Price, and Esmail.

CONFERENCE ROOM & ONLINE GUESTS:

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	LOCATION
Katie	Cali	Conference Room
*** 2 individuals logged in to attend the meeting online.		