
FOUNDATION FOR LOUISIANA STUDENTS

Governance Committee Meeting Minutes

3113 Valley Creek Drive

Baton Rouge, LA

First Floor Conference Room

August 26, 2025

IN COMPLIANCE WITH LOUISIANA OPEN MEETINGS LAW

- subject to approval at the next board meeting -

I. OPENING ITEMS

A. Governance Committee Chair Thomas Nealsson called the meeting to order at 3:08 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. Linda Holliday, Mr. Michael Adams, Ms. Melissa Grand, Ms. Grace Anderson, and Mr. Michael Tran.

Conference Room & Online Guests: See attached list.

C. On motion by Director Price, seconded by Director Esmail, to approve the Governance Committee Meeting Agenda for August 26, 2025. 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 July 22, 2025. On motion by Director Price and seconded by Director Nealsson, to approve the Governance Committee Meeting Minutes for July 22, 2025. 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. Discussion of Board Candidate Interviews. Governance Committee Chair Thomas Nealsson led the discussion of the Board candidates' interviews. Board candidates Mr. John Cavell and Mr. William Biossat were interviewed. Director Price shared that he thought both candidates were impressive. He recommended they both be considered for Board positions. No vote was taken.
- B. Discussion of New Board Candidate Survey Submissions. Governance Committee Chair Thomas Nealsson led the discussion of the new Board candidate survey submissions from Ms. Toni DeJohn and Ms. Jennifer Tucker. Mr. Nealsson stated that the Governance Committee would interview these candidates before the next Governance Committee meeting. Board President Holliday informed the committee that she, Mr. Michael Adams, and Dr. Quentina Timoll previously met with two of the four candidates, Mr. William Biossat and Ms. Jennifer Tucker, to provide a brief introduction of how the Board operates. Another meeting will need to be scheduled for the remaining two candidates who were unable to attend. Mr. Nealsson stated that these interviews will be scheduled over the next two weeks. The Governance Committee agreed that an onboarding meeting will be held once final selections have been made. No vote was taken.

IV. CLOSING ITEMS

- A. On motion by Director Price, seconded by Director Esmail, and carried to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 3:28 p.m. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Nealsson, Price, and Esmail.

CONFERENCE ROOM & ONLINE GUESTS:

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	LOCATION
		Conference Room
3 individuals logged in to attend the meeting online.		