FOUNDATION FOR LOUISIANA STUDENTS

Governance Committee Meeting Minutes
3113 Valley Creek Drive
Baton Rouge, LA
First Floor Conference Room
September 23, 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 4:05 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.

It was noted for the record that Dr. Hala Esmail attended the Governance Committee Meeting virtually, in accordance with La. R.S. 42:17.2.

Guests present: Ms. Darah Husser, Ms. Traci Payne, Ms. Linda Holliday, Mr. Michael Adams, Ms. Eugenia Cardozo, Mr. Barry Harris, 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 September 23, 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 August 26, 2025. On motion by Director Price and seconded by Director Esmail, to approve the Governance Committee Meeting Minutes for August 26, 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, noting that the Committee interviewed Ms. Jennifer Tucker and agreed that she would be a good candidate for Board membership. No vote was taken.

B. Discussion of New Board Candidate Recommendations. Governance Committee Chair Thomas Nealsson led the discussion of Board candidate recommendations. The Committee discussed there is a resignation and election of a replacement for two outgoing board members.

On motion by Director Price and seconded by Director Nealsson to amend the agenda to vote on which Board candidates they will be recommending to the Board. 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.

On motion by Director Price and seconded by Director Nealsson to recommend Mr. William Biossatt, Mr. John Cavell, and Ms. Jennifer Tucker to the Board. 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.

IV. CLOSING ITEMS

A. On motion by Director Price, seconded by Director Nealsson, and carried to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 4:23 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.		