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# FOUNDATION FOR LOUISIANA STUDENTS

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

3113 Valley Creek Drive

Baton Rouge, LA

Conference Center and

First Floor Conference Room

December 16, 2025

*IN COMPLIANCE WITH LOUISIANA OPEN MEETINGS LAW*

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## I. 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. William Biossat, Mr. Thomas Nealsson, Mr. John Cavell, Ms. Linda Holliday, and Ex-officio member – Dr. Quentina Timoll.

Guests present: Mr. Michael Tran, Ms. Donna Grice, Mr. Barry Harris, Ms. Eugenia Cardozo, Ms. Lekisha Chambers, Ms. Traci Payne, Ms. Melissa Fox, Ms. Krystle Dabney, Ms. Melissa Grand, Mr. Michael Adams, and Ms. Darah Husser.

Conference Room & Online Guests: See attached list.

- C. On motion by Director Cavell, seconded by Director Nealsson, to approve the Regular Board meeting agenda for December 16, 2025 as presented. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Biossat, Nealsson, Cavell, and Holliday voting in favor. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.
- D. The Board President requested a motion to rearrange the agenda to allow a portion of the Superintendent's Report to be presented earlier.

On motion by Director Cavell, seconded by Director Nealsson, to rearrange the agenda to allow a portion of the Superintendent's report to be presented earlier. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Biossat, Nealsson, Cavell, and Holliday voting in favor. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.

## II. ORAL REPORTS

- A. Dr. Quentina Timoll presented the 2025–2026 Student of the Year award recipients, recognizing Kaiyah Magee (Elementary), Payge Celestin (Middle), and Charles Fountain (High School) for exemplary academic achievement,

leadership, and service. Dr. Timoll also announced the 2025–2026 Teacher of the Year and Support Person of the Year award recipients: Christina Holland, 1st Grade (Elementary); Kyle Patterson, 6th Grade (Middle); Latrisha Franklin, CTE (High School); and Maci Washington, Executive Staff Specialist (Support Person of the Year). Additionally, Dr. Timoll announced that University View Academy received the *Baton Rouge Parents Magazine* Family Favorite Runner-Up Charter Middle School award, the Family Favorite Runner-Up Middle School Principal award (Ms. Brandy Garrett), the Family Favorite Runner-Up Charter High School award, and the Family Favorite Runner-Up High School Principal award (Ms. Sharon Sims). Dr. Timoll further reported that University View Academy was awarded the LAPCS Community Roots Award in recognition of its commitment to community engagement, specifically for its Micro Academy partnership with the Children’s Reading Center in Jefferson Parish. Following the awards presentations, all recipients were photographed with the Board of Directors, Superintendent Dr. Timoll, and Deputy Superintendent Ms. Lekisha Chambers.

Board President Holliday stated for the record that the Board returned to the boardroom at 5:27 p.m. to conduct the remainder of the meeting.

### **III. ROUTINE BUSINESS**

- A. Approval of Minutes from the November 18, 2025 Regular Board meeting. On motion by Director Biossat and seconded by Director Cavell, to approve the Regular Board meeting minutes for November 18, 2025. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Biossat, Nealsson, Cavell, and Holliday voting in favor. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.

### **IV. ORAL REPORTS**

- A. Board President Holliday led the Discussion of the Financial Report for November 2025 with Ms. Melissa Fox. Ms. Fox reported on University View Academy’s Budget vs. Actuals for the period ending on November 30, 2025. For this period, revenues came in at a total of \$3.8 million, expenditures came in at a total of \$3.9 million. Year to date net surplus came in at a total of \$3.4 million and AFR adjusted surplus is \$26.6 million. Ms. Fox reviewed the balance sheet for the period ending on November 30, 2025, to include total assets and liabilities. Assets came in at a total of \$47 million and liabilities came in at a total of \$641,980. No vote was taken.
- B. Board President Holliday presented the Finance Committee Report and reported that the Committee recommends deferring the discussion and approval of the fencing quotes to a future meeting. No vote was taken.

- C. Governance Committee Chair Thomas Nealsson reported that the Governance Committee did not have anything to report. No vote was taken.
- D. Facilities Committee Chair William Biossat reported that the Facilities Committee did not have anything to report. No vote was taken.
- E. Mr. Barry Harris provided a status update on current facility projects.
  - 1. Lynx Den: Mr. Harris reported that Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the Solar Canopy Project are approximately 98% complete. The batteries have been delivered and installed. Of the total contract price of \$364,620, payments to date have been made with one remaining payment of \$41,155. A retainer in the amount of \$37,142 is being held pending completion of all final inspections and confirmation of full system functionality.
  - 2. Henderson Building: Mr. Harris reported that the HVAC replacement was successfully completed during the Thanksgiving holiday period. The total contract price for this project was \$23,358.
  - 3. Curriculum Center: Mr. Harris reported that the roof replacement project is scheduled to take place during the Christmas holidays. The contract price for this work is \$15,375.
  - 4. Academic Center: Mr. Harris reported that the elevator modernization project is scheduled for completion during the Christmas holidays. The total contract price for this project is \$81,797.79.
  - 5. Mr. Harris further noted that all remaining buildings are in satisfactory condition and require only routine maintenance at this time.
- F. Dr. Quentina Timoll presented the remainder of the Superintendent's Report. The Community Roots award presentation video was shown to the Board of Directors. Dr. Timoll reported that the current enrollment count is 3,466 and informed the Board of upcoming University View Academy events.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion of the University View Academy School Performance Score was led by Board President Holliday with University View Academy's Chief of Accountability and Counseling, Ms. Donna Grice. Ms. Grice reported that UVA earned a School Performance Score of 70.9 (C), reflecting a three-point increase from the prior year. She highlighted key performance gains, including Strength of Diploma at 98.1 (A), a 10-point increase; Graduation Rate at 81.3 (A), a 7.3-point increase; Cohort Graduation Rate Index at 90.3 (A), a 23.7-point increase; and Interests and Opportunities at 149.8, a 23.4-point increase. Ms. Grice also presented the new state accountability model, *Grow. Achieve. Thrive.* to the Board, and Dr.

Quentina Timoll provided an overview of UVA's initiatives aligned to each component of the model. No vote was taken.

- B. Discussion and Approval of Fencing Quotes. Board President Holliday led the discussion of the fencing quotes with Facilities Committee Chair William Biossat. Mr. Biossat stated that the quotes received were not broken up by property and therefore are not ready for approval by the Board of Directors and will need to be deferred to a future meeting.

On motion by Director Nealsson and seconded by Director Cavell to defer the fencing quotes to a future meeting. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Biossat, Nealsson, Cavell, and Holliday voting in favor. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.

- C. On motion by Director Cavell and seconded by Director Nealsson to retire into executive session to discuss the matter of student enrollment and the superintendent evaluation. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Biossat, Nealsson, Cavell, and Holliday voting in favor. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.

- D. On motion by Director Cavell and seconded by Director Nealsson to return on the record. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Biossat, Nealsson, Cavell, and Holliday voting in favor. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.

- E. Board President Holliday reported that the Board discussed the matter of student enrollment with the school providing recommendations for each of the seven.

On motion by Director Biossat and seconded by Director Cavell to accept the recommendation of the school for #7. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Biossat, Cavell, and Holliday voting in favor. Director Nealsson denied. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.

On motion by Director Nealsson and seconded by Director Biossat to accept the recommendation of the school for #1. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Biossat, Nealsson, Cavell, and Holliday voting in favor. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.

On motion by Board President Holliday and seconded by Director Cavell to accept the recommendation of the school with additional conditions for #2. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Biossat, Nealsson, Cavell, and Holliday voting in favor. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.

On motion by Board President Holliday and seconded by Director Nealsson to accept the recommendation of the school with additional conditions for #3. The

motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Biossat, Nealsson, Cavell, and Holliday voting in favor. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.

On motion by Board President Holliday and seconded by Director Cavell to accept the recommendation of the school with additional conditions for #4. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Biossat, Cavell, and Holliday voting in favor. Director Nealsson denied. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.

On motion by Board President Holliday and seconded by Director Nealsson to not accept the recommendation of the school for #5. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Biossat, Nealsson, Cavell, and Holliday voting in favor. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.

On motion by Board President Holliday and seconded by Director Nealsson to not accept the recommendation of the school for #6. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Biossat, Nealsson, Cavell, and Holliday voting in favor. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.

F. Board President Holliday reported that the Board discussed the matter of the Superintendent Evaluation in Executive Session and no vote was taken.

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. January Board Meeting Date: January 20, 2026

**VII. CLOSING ITEMS**

A. On motion by Director Nealsson, seconded by Director Cavell, and carried to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Biossat, Nealsson, Cavell, and Holliday voting in favor.

**CONFERENCE ROOM & ONLINE GUESTS:**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Kathy Kendrick	Conference Center
Kyle Patteson	Conference Center
Christina Holland	Conference Center
Jason Holland	Conference Center
Klande Celestin	Conference Center

Payge Celestin	Conference Center
John Celestin	Conference Center
Jasmine Celestin	Conference Center
Riley Celestin	Conference Center
Kia Andrus	Conference Center
J'Amin Andrus	Conference Center
Michelle Rutter	Conference Center
Jasmyn Watson	Conference Center
Maci Washington	Conference Center
Brandy Garrett	Conference Center
Katie Vincent	Conference Center
Margaret Kling	Conference Center
Erin Fountain	Conference Center
James Fountain	Conference Center
Charles Fountain	Conference Center
Jack Fountain	Conference Center
Susan Fountain	Conference Center
Sharlea Smith	Conference Center
Elizabeth McLin	Conference Center
Kim Partin	Conference Center
Kourtney Batiste	Conference Center
Dione Wright	Conference Center
Denis Morgan	Conference Center
The Magee's (Kaiyah Magee's parents)	Conference Center
Holly Caffarel	Conference Center
Kayla Bourg	Conference Center
Margaret Ellett	Conference Center

Sharon Sims	Conference Center
Anastasia Wilson	Conference Center
Deborah Wesley	Conference Center
Latrisha Franklin	Conference Center
Laurie Potter	Conference Center
41 individuals logged in to attend the meeting online.	