
FOUNDATION FOR LOUISIANA STUDENTS

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

3113 Valley Creek Drive

Baton Rouge, LA

First Floor Conference Room

May 26, 2026

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LOUISIANA OPEN MEETINGS LAW

I. OPENING ITEMS

- A. Board President Holliday called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
- B. Board President Holliday requested a roll call vote. The following Directors, by voice vote, were recorded as present: Mr. John Price, Mr. William Biossat, Ms. Grace Anderson, Mr. John Cavell, Ms. Linda Holliday, and Ex officio member, Dr. Quentina Timoll.

Guests present: Ms. Darah Husser, Mr. Michael Tran, Ms. Traci Payne, Ms. Lekisha Chambers, Mr. Barry Harris, Mr. Michael Adams, Ms. Melissa Fox, Ms. Janna Husser, Ms. Beth Liner, and Ms. Krystle Dabney.

Conference Room & Online Guests: See attached list.

- C. On motion by Director Cavell, seconded by Director Biossat, to approve the Regular Board meeting agenda for May 26, 2026. The motion passed by voice vote, with Directors Price, Biossat, Anderson, Cavell, and Holliday voting in favor. The Board requested public comment. No public comment.

II. ROUTINE BUSINESS

- A. Approval of Minutes from the April 21, 2026, Regular Board meeting. On motion by Director Anderson and seconded by Director Price, to approve the Regular Board meeting minutes for April 21, 2026. The motion passed by voice vote, with Directors Price, Biossat, Anderson, and Cavell voting in favor. Board President Holliday abstained. The

Board requested public comment. No public comment.

III. ORAL REPORTS

- A. Dr. Quentina Timoll presented the Superintendent's Report by recognizing and thanking the Board of Directors for their attendance and support at University View Academy's commencement ceremony, which celebrated the school's largest graduating class of 392 graduates who collectively earned approximately \$2.5 million in scholarships. She highlighted additional end-of-year celebrations, including kindergarten graduation, talent showcases, honor programs, and other student recognition events. Dr. Timoll recognized Brittney Brumfield (5th grade math), Katelyn Louque (7th grade science), and David Njenga (Algebra III and DE Statistics) as UVA's employees of distinction. Additional student activities included DECA awards, preparations for state leadership competitions, and an end-of-year esports tournament involving students across all grade levels. Dr. Timoll reported strong enrollment trends, noting an end-of-year enrollment of 3,650 students, up 72 from the previous year. She further reported that 3,015 families have submitted intent-to-return forms, only 147 families indicated they would not return, and 728 new students have been provisionally accepted for the upcoming school year. Dr. Timoll stated that enrollment projections remain positive and aligned with the school's continued focus on student retention and recruitment. She concluded by highlighting several summer family engagement events and regional outreach activities planned throughout the state to welcome new and prospective UVA families. No vote was taken.
- B. Board President Holliday led the Discussion of the Financial Report for April 2026. Ms. Melissa Fox presented the financial report through the end of April and reported that the school ended the month with a surplus of approximately \$4.4 million, total assets of \$49.3 million, and total net assets of \$47.8 million. In response to an inquiry from Board President Holliday regarding any outstanding financial matters, Ms. Fox stated that there were no significant issues to report and that the finance team is currently focused on fiscal year-end closeout activities

and preparations for the upcoming fiscal year. No vote was taken.

- C. Board President Holliday presented the Finance Committee Report. Board President Holliday informed the Board that the Finance Committee met and received a budget presentation, but did not take action to approve or reject it, as the item was presented for discussion. The committee also discussed the availability of funds for the student laptop refresh project and deferred consideration to the full Board. Additionally, the committee reviewed the proposed purchase of MasteryPrep services and recommended that the Board approve the purchase agreement for the school. No vote was taken.
- D. Governance Committee Chair Thomas Nealsson was absent. The Governance Committee has nothing to report. No vote was taken.
- E. Facilities Committee Chair William Biossat reported that the Facilities Committee has nothing to report. No vote was taken.
- F. Mr. Barry Harris provided a status update on current facility projects.
 - 1. Academic Center: Mr. Harris reported that the elevator modernization project at the Academic Center is scheduled to begin on June 12 and is expected to take approximately four days to complete. All required equipment has been delivered, and the project is ready to proceed as scheduled.
 - 2. Bennington II: Mr. Harris reported that fencing installation around the Bennington II parking lot has been completed, fully enclosing the property.
 - 3. Lynx Den: Mr. Harris reported that Entergy conducted an inspection of the solar canopy site on May 18, 2026. During the inspection, Entergy requested revisions to the interconnection paperwork to account for an additional row of solar panels installed by Basecamp Renewables, which utilized a higher-capacity battery system than originally identified in the application. Basecamp Renewables submitted the revised documentation to Entergy on May 22 and is currently awaiting a

response. UVA continues to withhold retainage pending final project completion and system activation.

Mr. Harris provided an update regarding drainage concerns affecting the neighboring property adjacent to the Lynx Den campus. He reported that UVA received a proposal from Southeast Drainage engineers recommending the installation of a drainage swale between the storage shed and the northern property line.

4. Summer Projects: Mr. Harris outlined several summer facilities projects scheduled across the campus. At the Assessment Building, a drainage and elevation correction project will be completed at an estimated cost of \$500 to improve water runoff away from the building, and six large pine trees that have contributed to drainage and plumbing issues will be removed at a cost of \$14,000.

Renovations to Suite D, which will be converted into a Parent Resource Center, are estimated at \$16,000. Routine summer maintenance activities, including pressure washing, parking lot restriping, and general campus upkeep, are budgeted at \$1,000.

The first phase of the playground area fencing project will be completed at a cost of \$28,975 to enhance campus security and access control. Additionally, concrete entryway repairs at the playground, Assessment Building, and Henderson campuses are planned at an estimated cost of \$16,824 to improve safety and accessibility.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and Presentation of Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. Melissa Fox presented the proposed FY 2026–2027 budget, which is based on an enrollment projection of 3,765 students. The proposed budget includes projected revenues of approximately \$50.6 million and expenditures of approximately \$50.5 million, resulting in an operating surplus of approximately \$47,000. After accounting for planned capital outlay

expenditures of approximately \$752,000, the budget reflects a projected deficit of \$752,000 while maintaining a cumulative ending fund balance of approximately \$23.7 million.

Ms. Fox noted that the budget is being presented for review and discussion and is expected to be brought before the Board for approval at the next meeting. Board members were provided copies of the proposed budget and supporting contracts for review, and Ms. Fox indicated that any revisions resulting from Board discussions would be summarized and incorporated prior to final approval. No vote was taken.

- B. Discussion and Approval of Student Laptop Refresh Project. Board President Holliday led the discussion with Janna Husser. Ms. Husser presented a proposal for a comprehensive student device refresh initiative to replace aging student laptops, many of which have been in use for four to five years. The proposed replacement devices would offer enhanced functionality, including tablet capabilities, removable keyboards, and stylus support.

The Board requested authorization to spend up to \$6 million to refresh approximately 4,000 student devices over the next school year, with a detailed distribution plan to be presented at the Board Retreat. During the discussion, Board members reviewed the long-term viability of the proposed technology, including its compatibility with emerging artificial intelligence applications. The technology staff advised that the devices under consideration include modern processing capabilities and are expected to remain effective throughout their lifecycles.

On motion by Director Cavell and seconded by Director Anderson, to allot \$6 million for the refresh of 4,000 devices to be implemented over the course of the 2026-2027 school year, with a request that the technology team come to the Board Retreat and present their distribution plan. The motion passed by voice vote, with Directors Biossat, Anderson, Cavell, and Holliday voting in favor. Director Price opposed. The Board requested public comment. No public comment.

C. Discussion and Approval of Mastery Prep Purchase. Board President Holliday led the discussion of the Mastery Prep Purchase with Dr. Timoll. Dr. Timoll presented a proposed three-year agreement for MasteryPrep, a software program that provides remediation and academic support for LEAP and end-of-course assessments, including English I, English II, Geometry, U.S. History, ACT preparation, and WorkKeys preparation. The negotiated contract totals \$165,104.73 over three years, with annual payments of approximately \$55,000. Because the total contract value exceeded the Dr. Timoll's \$100,000 approval threshold, Board authorization was required.

During the discussion, Board members reviewed the annual payment structure and the purpose of the program, including student access to digital curriculum and remediation resources. Dr. Timoll noted that MasteryPrep is a nationally-recognized program that UVA has used for many years and has supported recent improvements in ACT performance.

On motion by Director Price and seconded by Director Anderson to approve the Mastery Prep Purchase. The motion passed by voice vote, with Directors Price, Biossat, Anderson, Cavell, and Holliday voting in favor. The Board requested public comment. No public comment.

D. Discussion and approval of the Board Retreat Agenda. Board members reviewed and discussed the draft agenda for the upcoming Board Retreat. The proposed agenda includes breakfast and networking, a review of the LAPCS Administrative Handbook, Charter Contract, and Bulletin 128 requirements, a Finance Committee presentation on budget and financial planning matters, an ethics training session to satisfy annual ethics requirements, and a review of draft employee and student handbooks.

The Board also discussed dedicating time to a "Roadmap for the Future" session focused on long-term strategic planning, facilities needs, financial priorities, and opportunities for school growth over the next five years. During the discussion, Board members emphasized the importance of hearing from school leadership regarding future opportunities and priorities to help guide planning efforts.

An additional agenda item was proposed and approved to allow Board members to hear and formally enter into the record the memorial tributes delivered by Board Vice President John Price at graduation honoring the late Dr. James Llorens and Mr. Michael W. Howes. The Board agreed that the tribute presentation would be added as the first item on the retreat agenda.

On motion by Director Price and seconded by Director Cavell to approve the draft Board Retreat Agenda. The motion passed by voice vote, with Directors Price, Biossat, Anderson, Cavell, and Holliday voting in favor. The Board requested public comment. No public comment.

- E. Executive Session: Board discussion to receive confidential, attorney-client privileged legal advice from Counsel pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(A)(2) and La. R.S. 42:17(A)(11) regarding pending EEOC matters (EEOC Charge Nos. 461-2026-00658; 461-2026-00659). No vote was taken.

On motion by Director Anderson and seconded by Director Biossat to retire into executive session at 6:09 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote, with Directors Price, Biossat, Anderson, Cavell, and Holliday voting in favor. The Board requested public comment. No public comment.

On motion by Board President Holliday and seconded by Director Cavell to return on the record at 6:54 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote, with Directors Price, Biossat, Anderson, Cavell, and Holliday voting in favor. The Board requested public comment. No public comment.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Board Retreat Meeting: June 13, 2026
- B. June Board Meeting: June 23, 2026
- C. National Charter School Conference: June 24-26, 2026

VI. CLOSING ITEMS

- A. On motion by Director Anderson, seconded by Director Cavell, and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote, with Directors Price, Biossat, Anderson, Cavell, and

Holliday voting in favor.

CONFERENCE ROOM & ONLINE GUESTS:

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