
FOUNDATION FOR LOUISIANA STUDENTS

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

3113 Valley Creek Drive

Baton Rouge, LA

First Floor Conference Room

July 21, 2026

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LOUISIANA OPEN MEETINGS LAW

I. OPENING ITEMS

- A. Board President Holliday called the meeting to order at 5:08 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. Thomas Nealsson, Mr. John Cavell, Ms. Linda Holliday, and Ex-officio member – Dr. Quentina Timoll.

Guests present: Ms. Darah Husser, Mr. Michael Tran, Mr. Barry Harris, Mr. Michael Adams, Ms. Melissa Fox, Ms. Melissa Grand, Ms. Eugenia Cardozo, Ms. Krystle Dabney, Mr. Aydin Buyuk, Mr. Umut Meraler, Mr. Bart Phillips, and Ms. Meredith Henning.

Conference Room & Online Guests: See attached list.

- C. On motion by Director Anderson, seconded by Director Biossat, to amend the Regular Board meeting agenda for July 21, 2026, with the removal of item H under New Business. The motion passed by voice vote, with Directors Price, Biossat, Anderson, Cavell, and Holliday voting in favor. Director Nealsson abstained. The Board requested public comment. No public comment.

II. ROUTINE BUSINESS

- A. Approval of Minutes from the June 13, 2026, Board Retreat meeting. On motion by Director Anderson and seconded by Director Cavell, to approve the Board Retreat meeting minutes for June 13, 2026. The

motion passed by voice vote, with Directors Price, Biossat, Anderson, Nealsson, Cavell, and Holliday voting in favor. The Board requested public comment. No public comment.

- B. Approval of Minutes from the June 23, 2026, Regular Board meeting. On motion by Director Cavell and seconded by Director Anderson, to approve the Regular Board meeting minutes for June 23, 2026. The motion passed by voice vote, with Directors Price, Biossat, Anderson, Nealsson, Cavell, and Holliday voting in favor. The Board requested public comment. No public comment.

III. ORAL REPORTS

- A. Dr. Quentina Timoll presented the Superintendent's Oral Report, highlighting several summer accomplishments and upcoming priorities. She recognized students who participated in internship opportunities with local organizations through the Career and Technical Education program and celebrated the outstanding achievements of University View Academy students at the National Beta Convention, including a first-place national invention award. Dr. Timoll also reported on the successful Administrative Summer Institute, where administrators and instructional staff aligned instruction with the State's new accountability model in preparation for the 2026-2027 school year.

Enrollment continues to exceed projections, with approximately 4,060 active students, 1,110 newly accepted students, 363 Micro Academy students, and more than 400 applications remaining in the enrollment pipeline. Dr. Timoll reported that staffing, instructional materials, and technology resources are being monitored to support continued enrollment growth. She also provided updates on new teacher orientation, remaining instructional vacancies, and upcoming events, including Summer Graduation, the Beginning-of-the-Year Convocation, the first day of school, and regional Open House events. No vote was taken.

- B. Board President Holliday led the Discussion of the Financial Report for June 2026. Ms. Melissa Fox presented the preliminary June 30, 2026,

financial report, noting that the figures reflect a soft close. Based on current projections, the school is expected to end the fiscal year with an adjusted operating surplus of approximately \$2.6 million, increasing the fund balance to approximately \$26.4 million. Revenue totaled approximately \$50.4 million. Expenditures remained below budget in both salaries and benefits and other-than-personnel costs, contributing to the favorable year-end results.

Ms. Fox also reported that the school's cash balance exceeded \$28 million at year-end. Board members acknowledged the positive financial position and commended the administration and finance staff for their continued fiscal stewardship and conservative budget management. Ms. Fox emphasized that the finance team is focused on completing the fiscal year-end close and preparing for the annual audit. No vote was taken.

- C. Board President Holliday presented the Finance Committee Report. She reported that the Finance Committee met to discuss investment options, including the Finance Study Group's recommendation to open a LAMP account and deposit \$8 million into the account. The Committee also discussed the Governor's Executive Order regarding the Educator Stipend. No vote was taken.
- D. Governance Committee Chair Thomas Nealsson reported that the Governance Committee met and has no recommendations for the Board. 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. No vote was taken.
 - 1. Academic Center: Mr. Harris reported that the elevator modernization project is nearing completion. The total project cost for the elevator modernization is \$97,794.71, consisting of the original contract amount of \$81,797.79 and \$15,996.92 in additional parts and labor. Mr. Harris stated that he is seeking

clarification from the vendor regarding whether the additional repairs should have been covered under the existing maintenance agreement.

2. Bennington II: Phase I of the playground fencing project began on July 20, 2026, and is expected to be completed within approximately three weeks, weather permitting. The project includes ornamental iron fencing with brick columns and has a total cost of \$28,975. Mr. Adams also provided an update on the drainage matter for the neighboring property, reporting that the School is awaiting a response from the property owner's engineer regarding the school's engineering report.
3. Lynx Den: Mr. Harris reported that Basecamp Renewables received Entergy's approval of the revised interconnection application, and the Lynx Den campus is now operating on solar power.
4. Summer Projects: Mr. Harris reported that tree removal at the Assessment Center has been completed, improving the campus appearance. Suite D renovations are underway following receipt of the State Fire Marshal permit, with construction expected to continue pending final inspection approvals. Concrete entryway repairs at the Playground, Assessment Center, and Henderson Center have been completed.

Mr. Harris also announced that the school was awarded a state-funded LED lighting grant to replace lighting fixtures in five buildings at no cost to the School. The project is expected to begin in August and will improve energy efficiency, reduce utility costs, and enhance the facilities' value. Mr. Adams noted that the grant includes ongoing reporting requirements that will be managed throughout the project.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and Presentation of Lynx Den Solar Project. Representatives from Basecamp Renewables presented an overview of the newly operational

Lynx Den Solar Project, including a live demonstration of the system's real-time monitoring dashboard. The presenters reported that the revised Entergy interconnection process has been completed and the system is now fully operational. Board members received an overview of the system's solar production, battery storage, energy usage, and grid interaction, including how stored energy is used during nighttime hours and periods of peak demand while excess energy is returned to the electrical grid.

Basecamp Renewables explained that system performance will continue to be monitored and adjusted as student occupancy increases to maximize energy efficiency and utility savings. The Board discussed providing dashboard access to Board members and displaying the monitoring system within school facilities for educational and informational purposes. No vote was taken.

- B. Discussion and Approval of the Board Survey for New Applicants. The Board discussed proposed revisions to the Board Candidate Interest Form following the Governance Committee's review. Discussion focused on balancing a welcoming application process with the Board's responsibility to appropriately vet prospective members. Board members considered the use of attestation language, the request for supporting professional information, and providing greater clarity regarding Board member responsibilities. Following discussion, the Board approved revisions to (1) remove the attestation statement, (2) remove the statement affirming that all responses were answered completely and truthfully, and (3) revise the supporting documentation language to encourage applicants to submit a professional profile in addition to a résumé or curriculum vitae (CV). The Board also discussed providing prospective applicants with additional information regarding Board member requirements in the future.

On motion by Director Price and seconded by Director Anderson, to amend the Board survey for new applicants to (1) remove the attestation statement, (2) remove the statement affirming that all responses were answered completely and truthfully, and (3) revise the supporting documentation language to encourage applicants to submit a professional profile in addition to a résumé or curriculum vitae (CV). The

motion passed by voice vote, with Directors Price, Anderson, Cavell, and Holliday voting in favor. Director Nealsson and Biossat voted nay. The Board requested public comment. No public comment.

- C. Discussion and Approval of Draft 2026–2027 Student Handbook. Ms. Melissa Grand presented the draft 2026–2027 Student Handbook and reminded the Board that the proposed revisions had been reviewed in detail during the Board Retreat. She reported that those revisions, along with final editorial updates, had been incorporated into the draft, which is now presented for final Board approval.

On motion by Director Cavell and seconded by Director Anderson, to approve the 2026–2027 Student Handbook. The motion passed by voice vote, with Directors Price, Biossat, Anderson, Nealsson, Cavell, and Holliday voting in favor. The Board requested public comment. No public comment.

- D. Discussion and Approval of Conference Center Renderings. Director Biossat presented conceptual renderings prepared by the project architect for a proposed Conference Center based on the school's facilities survey and identified operational needs. The Board discussed the proposed design, estimated construction costs, projected operating expenses, potential long-term benefits, and possible future uses of the facility. Additional discussion included financing options, projected enrollment growth, and the possibility of limited third-party use of the facility consistent with the school's nonprofit purpose. Board members agreed that additional financial analysis and project information were needed before moving forward with design approval.

On motion by Director Anderson and seconded by Director Price, to defer the proposed Conference Center renderings back to the Facilities Committee for further review and additional information. The motion passed by voice vote, with Directors Price, Biossat, Anderson, Nealsson, Cavell, and Holliday voting in favor. The Board requested public comment. No public comment.

- E. Discussion and Approval of Investment Options. The Finance Committee presented its recommendation to diversify the school's cash reserves by

establishing a Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP) account. Based on projected year-end cash balances and anticipated expenditures, the Committee recommended an initial investment of \$8 million while retaining the remaining reserves in the school's existing accounts to maintain operational flexibility. The Board discussed projected cash reserves, upcoming capital expenditures, and the ability to transfer funds between accounts as needed.

On motion by Director Anderson and seconded by Director Cavell, to open a LAMP account and deposit \$8 million. The motion passed by voice vote, with Directors Price, Anderson, Nealsson, Cavell, and Holliday voting in favor. Director Biossat abstained. The Board requested public comment. No public comment.

- F. Board Approval and Discussion for Board President and Board Attorney to Negotiate Renewal Contract for Dr. Quentina Timoll. Board President Holliday informed the Board that Dr. Quentina Timoll's current employment contract expires in January and recommended that the Board authorize the Board President and Board Attorney to begin negotiating a new employment agreement.

On motion by Director Cavell and seconded by Director Anderson, the Board authorized the Board President and Board Attorney to negotiate a new employment contract with the Superintendent. The motion passed by voice vote, with Directors Price, Biossat, Anderson, Nealsson, Cavell, and Holliday voting in favor. The Board requested public comment. No public comment.

Procedural Note: At this time, Board President Holliday temporarily departed from the published agenda and proceeded to Items I and J before returning to Item F.

- G. (I) Update And Discussion on Governor's Executive Order Educator Stipend. Dr. Quentina Timoll and Ms. Melissa Grand provided the Board with an update regarding Governor Landry's Executive Order on educator stipends. Ms. Grand reported that the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) had scheduled a special meeting to provide additional guidance on implementation of the Executive Order and Minimum

Foundation Program (MFP) requirements. The Board discussed the potential impact on school systems, including how state officials are evaluating fund balances in relation to educator compensation. The Finance Committee recommended deferring any action on stipend implementation until BESE issues additional guidance. The item was presented for discussion and informational purposes only. No vote was taken.

- H. (J) Discussion and Approval to Amend the Board Meeting Schedule to Reschedule the August Finance Committee and Board Meeting. Board President Holliday recommended amending the Board meeting schedule by rescheduling the August Finance Committee and Regular Board Meeting from August 18, 2026, to August 25, 2026, to allow additional time to finalize meeting materials and complete Board business.

On motion by Director Anderson and seconded by Director Biossat, to reschedule the August Finance Committee and Board meetings to August 25, 2026. The motion passed by voice vote, with Directors Price, Biossat, Anderson, Nealsson, Cavell, and Holliday voting in favor. The Board requested public comment. No public comment.

- I. (G) Executive Session Pursuant To La. R.S. 42:17(A)(7) – Discussion Of Student Enrollment Issue.

On motion by Director Price and seconded by Director Anderson, to enter into executive session at 6:53 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote, with Directors Price, Biossat, Anderson, Nealsson, Cavell, and Holliday voting in favor. The Board requested public comment. No public comment.

On motion by Director Cavell and seconded by Director Anderson, to return on the record at 7:15 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote, with Directors Price, Biossat, Anderson, Nealsson, Cavell, and Holliday voting in favor. The Board requested public comment. No public comment.

On motion by Director Anderson and seconded by Director Nealsson, to accept the recommendation of the school as to all three students. The motion passed by voice vote, with Directors Price, Biossat, Anderson,

Nealsson, Cavell, and Holliday voting in favor. The Board requested public comment. No public comment.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. August Board Meeting: August 25, 2026
- B. LAPCS Conference Registration Open

VI. CLOSING ITEMS

- A. On motion by Director Anderson, seconded by Director Nealsson, and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote, with Directors Price, Biossat, Anderson, Nealsson, Cavell, and Holliday voting in favor.

CONFERENCE ROOM & ONLINE GUESTS:

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