
FOUNDATION FOR LOUISIANA STUDENTS

Governance Committee 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. Governance Committee Chair Thomas Nealsen called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.
- B. Governance Committee Chair Thomas Nealsen requested a roll call vote. The following Directors, through a voice vote, were recorded as present: Mr. Thomas Nealsen, Mr. John Price, and Ex-officio member – Dr. Quentina Timoll.

Guests present: Ms. Darah Husser, Ms. Linda Holliday, Mr. Michael Adams, and Mr. Michael Tran.

Conference Room & Online Guests: See attached list.

- C. On motion by Director Price, seconded by Director Nealsen, to approve the Governance Committee Meeting Agenda for July 21, 2026. The Governance Committee Meeting Agenda was approved as presented. The motion passed by voice vote, with Directors Nealsen and Price voting in favor. The committee requested public comment. No public comment.

II. ROUTINE BUSINESS

- A. Approval of the Minutes from the Governance Committee Meeting for September 23, 2025. On motion by Director Price and seconded by Director Nealsen, to approve the Governance Committee Meeting Minutes for September 23, 2025. The motion passed by voice vote, with Directors

Nealsson and Price voting in favor. The committee requested public comment. No public comment.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and Recommendation of Board Member Search Process. The Governance Committee discussed the Board member search process and whether revisions are needed on the candidate interest form before continuing recruitment efforts. The Committee discussed removing the attestation clause from the initial interest form. Members acknowledged the importance of maintaining an appropriate vetting process while creating a more inviting first impression for potential candidates. Following discussion, the Committee agreed that any changes should be considered through formal Board action and supported amending the agenda to allow for discussion and a recommendation to the full Board regarding revisions, including the removal of the initial attestation clause and the replacement of the resume request with a professional profile.

On motion by Director Price and seconded by Director Nealsson to amend the agenda to state Discussion and Recommendation of Board Member Search Process. The motion passed by voice vote, with Directors Nealsson and Price voting in favor. The committee requested public comment. One public comment was received regarding the Board Member Candidate Interest Form. Ms. Katie Cali shared her personal experience serving on other boards, noting that it was common practice for applicants to submit resumes and letters of recommendation as part of the application process.

Director Price moved to recommend that the Board remove the two sentences from the initial Board Member Candidate Interest Form and add a professional profile as one of the encouraged documents applicants may submit with the form. The motion did not receive a second; therefore, it failed, and no recommendation was forwarded to the full Board.

- B. Discussion and Review of Current Applicants within the Board Bank. The Governance Committee reviewed the current Board Bank and discussed its purpose as a repository of individuals who have expressed interest in board service through the Board Member Candidate Interest Form. Members

discussed the need to follow up with existing applicants to confirm their continued interest before future recruitment efforts. The Committee also discussed maintaining a historical record of applicants rather than removing prior submissions, while distinguishing between the complete Board Bank and the list of candidates actively under consideration. Mr. Michael Adams cautioned against including subjective comments or notes within the Board Bank, noting that the document is subject to public records requests and should remain an objective record. Committee members agreed on the importance of preserving applicant history while minimizing legal risk through appropriate recordkeeping practices. No vote was taken.

IV. CLOSING ITEMS

- A. On motion by Director Price, seconded by Director Nealsson, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote, with Directors Nealsson and Price voting in favor.

CONFERENCE ROOM & ONLINE GUESTS:

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