FOUNDATION FOR LOUISIANA STUDENTS

Governance Committee Meeting Minutes

3113 Valley Creek Drive

Baton Rouge, LA

First Floor Conference Room

October 16, 2026

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LOUISIANA OPEN MEETINGS LAW

- subject to approval at the next board meeting -

I. OPENING ITEMS

A. Call To Order

Governance Committee Chair Thomas Nealsson called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Governance Committee Chair Thomas Nealsson requested a roll call vote. The following Directors were recorded as present: Mr. Thomas Nealsson, Mr. John Price, and Dr. Hala Esmail.

Ex officio Member Present: Dr. Quentina Timoll.

Guests present: Ms. Maci Washington, Mr. Michael Tran, Ms. Traci Payne, Ms. Krystle Dabney, Mr. John Cavell, and Mr. Michael Adams

Conference Room & Online Guests: See attached list.

C. Approval of Agenda

On motion by Director Price, seconded by Director Nealsson, to approve the Governance Committee Meeting Agenda for October 16, 2026. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote (Ayes: Nealsson, Price, Esmail; Nays: None). Public comment was requested; no public comment was offered.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Board Candidate Interview: Mr. Bryan Bertucci

The Governance Committee conducted an informal interview with board candidate Mr. Bryan, "B.J." Bertucci. Mr. Bertucci introduced himself, providing an overview of his background as Dean of Career and Technical Education at River Parishes Community College, President of the Louisiana Association for Career and Technical Education, former grants administrator for LCTCS, and former workforce development director for Jefferson Parish Schools. He shared his perspectives on student engagement in virtual learning environments, career and technical education, micro-academies, industry partnerships, and aligning institutional goals with school performance scores. Committee members discussed board roles and responsibilities with the candidate. No vote was taken.

B. Board Candidate Interview: Dr. Sean Joffrion

The Governance Committee conducted an informal interview with board candidate Dr. Sean Joffrion. Dr. Joffrion introduced himself, highlighting his 30-year career in education as a teacher, principal, administrator, and current faculty member teaching educational policy at Southern University. He discussed arts integration in virtual education, social development in online settings, educational policy implementation, curriculum rigor, and the distinction between board governance and school administration responsibilities. Committee members discussed board expectations and board dynamics with the candidate. No vote was taken.

C. Board Candidate Interview: Dr. Tammy Hall

The Governance Committee conducted an informal interview with board candidate Dr. Tammy Hall. Dr. Hall introduced herself, detailing her 30-year career in higher education and distance learning at LSU and Southern University, where she currently serves as Director of Online Learning and Digital Credentials. She discussed educational

technology, artificial intelligence in learning, accessibility compliance, regular, substantive interaction requirements, faculty development, personalized learning paths, and root cause analysis to improve student achievement. Superintendent Dr. Quentina Timoll provided context on current academic assessment initiatives and standards alignment. No vote was taken.

III. CLOSING ITEMS

A. Adjournment

On motion by Director Price, seconded by Director Esmail, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote (Ayes: Nealsson, Price, Esmail; Nays: None). Governance Committee Chair Thomas Nealsson adjourned the meeting by general consent at 5:48 p.m.

CONFERENCE ROOM & ONLINE GUESTS:

NAME	LOCATION
N/A	Conference Room
1 individual logged in to attend the meeting online.	