**FOUNDATION FOR LOUISIANA STUDENTS**

Governance Committee Meeting Minutes

3113 Valley Creek Drive

Baton Rouge, LA

First Floor Conference Room

October 20, 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 3:01 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.

Guests present: Ms. Darah Husser, Ms. Traci Payne, Mr. Michael Adams, and Mr. Michael Tran.

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 September 15, 2026. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote (Ayes: Nealsson, Price, Esmail; Nays: None). Public comment was requested; no public comment was offered.

## II. ROUTINE BUSINESS

### A. Approval of Prior Minutes

Approval of the Minutes from the Governance Committee Meeting for September 15, 2026. On motion by Director Price and seconded by Director Nealsson, to approve the Governance Committee Meeting Minutes for September 15, 2026. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote (Ayes: Nealsson, Price; Nays: None; Abstained: Esmail). Public comment was requested; no public comment was offered.

## III. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Discussion of Board Candidate Interviews

The committee reviewed and discussed the candidate interviews conducted on October 16, 2026, for Mr. Bryan "B.J." Bertucci, Dr. Sean Joffrion, and Dr. Tammy Hall. The committee reviewed board term classifications, statutory bylaw term requirements, and current vacancy status across Class 1 (two-year terms) and Class 2 (three-year terms).

### B. Discussion and Approval of Board Candidate Recommendation to Full Board

On motion by Director Esmail, seconded by Director Price, to recommend all three candidate applicants to the full Board of Directors for individual consideration, with the following term placement recommendations:

Dr. Sean Joffrion – Class 1 (2-year term)

Dr. Tammy Hall – Class 1 (2-year term)

Mr. Brian "B.J." Bertucci – Class 2 (3-year term)

The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote (Ayes: Nealsson, Price, Esmail; Nays: None). Public comment was requested; no public comment was offered.

## IV. CLOSING ITEMS

### A. Adjournment

On motion by Director Price, seconded by Director Esmail, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote (Ayes: Nealsson, Price, Esmail; Nays: None). Governance Committee Chair Thomas Nealsson adjourned the meeting at 3:38 p.m.

**CONFERENCE ROOM & ONLINE GUESTS:**

| NAME | LOCATION |
|---|---|
| N/A | Conference Room |
| 10 individuals logged in to attend the meeting online. | |