FOUNDATION FOR LOUISIANA STUDENTS

Governance Committee Meeting Minutes

3113 Valley Creek Drive

Baton Rouge, LA

First Floor Conference Room

September 15, 2026

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LOUISIANA OPEN MEETINGS LAW

I. OPENING ITEMS

A. Call To Order

Governance Committee Chair Thomas Nealsson called the meeting to order at 4:13 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 and Mr. John Price.

Ex officio Member Present: Dr. Quentina Timoll.

Guests present: Ms. Darah Husser, Mr. John Cavell, Ms. Melissa Fox, Ms. Traci Payne, Ms. Krystle Dabney, Ms. Eugenia Cardozo, Mr. Barry Harris, 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; 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 July 21, 2026. On motion by Director Price and seconded by Director Nealsson, to approve the Governance Committee Meeting Minutes for July 21, 2026. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote (Ayes: Nealsson, Price; Nays: None). Public comment was requested; no public comment was offered.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Board Member Search Process

The Governance Committee reaffirmed the established board member search process. Under this framework, an open board candidate survey and a board bank will be maintained continuously. The Governance Committee will review potential candidates to assess how their expertise aligns with the board's current needs. The committee will meet with candidates within the next 30 days to conduct informal interviews, which may optionally include an informational session covering board policies and responsibilities. Following these steps, the committee will advance candidate recommendations to the full Board.

Amendment to the Agenda

On motion by Director Nealsson, seconded by Director Price, to amend the agenda to add *Item C: Establishment of a Timeframe for Board Candidate Interviews*. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of members present (Ayes: Nealsson, Price; Nays: None). Public comment was requested; no public comment was offered.

B. Discussion and Review of Current Applicants within the Board Bank

The Committee reviewed the current applicants listed in the board bank. By general consensus, the Committee agreed to move forward with two candidates and directed that interviews be scheduled within

the next 30 days.

C. Establishment of a Timeframe for Board Candidate Interviews

(Note: This item was added to the agenda during the meeting but was not called for discussion prior to adjournment.)

IV. CLOSING ITEMS

A. Adjournment

Hearing no objections, Governance Committee Chair Thomas Nealsson adjourned the meeting by general consent at 4:31 p.m.

CONFERENCE ROOM & ONLINE GUESTS:

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