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The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall provide leadership and create policies for education that expand opportunities for children, empower families and communities, and advance Louisiana in an increasingly competitive global market.

OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES

Meeting of December 2, 2015

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

DECEMBER 2, 2015

**The Louisiana Purchase Room
Baton Rouge, LA**

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in regular session on December 2, 2015, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 9:17 a.m. by Board President Chas Roemer, and opened with a prayer by Ms. Sarah Vandergriff, Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools.

Board members present were Dr. Lottie Beebe, Dr. Holly Boffy, Ms. Connie Bradford, Mr. Jim Garvey, Mr. Jay Guillot, Ms. Carolyn Hill, Dr. Judith Miranti, Ms. Kira Orange Jones, Mr. Chas Roemer, and Ms. Jane Smith.

Ms. Mary Harris was absent.

Ms. Tena Roemer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 2. On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the agenda, as printed and disseminated. (Schedule 1)

Agenda Item 3. On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Mr. Guillot, the Board approved the minutes of October 13, 2015.

Agenda Item 4. **Consideration of Election of Board Officers for 2016**

On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board deferred "Consideration of Election of Board Officers for 2016."

Agenda Item 5. **Report by the State Superintendent of Education**

State Superintendent of Education John White highlighted the following in his report to the Board:

- Significant resources have been dedicated to develop the Early Childhood portfolio.

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- This year, Louisiana has achieved the largest gains nationwide in 4th grade reading and mathematics on the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP).
- Nearly all states struggled with 8th grade outcomes.
- This year, Louisiana was the fastest improving state of the 13 states that use the ACT as their high school assessment. Among the six southern states that use the ACT as their high school assessment, Louisiana ranks 3rd.
- The number of students receiving a college readiness score on the ACT has grown by 6,000.

During this Board's tenure the high school graduation rate has grown by more than three percentage points, the number of students going to college each year has increased by 16 percent, Dual Enrollment numbers have increased, and Advanced Placement credits have increased by 87 percent.

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Item 6.

Board Committee Reports

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Item 6.1.

Academic Goals and Instructional Improvement Committee

(Schedule 2)

6.1.1

On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board received a report regarding requests from Local Education Agencies (LEAs) for waivers of policy contained in Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §2313. Elementary Programs of Study, which concerns Foreign Language waiver requests from LEAs for the 2015-2016 school year, submitted by the State Superintendent of Education.

6.1.2

On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board granted Brumfield v. Dodd approval for the following schools:

- Bethany Christian School-South Campus – East Baton Rouge Parish;
- Children's College – St. Tammany Parish; and
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Christian Academy – East Baton Rouge Parish.

- 6.1.3 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the 2016-2017 Nonpublic School Academic Classifications, and approved the following new schools:
- Bethany Christian School-South Campus - East Baton Rouge Parish - Accredited Approved;
 - Children's College - St. Tammany Parish - Non-Accredited Approved;
 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Christian Academy - East Baton Rouge Parish - Non-Accredited Approved;
 - Nursing Assistant Network High School Academy - Orleans Parish - Non-Accredited Approved; and
 - Storybook Academy - Bossier Parish - Non-Accredited Approved.
- 6.1.4 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the request, submitted by the Cameron Parish School Board, to waive policies outlined in Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §903. Exceptional Students, and policies outlined in Bulletin 1530, *Louisiana's IEP Handbook for Students with Exceptionalities*: §127. Three-Year Age Span, which establish a limit of a three-year age span for special education classes. Further, the approval is contingent upon the following conditions:
- up-to-date IEPs must be in place for each student, and parents shall be notified of the age span waiver via site determination;
 - the age span for these two classes will not exceed the three-year age span throughout the school day through attendance in regular education classes, ancillary classes, and activities with age appropriate peers; and
 - class size shall not exceed five students.
- 6.1.5 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the request, submitted by the Rapides Parish School Board, to waive policy outlined in Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §913. Class Size and Ratios, to exceed the systemwide student to classroom teacher ratio and maximum class enrollment requirements for kindergarten through grade-level 3.
- 6.1.6 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board received the minutes of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council meeting held on November 9, 2015.

- 6.1.7 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 137, *Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations*: §709. Validity of Licenses; §905. Change in License Type; §1303. Notice of Denial, Revocation or Refusal to Renew; §1307. Appeal of Denial, Revocation or Refusal to Renew; §1713. Supervision; §1719. Orientation Training; §1721. Continuing Education; §1901. General Safety Requirements; and §2103. Daily Transport (Contract or Center Provided).
- 6.1.8 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System*: §405. Calculating a K-8 Assessment Index, §409. Calculating a 9-12 Assessment Index, §705. Annual Measureable Objective (AMO), §707. Safe Harbor, and §1107. Unknown School and District Performance Due to Nonparticipation in State Assessments (2014-2015 Only), regarding assessment results and related accountability measures. Further, the Board approved, as a Declaration of Emergency, effective December 2, 2015, for a period of 120 days from adoption, or until finally adopted as Rule, revisions to Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System*: §405. Calculating a K-8 Assessment Index and §1107. Unknown School and District Performance Due to Nonparticipation in State Assessments (2014-2015 Only), in order to apply the policy to the release of the 2014-2015 School Performance Scores.
- 6.1.9 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §901. Scheduling, related to postsecondary planning for graduating high school seniors.
- 6.1.10 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §1703. Textbooks and §1707. Disposal of Library Books and Textbooks, to align with Act 389 of the 2015 Regular Legislative Session.
- 6.1.11 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, the repeal of Bulletin 1794, *State Textbook Adoption Policy and Procedure Manual*, to align with Act 389 of the 2015 Regular Legislative Session.

6.1.12 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to the *Louisiana Administrative Code*, Title 28. Education, Part I. Board of Elementary and Secondary Education: §503. Advisory Councils, to repeal the Textbook/Media/Library Advisory Council from the BESE Code pursuant to Act 389 of the 2015 Regular Legislative Session.

Agenda **Administration and Finance Committee** (Schedule 3)
Item 6.2.

6.2.1 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board received the report of 8(g) block grant projects for elementary/secondary education for FY 2015-2016.

6.2.2 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board received the report on RSD contracts of \$50,000 and under approved by the State Superintendent of Education.

6.2.3 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board received the report on LDE contracts of \$50,000 and under approved by the State Superintendent of Education.

6.2.4 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board received the report from the Bureau of Internal Audit (BIA) entitled "Improving Teacher Quality State Grants."

6.2.5 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board received the quarterly report of expenditures and budget balances of 8(g) projects for FY 2015-2016.

6.2.6 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board approved the following LDE contract amendment:

Contractor:	Louisiana State University-Baton Rouge
Contract Period:	03/01/2015 - 09/30/2016
Previous Amount:	\$1,057,974.00
Amended Amount:	\$232,428.00
Contract Amount:	\$1,290,402.00
Fund:	Federal - IDEA - Part B
Competitive Process:	Non Competitive

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Description of Service: The contract continues to provide research-based educational professional development to educators who work with students with disabilities in the area of data-base decision making.

- 6.2.7 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board approved the following LDE contract:

Contractor: Teach For America, Inc.
Contract Period: 09/01/2015 - 06/30/2016
Contract Amount: \$500,000.00
Fund: Federal, IAT
Competitive Process: Sole Source

Description of Service: The contractor will train and place approximately 380 Teach for America corps members in Louisiana public schools for the FY 2015-2016. The contractor will also support and provide professional development opportunities to the teachers to achieve ambitious and measurable results with their students.

Student Centered Goals - Competitive

- 6.2.8 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: Believe and Prepare - Cohort 2
Amount: \$10,000.00
Funding Period: 07/01/2015 - 06/30/2016
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The purpose of the Educator Preparation Pilot Program is to design and implement innovative methods for preparing teachers and leaders that can be shared with the Board of Regents and higher education institutions in order to improve current educator preparation programs. The participants in this program are offered approaches to learning that are not currently offered in other programs, such as school and classroom-based apprenticeships or residencies with gradual release coaching.

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Basis of Allocation: Allocations to school districts are to reimburse the districts for program activities (i.e. training participants, preparing participating sites, purchasing supplies, implementing program activities, training mentors, etc.) This supplemental award will allow for additional training capacity. The recipients were eligible at the time of the initial award and are receiving additional funds that are available for this project.

School and District Support - Competitive

6.2.9 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: 8(g) PC & TAP Expansion – Professional
Development
Amount: \$100,200.00
Funding Period: 07/01/2015 - 06/30/2016
Source of Funds: IAT - 8(g)

Purpose: The LDE seeks to empower principals as they support teacher learning. This program will support districts as they implement a comprehensive principal support plan and strategies for leveraging TAP/NIET Best Practices and/or The Principal Fellowship.

Basis of Allocation: Through this grant, the LDE will support two key initiatives. Grant applications of districts may include one or both opportunities.

TAP/NIET Best Practices: This initiative helps principals and schools implement effective practices for teacher collaboration, observation and feedback, goal setting, and teacher leaders. Districts may choose to implement the full TAP System in one or more schools and/or choose to implement a differentiated set of NIET (TAP) Best Practices

Principal Fellowship: This program supports individual principals to build their instructional leadership skill through a sixteen-month cohort collaboration training. This school year over 100 principals across Louisiana will kick off the state's first cohort.

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These districts received 1003a funds for these activities, but were determined ineligible for those funds upon application. The supplemental allocation provides funds for the original activities with funds they are eligible to receive.

School and District Support - Other

- 6.2.10 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: Opportunity Grant - IDEA
Amount: \$3,997,768.00
Funding Period: 12/02/2015 - 09/30/2016
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: This grant will provide Local Education Agencies (LEAs) with funds to create and/or enhance career preparation opportunities for students with disabilities.

Basis of Allocation: These allocations will support LEAs with creating and/or enhancing career preparation opportunities for students with disabilities. These funds are one-time allocations devoted to activities that increase the number of students with disabilities graduating from high school prepared for the meaningful post-secondary employment and will not replace or supplant monies used to support existing programs. These funds will be dedicated to serve only students with disabilities.

School and District Innovations - Other

- 6.2.11 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: Title I School Improvement Grant 1003a – Priority
School Support
Amount: \$255,000.00
Funding Period: 12/03/2015 - 09/30/2016
Source of Funds: Federal

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Purpose: The purpose of the Title I School Improvement Grants for Priority School Support is to directly support initiatives that will transform educational opportunities for students attending Louisiana's lowest-performing schools.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations will be provided to charter school LEAs using funds from federal 1003a grant programs. The grant recipients are priority schools funded to sustain on-going school improvement efforts as well as to develop programs to expand curriculum and instruction.

Academic Content - Other

6.2.12 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation:	Standards Review Committee Meetings Substitute Reimbursement
Amount:	\$1,437.16
Funding Period:	08/01/2015 - 10/31/2015
Source of Funds:	State General Fund

Purpose: The purpose of the Educator Leader Cadre is to develop an understanding of the changes required as a result of Common Core and Compass, including reviewing and creating materials for implementation; serving as a Common Core expert; assisting in building a growing network of Teacher Leaders throughout the state; and attending face-to-face meetings to provide recommendations and feedback on resources and tools.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations to school districts are to reimburse the districts for the substitutes paid to work while the Teacher Leader Advisors met in various locations around the State of Louisiana to begin work for the program.

6.2.13 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: Teacher Leader Advisors Substitute
Reimbursement
Amount: \$3,055.35
Funding Period: 08/01/2015 - 10/30/2015
Source of Funds: State General Fund

Purpose: The purpose of the Educator Leader Cadre is to develop an understanding of the changes required as a result of Common Core and Compass, including reviewing and creating materials for implementation; serving as a Common Core expert; assisting in building a growing network of Teacher Leaders throughout the state; and attending face-to-face meetings to provide recommendations and feedback on resources and tools.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations to school districts are to reimburse the districts for the substitutes paid to work while the Teacher Leader Advisors met in various locations around the State of Louisiana to begin work for the program.

6.2.14 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: Math Summer Content Institutes
Amount: \$82,348.05
Funding Period: 07/01/2015 - 09/30/2015
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: To support schools in developing stronger mathematics programs statewide, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE) is sharing funds with districts to register for math strategy trainings through Great Minds and the LSU Cain Center. Allocations to support math opportunities for Priority, Reward, and Focus schools will be generated from 1003a funds.

Basis of Allocation: Math funding is being allotted to districts based on their size. Reimbursements will only be provided for teachers who attend.

6.2.15 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board received an update on RSD Capital Projects from August and September 2015 including the RSD and OPSB Monthly Summaries for August 2015; Superintendents' Report for August 2015; RSD and OPSB Open Contracts as of September 10, 2015; RSD and OPSB Monthly Summaries for September 2015; Superintendents' Report for September 2015; RSD and OPSB Open Contracts as of October 6, 2015; and Bid Tabulations for September 2015.

6.2.16 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: Bright Moments
Contract Period: 01/31/2013 - 01/31/2016
Previous Amount: \$33,000.00
Amended Amount: \$83,232.83
Contract Amount: \$116,232.83
Fund: IAT - FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for additional services for research, documentation, layout, printing, framing, and installation of biographies and cast bronze plaques for the interpretive display at William Frantz Elementary School. It also provides for additional services for a commissioned artist to create/provide custom artwork for the interpretive display at George Washington Carver High School.

6.2.17 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: Duplantis Design Group, PC
Contract Period: 12/05/2012 - 12/05/2017
Previous Amount: \$233,685.00
Amended Amount: \$2,941.99
Contract Amount: \$236,626.99
Fund: IAT - FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for reimbursable expenses for Building Plan Review fees, Board of Building Standards and Appeal fee, and permit fees due to the City of New Orleans for Village de l'Est Elementary School refurbishment.

6.2.18 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: Professional Service Industries, Inc.
Contract Period: 03/28/2013 - 09/28/2016
Previous Amount: \$83,025.00
Amended Amount: \$6,620.00
Contract Amount: \$89,645.00
Fund: IAT - FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for additional services for preparation of a "Soil Re-use Plan" for submittal to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality for the Avery Alexander School site.

6.2.19 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: SCNZ Architects, LLC
Contract Period: 01/15/2014 - 01/15/2017
Previous Amount: \$215,411.00
Amended Amount: \$825.00
Contract Amount: \$216,236.00
Fund: IAT - FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for additional services for video inspection of sewer line and backflow test for Fischer Elementary School refurbishment.

6.2.20 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: VergesRome Architects, APAC
Contract Period: 12/05/2012 - 12/05/2017
Previous Amount: \$583,426.50
Amended Amount: \$74,251.00
Contract Amount: \$657,677.50
Fund: IAT - FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

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Description of Service: This amendment adjusts the designer’s fee for basic services based on the available funds for construction for Samuel J. Green Charter School refurbishment.

6.2.21 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: VergesRome Architects, APAC
 Contract Period: 10/16/2013 - 10/16/2016
 Previous Amount: \$908,591.00
 Amended Amount: \$109,601.00
 Contract Amount: \$1,018,192.00
 Fund: IAT - FEMA
 Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment adjusts the designer’s fee for basic services required by the contract based on the revised renovation factor for Live Oak Elementary School refurbishment.

6.2.22 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board approved the budget revisions for the following 8(g) statewide programs:

No.	Program	Original Budget	Changes (+ or -)	Revised Budget Amount
S005	LEAP 2025	\$7,461,534	+\$712,309	\$8,173,843
S081	Jump Starting Jump Start	\$100,000	-\$35,000	\$65,000
S072	LA Renaissance Language Immersion	\$140,000	-\$2,000	\$138,000
S080	International Choices for College and Career Readiness (IC3E)	\$170,000	-\$8,000	\$162,000
S076	Expanding Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate	\$1,080,000	-\$576,615	\$503,385
S077	Math Instructional Effectiveness Support	\$192,000	-\$90,694	\$101,306

6.2.23 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board received the report on the BESE Budget.

6.2.24 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board received the minutes of the MFP Task Force meeting held on October 20, 2015.

Agenda **Educator Effectiveness Committee** (Schedule 4)
Item 6.3.

6.3.1 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board received the 2014-2015 Teacher Exit Survey Report and directed staff to submit the report to the Senate Committee on Education and the House Committee on Education no later than January 15, 2016.

6.3.2 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board received the report entitled "Retiree Return-to-Work Critical Shortage Area Certification Report" (LA R.S. 11.710 & 11:1107)," regarding the certification of teacher shortages in critical shortage areas submitted by Local Education Agencies (LEAs).

6.3.3 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the Mild/Moderate Special Education Add-on Endorsement Programs for grades 1-5, 4-8, and 6-12 for the Relay Graduate School of Education.

6.3.4 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board granted the issuance of a Louisiana teaching certificate appropriate to the credentials of Mr. Jermaine Shuntez Thomas.

6.3.5 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board granted the issuance of a Louisiana teaching certificate appropriate to the credentials of Ms. Tynica Jackson.

6.3.6 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board granted the issuance of a Louisiana teaching certificate appropriate to the credentials of Mr. Bobby Glen Guin.

6.3.7 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board granted the issuance of a Louisiana teaching certificate appropriate to the credentials of Ms. Tina Marie Dutile.

Agenda Item 6.4. **School Innovation and Turnaround Committee** (Schedule 5)

- 6.4.1 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the LDE recommendation to grant an extension to G.W. Carver Collegiate Academy, a Type 5 charter school operated by Collegiate Academies, for the remainder of the term of the charter contract.
- 6.4.2 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the LDE recommendation to grant an extension to G.W. Carver Preparatory Academy, a Type 5 charter school operated by Collegiate Academies, for the remainder of the term of the charter contract.
- 6.4.3 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the LDE recommendation to grant an extension to The NET Charter High School, a Type 5 alternative charter school operated by Educators for Quality Alternatives, for the remainder of the term of the charter contract.
- 6.4.4 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the LDE recommendation to grant an extension to Crescent Leadership Academy, a Type 5 alternative charter school operated by Crescent Leadership Academy, for the remainder of the term of the charter contract.
- 6.4.5 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the LDE recommendation to renew the charter for the New Orleans Military/Maritime Academy, a Type 2 charter school operated by New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy, for a term of ten years.
- 6.4.6 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the LDE recommendation to renew the charter for Joseph S. Clark High School, a Type 5 charter school operated by FirstLine Schools, Inc., for a term of three years.
- 6.4.7 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the LDE recommendation to renew the charter for ReNEW Accelerated High School, a Type 5 alternative charter school operated by ReNEW Schools, for a term of three years.

- 6.4.8 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the 2016 Common Charter Application and the 2016 Request for Applications Timeline for charter school authorizers.
- 6.4.9 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the LDE recommendation to authorize Noble Minds to commence operation of one Type 2 charter school in Orleans Parish no earlier than fall 2016, contingent upon the following:
- the State Superintendent of Education determining if and when BESE should enter into a contract with Noble Minds for either a Type 2 or Type 5 contract, but not both;
 - complete a pre-opening checklist;
 - comply with special considerations set forth in the recommendation; and
 - execute the charter contract prior to the beginning of the opening school year.
- 6.4.10 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the LDE recommendation to authorize Smothers Academy, Inc., to commence operation of one Type 2 charter school in Jefferson Parish no earlier than fall 2016, contingent upon the following:
- complete a pre-opening checklist,
 - comply with special considerations set forth in the recommendation, and
 - execute the charter contract prior to the beginning of the opening school year.
- 6.4.11 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the LDE recommendation to authorize Athlos Academies of Jefferson Parish to commence operation of one Type 2 charter school in Jefferson Parish no earlier than fall 2016, contingent upon the following:
- complete a pre-opening checklist,
 - comply with special considerations set forth in the recommendation, and
 - execute the charter contract prior to the beginning of the opening school year.

- 6.4.12 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the LDE recommendation to authorize Noble Minds to commence operation of one Type 5 charter school in the Recovery School District no earlier than fall 2016, contingent upon the following:
- the State Superintendent of Education determining if and when BESE should enter into a contract with Noble Minds for either a Type 2 or Type 5 contract, but not both;
 - complete a pre-opening checklist;
 - comply with special considerations set forth in the recommendation;
 - secure assignment of a RSD-operated school by the Superintendent of the RSD. If an assignment is not made, the authority to open the school may be deferred or may be rescinded, based on a recommendation by the Superintendent of the RSD; and
 - execute the charter contract prior to the beginning of the opening school year.
- 6.4.13 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board deferred consideration of the Type 2 charter school application submitted by Red River Charter Academy for Avoyelles Parish until January 2016, as recommended by the LDE.
- 6.4.14 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board deferred consideration of the Type 2 charter school application submitted by Greater Grace Charter Academy, Inc., for St. James Parish until January 2016, as recommended by the LDE.
- 6.4.15 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the LDE recommendation to authorize Apex Southeast, Inc., to commence operation of one Type 2 charter school in East Baton Rouge Parish no earlier than fall 2016, contingent upon the following:
- complete a pre-opening checklist,
 - comply with special considerations set forth in the recommendation, and
 - execute the charter contract prior to the beginning of the opening school year.

- 6.4.16 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the LDE recommendation to authorize Laurel Oaks Foundation to commence operation of one Type 2 charter school in East Baton Rouge Parish no earlier than fall 2016, contingent upon the following:
- complete a pre-opening checklist,
 - comply with special considerations set forth in the recommendation, and
 - execute the charter contract prior to the beginning of the opening school year.
- 6.4.17 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board deferred consideration of the Type 2 charter application of Kingdom Builders Community Development Organization of Lafayette Parish until January 2016.
- 6.4.18 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board received the report regarding Istrouma High School.
- 6.4.19 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board directed the State Superintendent of Education to:
- collaborate with the East Baton Rouge (EBR) Superintendent to negotiate and determine whether to enter into an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreement with the EBR Parish School Board regarding the use of the Istrouma High School facility for the 2016-2017 school year, and
 - provide an update report to the School Innovation and Turnaround (SIT) Committee on these matters at the January 2016 meeting.
- 6.4.20 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board directed the State Superintendent of Education to:
- collaborate with the Superintendent of the East Baton Rouge (EBR) Parish School System to finalize and agree upon a definition and process for necessary current and ongoing capital repairs for Recovery School District (RSD) facilities in East Baton Rouge Parish, and
 - provide an update report to the School Innovation (SIT) Committee on these matters at the January 2016 BESE meeting.

- 6.4.21 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 126, *Charter Schools*: §2301. State Funding, §2713. At-Risk Students, and §2801. Transportation Requirements.
- 6.4.22 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved, as a Declaration of Emergency, effective December 2, 2015, for a period of 120 days from adoption or until finally adopted a Rule, and approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 129, *The Recovery School District*: §505. Return of Schools to LEA; §1103. Annual Budget; and §1105. Budget Planning, Preparation, and Schedules.
- 6.4.23 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board received the 2016-2017 Type 3B Charter Contract template submitted by the Orleans Parish School Board.
- 6.4.24 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved, as Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 134, *Tuition Donation Rebate Program*: §103. Definitions and §303. Awarding of Scholarships.
- 6.4.25 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved, as a Declaration of Emergency, effective December 2, 2015, for a period of 120 days from adoption or until finally adopted as Rule, and approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 133, *Scholarship Programs*: §1305. Accountability System for Participating Nonpublic Schools, as presented by the LDE.

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Nonpublic School Council

(Schedule 6)

On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board received the minutes of the Nonpublic School Council meeting held October 27, 2015, and approved the tentative agenda for January 26, 2016.

Agenda **Superintendents' Advisory Council** (Schedule 7)
Item 7.2.

On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board received the minutes of the Superintendents' Advisory Council meeting held November 5, 2015, and approved the tentative agenda for February 11, 2016.

Agenda **Items for Consideration**
Item 8.

Agenda The Board recognized the following for their service to the Board and
Item 8.1. dedication to improving the educational outcomes of Louisiana's students:

Dr. Lottie Beebe, Representative Stephen Carter, Senator Conrad Appel, Ms. Erin Bendily, Mr. Jay Guillot, Ms. Carolyn Hill, Ms. Shan Davis, BESE staff, Mr. Patrick Dobard, and Mr. Chas Roemer.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.