



**BOARD  
of  
ELEMENTARY  
and  
SECONDARY  
EDUCATION**

*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.*

**SPECIAL CALLED  
BOARD MINUTES**

**Meeting of January 16, 2020**

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION**

**January 16, 2020**

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

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in special session on January 16, 2020, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 10:17 a.m. by Board Vice President Holly Boffy.

Board members present were Mr. Preston Castille, Dr. Belinda Davis, Mr. Tony Davis, Ms. Ashley Ellis, Mr. Jim Garvey, Ms. Sandy Holloway, Mr. Ronnie Morris, Ms. Kira Orange Jones, Mr. Tommy Roque, and Ms. Doris Voitier.

Public comments were received from Dr. Keith Leger, Council for a Better Louisiana.

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The Board agreed to take Agenda Item 3.1., "Consideration of swearing in of Board members" out of order.

Agenda Item 3.1. Board members were sworn in by Louisiana Commissioner of Administration Jay Dardenne, who led members in the Oath of Office.

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At this point in the meeting, the Board returned to the regular agenda order.

Agenda Item 2. On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved the agenda, as printed and disseminated. (Schedule 1)

Agenda Item 3. **Items for Consideration**

Agenda Item 3.2. On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board approved by acclamation the following slate of officers for 2020:

Ms. Sandy Holloway – President;  
Mr. Tony Davis – Vice President; and  
Ms. Kira Orange Jones – Secretary-Treasurer.

Agenda Item 3.3. On motion of Ms. Voitier, seconded by Ms. Kira Orange Jones, the Board went into executive session at 10:24 a.m. to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a person.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Dr. Boffy, Mr. Castille, Dr. Davis, Mr. Davis, Ms. Ellis, Mr. Garvey, Ms. Holloway, Mr. Morris, Ms. Orange Jones, Mr. Roque, and Ms. Voitier

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Absences: None.

The roll call vote on the motion to go into executive session passed. It was noted that no votes would be taken while the Board was in executive session; all votes would be made in public.

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On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Davis, the Board reconvened into special session at 11:39 a.m. A quorum was present.

No further action was taken regarding Agenda Item 3.3., "Consideration of discussion regarding the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a person pursuant to R.S. 42.17(A)(1)."

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On point of personal privilege, Ms. Voitier recognized Louisiana State Teacher of the Year, Chris Dier, as one of the four finalists for National Teacher of the Year. This would be the first time a Louisiana teacher has been selected as a finalist for the title.

Agenda Item 3.4. On motion of Ms. Holloway, seconded by Mr. Roque, the Board approved the following next steps toward the appointment of a State Superintendent:

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- The Board President will establish a work group made up of four BESE members, to include a work group chair, which shall serve as the nominating and screening committee regarding the minimum qualifications and process relevant to the appointment of the State Superintendent. The President will appoint the members of the work group and notify the BESE Executive Director of the membership no later than January 27, 2020.
- The work group will meet to develop a process for the selection of an appointment of the State Superintendent. The process for selection will be presented to the Board for review at the January 28, 2020, BESE meeting.

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On motion of Mr. Roque, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board requested that the Board President work with the BESE Executive Director to schedule a BESE forum to convene on January 28, 2020, so that the Board can review the current state plan, including progress to date, as it relates to the vision, mission, goals, and the legislative process of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), and the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE).

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.