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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.

**SPECIAL CALLED
BOARD MINUTES**

Meeting of May 5, 2022

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

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The Louisiana Purchase Room Baton Rouge, LA

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in special session on May 5, 2022, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 10:45 a.m. by Board President James Garvey.

Board members present were Dr. Holly Boffy, Mr. Preston Castille, Dr. Belinda Davis, Ms. Sandy Holloway, Mr. Ronnie Morris, Mr. Tommy Roque, and Ms. Doris Voitier.

Board members Ms. Ashley Ellis, Mr. Michael Melerine, and Ms. Kira Orange Jones were not in attendance.

Public comments were received from Ms. Jennifer Andrepont, Acadiana High School; Mr. John Barthelemy, Assumption Parish School System; Dr. Erin Bendily, Pelican Institute for Public Policy; Ms. Meagan Brown, East Carroll Parish Schools; Mr. Barry Erwin, Council for a Better Louisiana; Mr. Michael Faulk, Louisiana Association of School Superintendents; Dr. Patty Glaser, Discovery School; Ms. Lauren Gleason, Louisiana Association of Business and Industry; Ms. Millie Harris, JCFA; Mr. Terrence Lockett, Education Reform Now; Ms. Jennifer Luquette, Lafayette High School; Mr. Kaleb Moore, American Federation for Children; Mr. Paul Nelson, Tensas Parish Schools; Ms. Brigitte Nieland, Stand for Children; Ms. Caroline Roemer, Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools; Ms. Candice Schott, Kenner Discovery High School; Mr. Dennis Stewart, Rapides Parish Schools; Ms. Toyua Watson, Concordia Parish Schools; Mr. Wes Watts, West Baton Rouge Parish Schools; Ms. Julia Williams, Northside High School; and Mr. Mark Rabalais, Ms. Irma Trosclair, and Mr. Francis Touchet, Lafayette Parish Schools.

Agenda **Approval of the Agenda** (Schedule 1)

Item 2.

On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Dr. Davis, the Board approved the agenda.

Agenda **Items for Consideration** (Schedule 2)

Item 3.

3.1

On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Dr. Davis, the Board discussed revisions to bulletins related to LEAP 2025 High School Assessment substitutions, due to COVID-19, as it pertains to graduation requirements for the 2021-2022 school year.

Lengthy discussion followed.

Dr. Boffy offered a motion, seconded by Dr. Davis, that the Board approve revisions to bulletins related to LEAP 2025 High School Assessment substitutions, due to COVID-19, as it pertains to graduation requirements for the 2021-2022 school year.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Dr. Boffy, Mr. Castille, Dr. Davis, Mr. Roque and Ms. Voitier.

Nays: Mr. Garvey, Ms. Holloway, and Mr. Morris.

Abstentions: None.

Absences: Ms. Ellis, Mr. Melerine, and Ms. Orange Jones.

The motion failed.

- 3.2. On motion of Ms. Voitier, seconded by Ms. Holloway, the Board approved a waiver, due to Hurricane Ida and Covid-19, for policy contained in Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §2318.B and §2318.B.3 The TOPS University Diploma; and §2319.B. The Career Diploma, regarding LEAP 2025 and graduation requirements for the 2021-2022 school year in the following parishes, declared by the Governor, DR-4611, on August 29, 2021:

- Ascension;
- Assumption;
- East Baton Rouge;
- East Feliciana;
- Iberia;
- Iberville;
- Jefferson;
- Lafourche;
- Livingston;
- Orleans;
- Plaquemines;
- Pointe Coupee;
- St. Bernard;
- St. Charles;
- St. Helena;
- St. James;
- St. John the Baptist;

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- St. Martin;
- St. Mary;
- St. Tammany;
- Tangipahoa;
- Terrebonne;
- Washington;
- West Baton Rouge; and
- West Feliciana.

Further, the waiver of Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*, is contingent on the following:

1. §2318. The TOPS University Diploma and §2319. The Career Diploma, regarding the requirement to include the EOC or LEAP 2025 assessments taken in Spring 2022 as a portion of the final course grade; and
2. §2318. The TOPS University Diploma and §2319. The Career Diploma, regarding high school assessment for high school seniors graduating during the 2021-2022 academic year, the following may be substituted for the LEAP 2025 high school assessment requirement:
 - a. an ACT composite score of 17 or higher for all students; or
 - b. a score of Silver or higher on ACT WorkKeys for students pursuing a Career Diploma; or
 - c. an ACT subject score of 17 or higher in the corresponding LEAP 2025 high school assessment pair for which the student has yet to achieve level 2 (approaching basic) or above; or
 - d. the student participates in 20 or more extended learning hours per LEAP 2025 high school assessment subject pair for which the student has yet to achieve level 2 (approaching basic) or above; or
 - e. a score of Silver or higher on ACT WorkKeys for students pursuing an IBC Credential.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Dr. Boffy, Mr. Castille, Dr. Davis, Ms. Holloway, Mr. Morris, Mr. Roque and Ms. Voitier.

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Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Absences: Ms. Ellis, Mr. Melerine, and Ms. Orange Jones.

As presiding officer, Mr. Garvey exercised his right to not vote.

The motion passed.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m.