

Mr. Ronnie Morris, President

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**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 June 25, 2024

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

June 25, 2024

The Louisiana Purchase Room Baton Rouge, LA

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in special session on June 25, 2024, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m. by Board President Mr. Ronnie Morris.

Board members present were Mr. Conrad Appel, Dr. Judy Armstrong, Mr. Kevin Berken, Mr. Preston Castille, Ms. Simone Champagne, Mr. Lance Harris, Mr. Paul Hollis, and Ms. Sandy Holloway.

Dr. Sharon Clark and Ms. Stacey Melerine were not in attendance.

There were no public comments.

- Agenda Item 2. **Approval of the Agenda** (Schedule 1)
2.1 On motion of Ms. Champagne, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board approved the agenda.
- Agenda Item 3. **Items for Consideration**
3.1 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Hollis, the Board considered interviews of the applicants for the BESE Executive Director position.
- Agenda Item 4. **Executive Session (Pursuant to LA R.S. 42:16 and 42:17)**
On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Hollis, the Board went into Executive Session at 10:14 a.m. to discuss the professional competence or character of the applicants for the BESE Executive Director position.
- A roll call vote was taken.
- Yeas: Mr. Appel, Mr. Berken, Mr. Castille, Ms. Champagne, Mr. Harris, Mr. Hollis, Ms. Holloway, and Mr. Morris.
- Nays: None.
- Abstentions: None.
- Absences: Dr. Armstrong, Dr. Clark, and Ms. Melerine.
The roll call vote 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. Berken, seconded by Mr. Hollis, the Board reconvened into Regular Session at 12:36 p.m.

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The Board recessed for lunch at 12:37 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

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On motion of Mr. Hollis, seconded by Mr. Appel, the Board went into Executive Session at 1:12 p.m. to discuss the professional competence or character of the applicants for the BESE Executive Director position.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Mr. Appel, Dr. Armstrong, Mr. Berken, Mr. Castille, Ms. Champagne, Mr. Harris, Mr. Hollis, Ms. Holloway, and Mr. Morris.

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Absences: Dr. Clark and Ms. Melerine.

The roll call vote 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. Harris, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board reconvened into Regular Session at 4:57 p.m. and continued with the regular order of the agenda. A quorum was present.

4.1 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board will

conduct a Special Called Meeting, on a date to be determined by the BESE President, for a final vote regarding the following applicants for the BESE Executive Director position:

- Dr. Allen Grant;
- Dr. Sabrah Kingham; and
- Dr. Tavares Walker.

Agenda
Item 5.

New Business

5.1

On motion of Ms. Champagne, seconded by Ms. Holloway, the Board deferred until the appropriate time: “Consideration an offer of employment for the BESE Executive Director position.”

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.