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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.*

**OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES**

**Meeting of December 11, 2024**

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

**December 11, 2024**

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

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in regular session on December 11, 2024, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 11:26 a.m. by Board President Mr. Ronnie Morris.

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

Dr. Judy Armstrong was not in attendance.

Mr. J.T. Terry, Healing Place Church, led the opening prayer, and Ms. Elizabeth Bristow, West Feliciana School System, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments.

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| Agenda<br>Item 2. | <b><u>Approval of the Agenda</u></b>   | (Schedule 1) |
| 2.1               | On motion of Ms. Champagne, seconded by Ms. Holloway, the Board approved the agenda.   |              |
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| Agenda<br>Item 3. | <b><u>Recognition of Guests</u></b>  |              |
| 3.1               | On motion of Ms. Champagne, seconded by Mr. Hollis, the Board recognized Community Partners.                                 |              |
| 3.2               | On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Melerine, the Board recognized the Models of Excellence honorees.                    |              |
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| Agenda<br>Item 4. | <b><u>Approval of the Minutes</u></b>  |              |
| 4.1               | On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the minutes of October 9, 2024.                          |              |
| 4.2               | On motion of Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Berken, the Board approved the minutes of October 29, 2024, Special Called Meeting. |              |

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**Election of Board Officers**

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On motion of Mr. Hollis, seconded by Mr. Appel, the Board elected the following slate of officers for 2025:

Mr. Ronnie Morris – President;  
Ms. Stacey Melerine – Vice President; and  
Mr. Kevin Berken – Secretary-Treasurer.

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**Report by the State Superintendent of Education**

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

- Louisiana is the fourth highest performing state in the country according to the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Study;
- School Performance Scores (SPS) are up for the third consecutive year and highest ever on present accountability model;
- Louisiana ranked 40 in pre-K-12 education according to the News and World Report;
- Reading reports shows cohorts of students are moving forward due to Science of Reading;
- LA GATOR Program passed in the Legislature and will launch for applications in March;
- Graduation rates are up higher than pre-pandemic levels;
- The Biden administration Successfully challenged on Title 9 revisions;
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) guidance was released;
- First ever computer science standards were released; and
- The Let Teachers Teach initiative is making good progress.

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**Report(s) from members of BESE (Statutory and Legislative Task Force/Council Appointees)** (Schedule 2)

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- Ms. Holloway, representing BESE on the America 250 State Commission, informed members of the upcoming meeting on December 18, 2024.
- Mr. Berken, representing BESE on the MFP Task Force, informed members of the upcoming meeting on December 11, 2024.

- Mr. Castille, representing BESE on the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Task Force, informed members of financial aid opportunities available and a smoother application process for the upcoming year.
- Ms. Champagne, representing BESE on the Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP), informed members of upcoming meeting on January 22, 2025.
- Mr. Morris, representing BESE on the Special School District (SSD), informed members of improvement in School Performance Score (SPS).

7.2 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board received the update report regarding the BESE Bridging Success Tour.

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**Board Committee Reports**

**Academic Goals and Instructional Improvement Committee**

(Schedule 3)

8.1.1 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the 2025-2026 Nonpublic School Academic Classifications.

8.1.2 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the Nonpublic School Classification for the 2025-2026 school year for Assembly Christian School in St. John the Baptist Parish: accredited approved, as recommended by the LDOE.

8.1.3 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the Nonpublic School Classification for the 2025-2026 school year for Children’s College of Academics in Orleans Parish: non-accredited approved, as recommended by the LDOE.

8.1.4 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the Nonpublic School Classification for the 2025-2026 school year for Community First High School in Webster Parish: non-accredited approved, as recommended by the LDOE.

8.1.5 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the Nonpublic School Classification for the 2025-2026 school year for Country Day Montessori School in Red River Parish: non-accredited approved, as recommended by the LDOE.

- 8.1.6 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the Nonpublic School Classification for the 2025-2026 school year for Greater Bridge Academy in East Baton Rouge Parish: non-accredited approved, as recommended by the LDOE.
- 8.1.7 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the Nonpublic School Classification for the 2025-2026 school year for Holy Redeemer Catholic Virtual Academy in Orleans Parish: non-accredited approved, as recommended by the LDOE.
- 8.1.8 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the Nonpublic School Classification for the 2025-2026 school year for Living Hope Montessori in Concordia Parish: Louisiana Montessori provisionally accredited approved, as recommended by the LDOE.
- 8.1.9 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the Nonpublic School Classification for the 2025-2026 school year for Montessori of Acadiana in Lafayette Parish: Louisiana Montessori provisionally accredited approved, as recommended by the LDOE.
- 8.1.10 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the Nonpublic School Classification for the 2025-2026 school year for North Range Academy in Livingston Parish: non-accredited approved, as recommended by the LDOE.
- 8.1.11 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the Nonpublic School Classification for the 2025-2026 school year for Pineville Christian Academy in Rapides Parish: non-accredited approved, as recommended by the LDOE.
- 8.1.12 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the Nonpublic School Classification for the 2025-2026 school year for QHS Learning Academy in Terrebonne Parish: non-accredited approved, as recommended by the LDOE.
- 8.1.13 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the Nonpublic School Classification for the 2025-2026 school year for Tutor Time Academy in East Baton Rouge Parish: non-accredited approved, as recommended by the LDOE.

- 8.1.14 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board granted Brumfield vs. Dodd approval for the 2025-2026 school year for the following schools:
- a. Assembly Christian School;
  - b. Children's College of Academics;
  - c. Community First High School;
  - d. Country Day Montessori School;
  - e. Greater Bridge Academy;
  - f. Holy Redeemer Catholic Virtual Academy;
  - g. Living Hope Montessori;
  - h. Montessori of Acadiana;
  - i. North Range Academy;
  - j. Pineville Christian Academy;
  - k. QHS Learning Academy; and
  - l. Tutor Time Academy.
- 8.1.15 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the request to waive policy contained in Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §2313. Foreign Language, for the 2024-2025 school year, as recommended by the State Superintendent of Education for the following school systems:
- a. West Feliciana Parish Schools;
  - b. St. Charles Parish Schools; and
  - c. Ouachita Parish Schools.
- 8.1.16 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the request to waive policy contained in Bulletin 1530, *Louisiana's IEP Handbook for Students with Exceptionalities*: §127. Three Year Age Span, for the 2024-2025 school year, as recommended by the State Superintendent of Education for the following school systems:
- a. Jackson Parish Schools; and
  - b. St. Charles Parish Schools.

8.1.17 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the request, submitted by St. Mary Parish Schools, to waive policy contained in Bulletin 1706, *Regulations for Implementation of the Children with Exceptionalities Act*. Subpart 2. Regulations for Gifted/Talented Students, for the 2024-2025 school year, as recommended by the State Superintendent of Education, and contingent upon the following:

- Gifted: teacher #1 – Morgan City High School (27), Wyandotte Elementary School (3), Berwick Elementary School (4); teacher #2 – Berwick High School (36); teacher #3 – Berwick Junior High School (19), Bayou Vista Elementary School (2), Hattie Watts Elementary School (2), Patterson High School (6), Morgan City Junior High School (9).
- Talented Music: teacher #1 – Berwick High School (34).
- Talented Visual Arts: teacher #1 – Patterson High School (38); teacher #2 – Berwick High School (28), Aucoin Elementary School (1), Morgan City Junior High (5); teacher #3 – Berwick Junior High (30), Bayou Vista Elementary School (1), Hattie Watts (4); teacher #4 – Morgan City High School (36), Morgan City Junior High School (8); teacher #5 – Berwick Elementary School (12), Wyandotte Elementary School (11), Patterson High School (13).
- Talented Theater: teacher #1 – West St. Mary High School (14), B. Edward Boudreaux Middle School (9), Raintree Elementary School (8); teacher #2 – Morgan City Junior High School (4), Hattie Watts (2), Norman Elementary School (3), Patterson Junior High School (7), Patterson High School (16), Centerville (4).

The St. Mary Parish School System must monitor programming impacted by this request to assure that policies and procedures are consistently followed.

For future waivers to be approved, talented performance growth of these students must not be negatively impacted and ratios should not significantly increase from the current levels requested.

- 8.1.18 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the LA 4 Collaborative Agreement Waiver Requests submitted by:
- a. Beauregard Parish;
  - b. Cameron Parish;
  - c. DeSoto Parish;
  - d. LaSalle Parish;
  - e. Livingston Parish;
  - f. Morehouse Parish;
  - g. Red River Parish;
  - h. St. John the Baptist Parish;
  - i. Vernon Parish; and
  - j. Winn Parish.
- 8.1.19 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board received the 2023-2024 Test Securities Irregularities Report.
- 8.1.20 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the timeline and process for the establishment of the English Language Arts and Mathematics Content Standards Review Committee.
- 8.1.21 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board received the report regarding attendance and key performance indicators (KPIs).
- 8.1.22 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board received the minutes of the Accountability Council meeting held November 18, 2024.
- 8.1.23 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board received the minutes of the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Advisory Council meeting held November 20, 2024.
- 8.1.24 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board received the minutes of the Superintendents' Advisory Council (SAC) meeting held November 8, 2024.
- 8.1.25 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board received the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) meeting held November 12, 2024.



8.1.26 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 137, *Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations*: §1515. Child Records and Cumulative Files; §1721. Continuing Education; §1725. Medication Management Training; §1805. Persons Ineligible for Child Care Purposes; §1806. Types of CCCBC-Based Determinations of Eligibility for Child Care Purposes; §1907. Furnishings and Equipment; §1909. Safe Sleep Practices, as well as the establishment of §1917. Medication Administration; and §2105. Field Trips.

8.1.27 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 139, *Louisiana Child Care and Development Fund Programs*: §103. Definitions; §305. General Certification Requirements for All Child Care Providers; §309. Specific Certification and Registration Requirements for Family Child Care Providers; §311. Specific Certification Requirements for In-Home Child Care Providers; §313. Specific Certification Requirements for Public School and BESE-Approved Nonpublic School Child Care Centers; §319. Caregiver's Ineligibility for CCAP Payments; §509. Certification Requirements for Non-Categorically Eligible Households; §512. Redetermination of Household Certification for Non-Categorically Eligible Households; §515. Payments Made on Behalf of Households, as well as the establishment of §323. General Health and Safety Requirements; and §325. Behavior Management.

8.1.28 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board:

- received the SPCAR regarding revisions to Bulletin 103, *Louisiana Health Education Content Standards*;
- authorized BESE staff to submit the summary report to the Legislative Oversight Committees; and
- directed BESE staff to proceed with the final adoption of the October 20, 2024, Notice of Intent regarding revisions to Bulletin 103, *Louisiana Health Education Content Standards*, with the submission of the final Rule in the January 2025 edition of the Louisiana Register.

Agenda Item 8.2. **Board Administration and Education Finance Committee** (Schedule 4)

8.2.1 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board received the report of 8(g) Student Enhancement Block Grant projects for elementary/secondary education for FY 2024-2025.

- 8.2.2 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board received the report regarding LDOE contracts \$50,000 or less approved by the State Superintendent of Education.
- 8.2.3 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board received the quarterly report of expenditures and budget balances of 8(g) projects for FY 2024-2025.
- 8.2.4 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board approved the FY 2025-2026 LDOE and RSD budgets.
- 8.2.5 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board received the report summarizing the Fiscal Risk Assessment Process for FY 2023-2024.
- 8.2.6 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board approved the following LDOE contract amendment:

Contractor:	Louisiana State University Agricultural Center
Contract Period:	07/01/2024 - 06/30/2026
Previous Amount:	\$ 700,000.00
Amended Amount:	\$1,272,098.00
Contract Amount:	\$1,972,098.00
Fund:	Federal
Competitive Process:	Non-Competitive

Description of Service: Services provided under this interagency agreement will enable the State to fulfill obligations detailed in Louisiana R.S. 17:195.1, which requires the LDOE to develop and administer the Louisiana Farm to School Program. This agreement will be funded with restricted federal child nutrition program state administrative funds, Farm to School Formula grant funds, and Farm to School grant funds. Services will include: (a) development of an inventory of farming operations throughout the state; (b) guidance to local schools to develop relationships with local farmers; (c) guidance to assist schools and districts in the inclusion of local farmers, food processors, and suppliers in the procurement process; (d) dissemination of specific Farm to School procurement guidelines for farmers and schools; (e) dissemination of information to schools and districts regarding proper equipment required to prepare fresh food; (f) creation of a plan to integrate classroom and hands-on activities related to agriculture, food, health, and nutrition into the school curricula; and

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(g) development and distribution of farm to school guidance materials for local schools and farmers, including a Louisiana Farm to School Handbook.

This interagency agreement will renew the existing agreement, effective July 1, 2024-June 30, 2026. The updated scope of service is designed to address current United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) priorities and LDOE obligations detailed in R.S. 17:195.1. Deliverables include ongoing Farm to School resource updates and revisions, maintenance of a repository/site for online access to program materials, coordination of Farm to School events, administration of the School Garden Leadership Certificate Program, administration of Seeds to Success, administration of Louisiana Harvest of the Month, promotion of MarketMaker (including technical assistance), coordination of the LA Farm to School Executive Committee, administration of local producer training, development of quarterly progress reports, and an annual report to stakeholders. New deliverables include the expansion of the program to early childhood centers in Louisiana.

8.2.7 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation:	21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC)
Type:	Competitive
Amount:	\$3,280,970.00
Period:	09/01/2024 – 08/31/2025
Source of Funds:	Federal - ESSA

Purpose: The 21st CCLC program supports the creation of community learning centers that provide academic enrichment opportunities during non-school hours for children, particularly students who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools. The program helps students meet state and local student standards in core academic subjects, such as reading and math; offers students a broad array of enrichment activities that can complement their regular academic programs; and offers literacy and other educational services to the families of participating children.

Basis of Allocation: Through a competitive, sound, and impartial process, applications were read, rated, and scored by an external panel of peer reviewers. The panel consisted of reviewers with diverse expertise that utilized an evaluation rubric to score the applications.

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Each application was read, rated, and scored by three reviewers, and the final score is an average of the three compiled scores. Applications that scored a 75 or higher were recommended for funding. This supplement is being provided to assist 21st CCLC programs with the expansion of summer programming and to assist with the rising costs of instructional staff and the rising costs of transportation.

- 8.2.8 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: CCAP B-3 Seats (FY25)  
Type: Competitive  
Amount: \$8,275,911.00  
Period: 07/01/2024 – 06/30/2025  
Source of Funds: State General Fund

Purpose: The purpose of the CCAP B-3 Seats Pilot Program allocation is to provide funding for birth through three-year-old seats for children who meet CCAP eligibility requirements. In the 2024-2025 year, this program will serve over 4,000 children. The funding will be allocated to Ready Start Networks and Community Network Lead Agencies that will administer these funds.

Basis of Allocation: The LDOE allocations are based on a combination of the current enrollment of children in CCAP B-3 Seats by Community Network Lead Agencies in the first months of the program and network's anticipated enrollment for the fourth quarter. The amount of allocation is to fund the first quarter of the academic year and is based on each age group, inclusive of an estimated CCAP bonus. The annual calculation is based on the following rates: infants are funded at \$18,940 per requested seat, toddlers at \$11,700 per requested seat, and three year olds at \$10,670 per seat.

- 8.2.9 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: Computer Science Technical Assistance Grant  
Type: Competitive  
Amount: \$1,000,000.00  
Period: 11/01/2024 – 06/30/2025  
Source of Funds: State General Fund

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Purpose: The Computer Science Technical Assistance Grant (CSTAG) provides funding to support the implementation of the Louisiana K-12 Computer Science Education Plan, which includes six key actions based on the Computer Science Education Advisory Commission's report recommendations. The six key actions include the development of technical assistance grants to public schools for the creation and expansion of computer science courses and funding strategies to support and maintain computer science teacher training and course offerings for students.

Basis of Allocation: School systems completed an application that proposed an implementation plan including training for teachers, needed hardware/software, and sustainable efforts to continue expanding computer science. Each application was scored by multiple reviewers using a quantitative scoring rubric. The highest-scoring applications were funded based on the availability of funds and the amount requested per application.

- 8.2.10 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board received the 8(g) Annual Report for FY 2023-2024.
- 8.2.11 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board approved the 8(g) Annual Program and Budget for FY 2025-2026 by funding category and priority areas as outlined: \$10,375,000 or 48.2 percent for the Student Enhancement Block allocation; \$10,375,000 or 48.2 percent for the Statewide allocation; \$455,000 or 2.2 percent for management and oversight; and \$295,000 or 1.4 percent for the review, evaluation, and assessment of proposals.
- 8.2.12 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board received the report regarding the BESE budget.
- 8.2.13 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board received the report on BESE budget balances for FY 2024-2025.
- 8.2.14 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board approved authorization of BESE staff to continue negotiations regarding transfers of BESE owned properties when feasible, and to allow the BESE President to approve the transfers and related documentation.

- 8.2.15 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board received the reports regarding:
- R.S. 17:4033.1 R.E.A.D. Program Report;
  - R.S. 17:182 Fall Reading Report;
  - R.S. 17:3805(B) Education Excellence Fund (EEF) Report; and
  - Act 1 (2024) LA GATOR School Choice Report.
- 8.2.16 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board approved the Act 420 (2021) Student Transfer Request Report and directed the LDOE to submit the report to the House and Senate Education Committees.
- 8.2.17 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board approved the R.S. 17:3005 Elementary School Counselors Report and directed the LDOE to submit the report to the legislature.
- 8.2.18 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board approved the following replacement appointments to the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) Task Force: Ms. Lisa Patrick, Nonpublic School Council Representative; and Ms. Karen Triche, Principal Representative.
- 8.2.19 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board received the minutes of the October 9, 2024, Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) Task Force meeting.
- Agenda Item 8.3. **Educator Effectiveness Committee** (Schedule 5)
- 8.3.1 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board received the report, per Louisiana R.S. 11:710, regarding retired teachers to return to active service and the certification of teacher shortages in critical shortage areas, as submitted by Local Education Agencies (LEAs) from June 2024 to present.
- 8.3.2 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board received the report regarding the Montessori Task Force.
- 8.3.3 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board received the minutes of the Teacher Certification Appeals Council meeting held November 7, 2024.

- 8.3.4 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board recognized Ms. Kylie Altier, 2024 Louisiana Teacher of the Year, and introduced Ms. Elise Boutin, 2025 Louisiana Teacher of the Year.
- 8.3.5 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board revoked the Louisiana Level 2 teaching certificate #410502 issued to Ms. Karen Brooks.
- 8.3.6 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board revoked the Louisiana Level 1 teaching certificate #647230 issued to Mr. Johnnie Butler, Jr.
- 8.3.7 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board revoked the Louisiana teaching authorization #605718 issued to Ms. Jessica Carter.
- 8.3.8 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board revoked the Louisiana Type A teaching certificate #531600 issued to Ms. Debra Hale.
- 8.3.9 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board revoked the Louisiana Type B teaching certificate #090623 issued to Mr. Nicholas Martin.
- 8.3.10 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board revoked the Louisiana Level 2 teaching certificate #490626 issued to Mr. Kevin Moreau.
- 8.3.11 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board revoked the Louisiana Level 1 teaching certificate #443717 issued to Mr. Clement Sibley.
- 8.3.12 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board revoked the Louisiana Level 3 teaching certificate #541692 issued to Ms. Deivory Smith.
- 8.3.13 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board revoked the Louisiana Level 1 teaching certificate #647094 issued to Ms. Kemisha Ware.
- 8.3.14 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board revoked the Louisiana Ancillary teaching certificate #599259 and Practitioner's License certificate #644593 issued to Ms. Kenyall Williams.

- 8.3.15 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board revoked the Louisiana Level 2 teaching certificate #474411 issued to Mr. Lionel Williams.
- 8.3.16 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board revoked the Louisiana Temporary Authority to Teach (TAT) certificate #438649 issued to Ms. Niki Williams.
- 8.3.17 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board revoked the Louisiana Temporary Authority to Teach (TAT) certificate #665164 issued to Mr. Calvin Wortham.
- 8.3.18 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board granted the issuance of a Louisiana teaching credential appropriate to the credentials of Ms. Allyson Alessio.
- 8.3.19 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board granted the reinstatement of a Louisiana teaching credential appropriate to the credentials of Ms. Stephanie Aucoin.
- 8.3.20 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board granted the reinstatement of a Louisiana teaching credential appropriate to the credentials of Ms. Tamela Bordelon.
- 8.3.21 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board granted the reinstatement of a Louisiana teaching credential appropriate to the credentials of Ms. Nancy Gonzalez.
- 8.3.22 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board granted the reinstatement of a Louisiana teaching credential appropriate to the credentials of Ms. Tanya Pilgrim.
- 8.3.23 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board granted the issuance of a Louisiana teaching credential appropriate to the credentials of Mr. Gregory Porter.
- 8.3.24 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board granted the reinstatement of a Louisiana teaching credential appropriate to the credentials of Ms. Kelly Rhea.
- 8.3.25 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board granted the reinstatement of a Louisiana teaching credential appropriate to the credentials of Ms. Claudia Richardel.



- 8.3.26 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board granted the issuance of a Louisiana teaching credential appropriate to the credentials of Mr. Troy Taylor.
- 8.3.27 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board denied the reinstatement of a Louisiana teaching credential appropriate to the credentials of Mr. Willie Williams.
- 8.3.28 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board granted the reinstatement of a Louisiana teaching credential appropriate to the credentials of Mr. Kevin Jackson.
- 8.3.29 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board granted the reinstatement of a Louisiana teaching credential appropriate to the credentials of Mr. Lionel Williams, Jr.
- Agenda Item 8.4. **Legislative and Governmental Affairs Committee** (Schedule 6)
  - 8.4.1 On motion of Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Berken, the Board received the report regarding the 2024 Third Extraordinary Session.
  - 8.4.2 On motion of Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Berken, the Board received the Legislative and Governmental Affairs work plan and discussion regarding the 2025 Regular Legislative Session.
- Agenda Item 8.5. **School Innovation and Turnaround Committee** (Schedule 7)
  - 8.5.1 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board received the automatic renewal of the charter contract for Avoyelles Public Charter, a Type 2 charter school in Avoyelles Parish, for a period of eight years.
  - 8.5.2 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board received the automatic renewal of the charter contract of International School of Louisiana, a Type 2 charter school in Orleans Parish, for a term of six years.
  - 8.5.3 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the extension of the charter contract of St. Landry Charter Academy, a Type 2 charter school in St. Landry Parish, for a term of one year.

- 8.5.4 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the subsequent renewal of the charter contract of Dalton School, a Type 5 charter school in East Baton Rouge Parish, for a term of four years.
- 8.5.5 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the subsequent renewal of the charter contract of Northeast Claiborne Charter, a Type 2 charter school in Claiborne Parish, for a term of three years.
- 8.5.6 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the subsequent renewal of the charter contract of University View Academy, a Type 2 charter school in East Baton Rouge Parish, for a term of four years.
- 8.5.7 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the subsequent renewal of the charter contract of Willow Charter Academy, a Type 2 charter school in Lafayette Parish, for a term of six years.
- 8.5.8 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the subsequent renewal of the charter contract of GEO Prep Mid-City, a Type 2 charter school in East Baton Rouge Parish, for a term of six years.
- 8.5.9 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the subsequent renewal of the charter contract of Advantage Charter Academy, a Type 2 charter school in East Baton Rouge Parish, for a term of six years.
- 8.5.10 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the subsequent renewal of the charter contract of Louisiana Virtual Academy, a Type 2 charter school in East Baton Rouge Parish, for a term of four years.
- 8.5.11 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the subsequent renewal of the charter contract of JS Clark Leadership Academy, a Type 2 charter school in St. Landry Parish, for a term of four years.
- 8.5.12 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the subsequent renewal of the charter contract of Delta Charter School, a Type 2 charter school in Concordia Parish, for a term of four years.

8.5.13 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved, with conditions and subsequent corrective action plan, the subsequent renewal of the charter contract of Lincoln Preparatory School, a Type 2 charter school in Lincoln Parish, for a term of three years and contingent upon the following:

- Execute a contract that includes an LDOE approved School Improvement Plan (SIP) and additional terms determined by LDOE to address performance concerns and ensure that the school is on track to meet subsequent renewal standards. At a minimum, the SIP shall include the following:
  - internal evaluation and assessment of the internal and external factors affecting student and school performance;
  - specific, measurable goals/targets to increase performance annually and over the three years of the proposed renewal term. Academic performance goals shall include both internal benchmarks as well as state assessment targets;
  - detailed actions that will be undertaken to improve performance and the specific outcomes to be realized by each action; and
  - the persons/positions responsible for the implementation of the SIP;
- Demonstrate required annual growth or sufficient overall performance as measured by yearly administrations of LEAP 2025 throughout the initial renewal term to satisfy subsequent renewal requirements as outlined in BESE Bulletin 126, *Charter Schools*, and the Charter School Performance Compact;
- Fully cooperate with any school transformation efforts initiated by the LDOE up to and potentially including voluntary relinquishment of the school's charter if the LDOE has determined, with sufficient evidence, that there is no viable pathway to renewal;
- Execute all activities associated with initial and increased monitoring processes resulting from the Comprehensive Evaluation process, as directed by the LDOE; and
- Execute school specific conditions as prescribed by the LDOE in the charter's contract.

8.5.14 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved, with conditions and subsequent corrective action plan, the subsequent renewal of the charter contract of New Vision, a Type 2 charter school in Ouachita Parish, for a term of three years and contingent upon the following:

- Execute a contract that includes an LDOE approved School Improvement Plan (SIP) and additional terms determined by LDOE to address performance concerns and ensure that the school is on track to meet subsequent renewal standards. At a minimum, the SIP shall include the following:
  - internal evaluation and assessment of the internal and external factors affecting student and school performance;
  - specific, measurable goals/targets to increase performance annually and over the three years of the proposed renewal term. Academic performance goals shall include both internal benchmarks as well as state assessment targets;
  - detailed actions that will be undertaken to improve performance and the specific outcomes to be realized by each action; and
  - the persons/positions responsible for the implementation of the DIP;
- Demonstrate required annual growth or sufficient overall performance as measured by yearly administrations of LEAP 2025 throughout the initial renewal term to satisfy subsequent renewal requirements as outlined in BESE Bulletin 126, *Charter Schools*, and the Charter School Performance Compact;
- Fully cooperate with any school transformation efforts initiated by the LDOE up to and potentially including voluntary relinquishment of the school's charter if the LDOE has determined, with sufficient evidence, that there is no viable pathway to renewal;
- Execute all activities associated with initial and increased monitoring processes resulting from the Comprehensive Evaluation process, as directed by the LDOE; and
- Execute school specific conditions as prescribed by the LDOE in the charter's contract.

8.5.15 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the Type 1 charter petition submitted for Northshore Charter Academy in the City of Bogalusa School District, to convert to a Type 2 charter school.

8.5.16 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved, with conditions, the Type 2 charter application submitted by Elite Academy, operated by Thrive Community Enrichment and Development Corporation, to operate one Type 2 charter school in Calcasieu Parish, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year and contingent upon the following:

- Complete of all pre-opening requirements as determined by the LDOE; and
- Address any conditions or special considerations set forth by BESE:
- Collaborate with the LDOE Office of Diverse Learners to strengthen special education and discipline procedures;
  - collaborate with the LDOE's Office of School Choice and Office of College and Career Readiness to ensure behavior management is in alignment with student enrollment/School Model Master Plan policies;
  - collaborate with the LDOE Office of School Choice for board governance training regarding supervision and capacity across academic, organizational, and financial domains; and
  - secure an acceptable school facility.

8.5.17 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board received the report regarding LA GATOR implementation.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:21p.m.