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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 January 10, 2025

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
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**The Louisiana Purchase Room
Baton Rouge, LA**

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in regular session on January 10, 2025, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 9:11 a.m. by Board President Ronnie Morris.

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

Mr. Paul Hollis was not in attendance.

Deacon Terry Bellon, St. George Catholic Church, led the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments.

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| Agenda
Item 2. | <u>Approval of the Agenda</u> | (Schedule 1) |
| 2.1 | On motion of Ms. Melerine, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the agenda. | |
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Item 3. | <u>Oath of Office for the 2025 Officers</u> | |
| 3.1 | Mr. Jeffery Wale, Deputy Executive Counsel for the Office of the Governor, administered the Oath of Office for the 2025 Officers. | |
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Item 4. | <u>Approval of the Minutes</u> | |
| 4.1 | On motion of Mr. Harris, seconded by Ms. Melerine, the Board approved the minutes of December 11, 2024. | |
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Item 5. | <u>Report by the State Superintendent of Education</u> | |
| | There was no report from the State Superintendent of Education. | |

Agenda Item 6. **Report(s) from members of BESE (Statutory and Legislative Task Force/Council Appointees)**

- Ms. Holloway, representing BESE on the America 250 State Commission, informed members of the upcoming meeting on January 15, 2025.
- Ms. Holloway, representing BESE on the Accountability Commission, informed members of the upcoming meeting on February 3, 2025.

Agenda Item 7.1. **Academic Goals and Instructional Improvement Committee**
(Schedule 2)

7.1.1 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board received the report regarding support efforts to reduce truancy.

7.1.2 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board recognized Community Partners.

7.1.3 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Ms. Champagne, 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*, submitted by Franklin Parish School System, for the 2024-2025 school year, as recommended by the State Superintendent of Education.

7.1.4 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board received the Legislative Auditor report regarding Seclusion, Restraint, and Abuse/Mistreatment of Children with Disabilities in Public Schools.

7.1.5 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board referred to the March 2025 Legislative and Governmental Affairs Committee agenda: "Consideration of the Legislative Auditor report regarding Seclusion, Restraint, and Abuse/Mistreatment of Children with Disabilities in Public Schools."

7.1.6 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board received the report regarding high dosage tutoring implementation.

7.1.7 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board approved the following Jump Start 2.0 Pathway Enhancements and Fast Forward Pathways for the 2025-2026 school year:

- Jump Start 2.0 Career Diploma Fast Forward Pathways
 - Registered Apprenticeship – Plumbing

- 7.1.8 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board approved Edison Chouest Offshore as a course provider for the Course Choice Program for a period of three years, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.
- 7.1.9 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board approved OnToCollege as a course provider for the Course Choice Program for a period of three years, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.
- 7.1.10 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board received the report regarding early childhood and key performance indicators (KPIs).
- 7.1.11 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board approved the TOPS Tech Early Start training program providers for the 2025-2026 academic year:
- a. ABC Pelican Chapter Associated Builders and Contractors;
 - b. Monroe Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee;
 - c. New Orleans Career Center; and
 - d. Operation Spark.
- 7.1.12 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board:
- received the SPCAR regarding revisions to Bulletin 135, *Health and Safety*, and Bulletin 741 (Nonpublic), *Louisiana Handbook for Nonpublic School Administrators*;
 - authorized the BESE staff to submit the summary report to the Legislative Oversight Committees; and
 - approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 135, *Health and Safety*: §303. Immunizations; and Bulletin 741 (Nonpublic), *Louisiana Handbook for Nonpublic School Administrators*: §1101. Immunization.
- 7.1.13 On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board directed Dr. Clark and Ms. Champagne to collaborate with the Children's Cabinet and Senior Policy Advisor in the Governor's Office and the Supreme Court's Children and Families Division to plan the annual Child and Welfare Attendance Summit.

Agenda **Board Administration and Education Finance Committee**
Item 7.2. (Schedule 3)

7.2.1 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board received the report from the LDOE Director of Internal Audit.

7.2.2 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board received the report regarding LDOE contracts \$50,000 or less approved by the State Superintendent of Education.

7.2.3 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board received the report on in-state travel for Board members to be reimbursed from the BESE budget.

7.2.4 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board received the quarterly report of expenditures and budget balances of 8(g) projects for FY 2024-2025.

7.2.5 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board received the report regarding LEAs in non-compliance with the 70 percent instructional requirement for FY 2022-2023.

7.2.6 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board received the report from Education Finance staff concerning BESE-authorized charter school budgets and expenditure reports, including irregularities or concerns.

7.2.7 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the following LDOE contract:

Contractor: LSU at Alexandria
Contract Period: 02/01/2025 – 07/31/2025
Contract Amount: \$100,000.00
Fund: State – 8(g)
Competitive Process: Non-Competitive

Description of Service: This contract provides for LSU at Alexandria to host the 2025 Louisiana Aspiring Educators Summer Academy. As host, LSU at Alexandria will provide all required facilities and materials to the Academy participants and staff for the week-long academy. In addition, the University will serve as the lead coordinator on all Academy programming, staffing, and logistics.

7.2.8 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the following LDOE contract:

Contractor: Livingston Parish School Board
Contract Period: 01/15/2025 – 08/31/2027
Contract Amount: \$176,404.00
Fund: Self-Gen – Greauxing STEM Stewards Grant
Competitive Process: Non-Competitive

Description of Service: This contract provides services to fulfill the Gulf Research Program grant to provide instructional resources and/or professional development to support place based learning in aquaponics, support a grade 6-8 curriculum development, build an environmentally controlled agriculture greenhouse, and establish a virtual community of practice.

7.2.9 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the following LDOE contract:

Contractor: Louisiana State University
Contract Period: 01/15/2025 – 08/31/2027
Contract Amount: \$56,990.00
Fund: Self-Gen – Greauxing STEM Stewards Grant
Competitive Process: Non-Competitive

Description of Service: This contract provides services to fulfill the Gulf Research Program grant to provide instructional resources and/or professional development to support place-based learning in aquaponics, support a grade 6-8 curriculum development, and establish a virtual community of practice.

7.2.10 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: Louisiana Public Charter Schools Program
(LPCSP) Grant Project
Type: Competitive
Amount: \$8,689,969.00
Period: 10/14/2024 – 09/30/2028
Source of Funds: Federal – LPCSP

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Purpose: In September 2023, the LDOE was awarded a \$55.5 million federal Charter Schools Program (CSP) grant to support the Louisiana charter school movement. Through the Louisiana Public Charter Schools Program (LPCSP), the LDOE will catalyze charter growth in other high-need communities to meet insistent parental demand for these schools. Over the five-year project period, the LDOE will support the addition of over 5,000 seats at 25 new, expanding, or replicating charter schools that meet grant objectives and priorities.

Basis of Allocation: Subgrant applications were received by the LDOE in October of 2024. All applications were subject to a technical and a quality review by a disinterested peer review team. Capacity interviews were conducted by the LDOE staff. The four applicants receiving the highest scores in the competitive process are being recommended for awards.

7.2.11 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation:	Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) & CPR First Aid Kits.
Type:	Other
Amount:	\$462,500.00
Period:	02/01/2025 – 06/30/2025
Source of Funds:	State General Fund

Purpose: Act 234 of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session requires each elementary, middle, and high school to have an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) on its premises in an easily accessible location. The bill also requires that an AED and a trained AED user who is also trained in first-aid and CPR be at each athletic event sponsored by an elementary, middle, or high school. The legislature has appropriated funds for the purchase of AEDs. In addition, Act 517 of the 2014 Regular Session, otherwise known as the Burke Cobb Act, requires all public schools to provide CPR and AED training to students in grades 9 through 12. Funding has been made available to purchase American Heart Association Training Kits or similar kits.

Basis of Allocation: The LDOE surveyed all schools to determine which school sites did not have AEDs and CPR First Aid Kits, as AEDs are required on the premises of all educational institutions and at sponsored athletic events. State-appropriated funds are being utilized for allocations at a rate of \$2,500 per AED and \$750 per training kit.

Dr. Clark recused herself from voting on this item.

7.2.12 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: Charter Schools Program (CSP) Excellence in Authorizing NACSA Travel
Type: Other
Amount: \$15,906.00
Period: 10/14/2024 – 09/30/2025
Source of Funds: Federal – CSP Grant

Purpose: In September 2023, the LDOE was awarded a \$55.5 million federal Charter Schools Program (CSP) grant to support the Louisiana charter school movement. Through the Louisiana Public Charter Schools Program (LPCSP), the LDOE will support improvement of charter school authorizing across the state.

Basis of Allocation: In an effort to support the improvement of charter school authorizing at the district level, the CSP grant offers travel reimbursement to districts sending personnel to attend the National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA) Conference.

Dr. Clark recused herself from voting on this item.

7.2.13 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: Real-time Early Access to Literacy (REAL)
Type: Other
Amount: \$1,542,799.00
Period: 07/01/2024 – 04/30/2025
Source of Funds: Federal – ESF-REM

Purpose: Real-time Early Access to Literacy (REAL) provides early literacy support for students in pre-K through grade 5. Through REAL, school systems are allocated funding to provide students in pre-K through grade 5 with technology and tutoring services. This allocation will provide funding for school systems to offer literacy supports/tutoring to pre-K through 5th grade students. School systems will receive allocations to fund approved tutoring service providers.

Basis of Allocation: This is the last year of this allocation to continue to tutoring services previously covered through the REAL grant.

Dr. Clark recused herself from voting on this item.

7.2.14 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: Special Education Camera Maintenance
Type: Other
Amount: \$800,000.00
Period: 07/01/2024 – 06/30/2025
Source of Funds: State General Fund

Purpose: This funding is to provide for maintenance costs of cameras in certain special education classrooms across Louisiana per legislation.

Basis of Allocation: School systems are receiving this SPED camera allocation to support maintenance costs.

Dr. Clark recused herself from voting on this item.

7.2.15 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: Youth Leadership Forum
Type: Other
Amount: \$15,000.00
Period: 07/01/2024 – 06/30/2025
Source of Funds: Federal – IDEA

Purpose: This funding is to provide for a joint effort of the LDOE, Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council, Governor's Office of Disability Affairs, and Families Helping Families of Acadiana in order to provide a Louisiana Youth Leadership Forum (LaYLF). LaYLF will provide student participants with capacity building to become student leaders in their schools and communities through a three-day residential leadership program where students attend leadership sessions and build skills in advocacy, independence, employment, and relationships. LaYLF will adhere to standards and best practices set forth by the National Association of Youth Leadership Forums to ensure the highest quality experience for all student leaders.

Basis of Allocation: The total cost of the Youth Leadership Forum for Students with Disabilities will be approximately \$50,000. The LDOE will support with \$15,000.

- 7.2.16 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board received the following reports:
- R.S. 17:416.21 regarding the Behavior of Students with Exceptionalities Report; and
 - SCR 33 (2022) regarding the Teacher Advisory Council Report.
- 7.2.17 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the R.S. 17:7.5 Alternative Education Programs Report and directed the LDOE to submit the report to the governor and the House and Senate Committees on Education.
- 7.2.18 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the R.S. 17:264 Community Service Endorsement Report and directed the LDOE to submit the report to the House and Senate Education Committees.
- 7.2.19 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the 17:407.23 Early Childhood Care and Education Network Report and directed the LDOE to submit the report to the House and Senate Education Committees, House Committee on Appropriations, and Senate Committee on Finance.
- 7.2.20 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the HCR 44 (2024) Graduation Appeals Report and directed the LDOE to submit the report to the House and Senate Education Committees.
- 7.2.21 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the R.S. 17:437.1 Jason Flatt Act Report and directed the LDOE to submit the report to the House and Senate Education Committees and the House and Senate Committees on Health and Welfare.
- 7.2.22 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the R.S. 17:3883 report regarding effectiveness of the value-added assessment model (VAM) and directed the LDOE to submit the report to the House and Senate Education Committees.
- 7.2.23 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the R.S. 17:4046 Red Tape Waivers Report and directed the LDOE to submit the report to the House and Senate Education Committees.
- 7.2.24 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board received the minutes of the December 11, 2024, meeting of the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) Task Force.

Agenda Item 7.3. **Educator Effectiveness Committee** (Schedule 4)

- 7.3.1 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board approved the 2023-2024 Teacher Exit Data Report and directed the LDOE to submit the report to the House and Senate Committees on Education.
- 7.3.2 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board approved the preparation provider improvement plans submitted by:
- iTeach Louisiana Post-Baccalaureate;
 - Louisiana State University and A&M College Undergraduate;
 - Loyola University New Orleans Undergraduate;
 - Southern University of New Orleans Post Baccalaureate;
 - University of Louisiana at Monroe Undergraduate; and
 - University of New Orleans Undergraduate.
- 7.3.3 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board approved the appointment of Dr. Heather Kennedy, a member representing LAATE, to the membership of TCAC for a four-year term from 2025-2029.
- 7.3.4 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, that the Board received the TCAC Letter of Notification Annual Report.
- 7.3.5 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board received the report regarding the Louisiana Public Interest Fellowship.
- 7.3.6 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Dr. Clark, the Board revoked the Louisiana Type B teaching certificate #464140 issued to Dr. Julian Brooks.
- 7.3.7 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board deferred to the March 2025 Educator Effectiveness Committee meeting: "Consideration of the revocation of the Louisiana teaching authorization (TA) #611484 issued to Mr. James Davis."
- 7.3.8 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board deferred to the March 2025 Educator Effectiveness Committee meeting: "Consideration of the revocation of the Louisiana Level 2 teaching certificate #429238 issued to Mr. John Didier."

- 7.3.9 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board deferred to the March 2025 Educator Effectiveness Committee meeting: "Consideration of the revocation of the Louisiana Type B teaching certificate #509026 issued to Ms. Paulette Eilers."
- 7.3.10 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board deferred to the March 2025 Educator Effectiveness Committee meeting: "Consideration of the revocation of the Louisiana Type A teaching certificate #487648 issued to Mr. Keith Fletcher."
- 7.3.11 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board deferred to the March 2025 Educator Effectiveness Committee meeting: "Consideration of the revocation of the Louisiana Temporary Authority to Teach (TAT) certificate #666307 issued to Ms. Angela Foret."
- 7.3.12 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board deferred to the March 2025 Educator Effectiveness Committee meeting: "Consideration of the revocation of the Louisiana Level 3 teaching certificate #560843 issued to Mr. John Grafton."
- 7.3.13 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board deferred to the March 2025 Educator Effectiveness Committee meeting: "Consideration of the revocation of the Louisiana teaching authorization (TA) #605740 issued to Mr. Derrick Grear."
- 7.3.14 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board deferred to the March 2025 Educator Effectiveness Committee meeting: "Consideration of the revocation of the Louisiana Level 3 teaching certificate #592393 issued to Ms. Marcia Hardy."
- 7.3.15 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board deferred to the March 2025 Educator Effectiveness Committee meeting: "Consideration of the revocation of the Louisiana temporary teaching certificate (T) #100888 issued to Ms. Sylvia Jones."
- 7.3.16 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board deferred to the March 2025 Educator Effectiveness Committee meeting: "Consideration of the revocation of the Louisiana Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate (ECAC) #565189 issued to Ms. Priscilla Kyser."
- 7.3.17 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board deferred to the March 2025 Educator Effectiveness Committee meeting: "Consideration of the revocation of the Louisiana Level 3 teaching certificate #532121 issued to Mr. Derrick Nesby."

- 7.3.18 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board deferred to the March 2025 Educator Effectiveness Committee meeting: "Consideration of the revocation of the Louisiana teaching authorization (TA) #591357 issued to Mr. Carl Simon."
- 7.3.19 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board granted the reinstatement of a Louisiana teaching credential appropriate to the credentials of Dr. Julian Brooks.
- 7.3.20 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. Karen Brooks.
- 7.3.21 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. Makquel Gailes.
- 7.3.22 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. Crockett Johnson, Jr.
- 7.3.23 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board granted the issuance of a Louisiana teaching credential appropriate to the credentials of Ms. Rebecca Overfelt.
- 7.3.24 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. Candice Strong.
- 7.3.25 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. Kiah Thompson.
- 7.3.26 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. Kemisha Ware.
- 7.3.27 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. Debra Hale.
- 7.3.28 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. Percy Williams, Jr.

7.3.29 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. Calvin Wortham.

Agenda Item 7.4. **School Innovation and Turnaround Committee** (Schedule 5)

7.4.1 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board received the report regarding the AI-powered tools pilot program.

7.4.2 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved, with conditions, the subsequent renewal of the charter contract of Iberville Charter Academy, a Type 2 charter school in Iberville 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 the 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;

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- 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, pending any investigative findings determined by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

7.4.3 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved, with conditions, the subsequent renewal of the charter contract of Impact Charter Academy, a Type 2 charter school in East Baton Rouge Parish, for a term of six years and contingent upon the following:

- Meet school-specific conditions, as prescribed by the LDOE, placed in the charter's contract pending any investigative findings determined by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

7.4.4 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the material amendment submitted by Baton Rouge Ochsner Discovery, a Type 2 charter school in East Baton Rouge Parish, operated by Discovery Ochsner Baton Rouge, effective beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, to expand to serve grades 9-12, as outlined.

7.4.5 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board received the 2023-2024 Annual Report on types 2, 4, and 5 charter schools.

7.4.6 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board received the voluntary surrender of the Type 2 charter school for International High School of New Orleans, operated by Voices of International Business and Education, at the conclusion of the 2024-2025 school year.

7.4.7 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board received the voluntary surrender of the Type 2 charter school for Noble Minds, operated by Noble Minds, Inc., at the conclusion of the 2024-2025 school year.

7.4.8 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board received the overview presentation and public input regarding the Type 5 Application proposal, submitted in response to the Type 5 Charter School Request for Applications for GEO Academies Louisiana.

7.4.9 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the nationally norm-referenced test or assessment for administration in the LA GATOR program as follows:

- LEAP;
- California Achievement Test;
- NWEA/MAP;
- CLT (Classical Learning Test);
- Iowa – Test of Basic Skills;
- College Board's SAT;
- PSAT;
- Pre-ACT;
- ACT;
- Stanford Achievement Test; and
- TerraNova.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.