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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 February 21, 2025

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

February 21, 2025

The Louisiana Purchase Room Baton Rouge, LA

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in special session on February 21, 2025, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. by Board President Mr. Ronnie Morris.

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

Mr. Conrad Appel, Dr. Judy Armstrong, and Mr. Preston Castille were not in attendance.

Representing the Board staff were BESE Executive Director Tavares Walker and Ms. Erin LeBlanc, who recorded the minutes.

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) was State Superintendent of Education Dr. Cade Brumley.

Public comments were received from Dr. Eric Jones, Impact Charter; and Mr. James Finney, concerned citizen.

Agenda Item 2. 2.1	Approval of the Agenda	(Schedule 1)
	On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board approved the agenda.	
Agenda Item 3.	New Business	(Schedule 2)
3.1	On motion of Ms. Holloway, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board considered holding a public hearing concerning the reconstitution of the board of Education Explosion, Inc. pursuant to LA R.S. 17:3992(D) and Bulletin 126, Charter Schools.	

- 3.2 On motion of Ms. Champagne, seconded by Mr. Berken, the Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), the charter authorizer of Education Explosion, Inc., operating Impact Charter School, a type 2 charter school in East Baton Rouge Parish, finds that the school has committed multiple infractions as outlined in LAC 28:CXXXIX in Bulletin 126, *Charter Schools*: §2105. Reconstitution of Governing Board. Further, BESE reconstitutes the board of directors and appoints the following LDOE recommended members to the board of directors as outlined in LAC 28:CXXXIX in Bulletin 126, *Charter Schools*; §2105. Reconstitution of Governing Board, effective February 21, 2025:
 - Dr. Perry Daniel;
 - Ms. Marguerite Mack;
 - · Ms. Mikki Mathews;
 - Ms. Pheriche Perkins;
 - Mr. Achilles Williams;
 - Dr. Torrence Williams; and
 - Mr. Willie Williams, Jr.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Mr. Berken, Ms. Champagne, Dr. Clark, Mr. Harris, Mr. Hollis, Ms. Holloway, Ms. Melerine, and Mr. Morris.

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Absences: Mr. Appel, Dr. Armstrong, and Mr. Castille.

The motion passed.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.