



**BOARD
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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.

**SPECIAL CALLED
BOARD MINUTES**

Meeting of December 9, 2025

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

December 9, 2025

House Committee Room 1 Baton Rouge, LA

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in special session on December 9, 2025, in House Committee Room 1, located in the Louisiana State Capitol Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.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, Dr. Sharon Clark, Mr. Lance Harris, Mr. Paul Hollis, Ms. Sandy Holloway, and Ms. Stacey Melerine.

Representing the Board staff were BESE Executive Director Tavares Walker and Mr. Max Dupuy, who recorded the minutes.

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

There were no public comments.

Agenda **Approval of the Agenda** (Schedule 1)
Item 2.
2.1 On motion of Mr. Harris, seconded by Ms. Holloway, the Board approved the agenda.

Agenda **Election of Board Officers** (Schedule 2)
Item 3.
3.1 On motion of Ms. Melerine, seconded by Mr. Appel, the Board elected the following slate of officers for 2026:

Ms. Simone Champagne – President;
Mr. Kevin Berken – Vice President; and
Dr. Sharon Clark – Secretary-Treasurer.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:04 p.m.