



**Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) WORK GROUP
February 20, 2026
9:00 a.m.**

Minutes

The BESE Artificial Intelligence (AI) Work Group met on Friday, February 20, 2026, in the Iowa Room of the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Dr. Jim Henderson, Chair. Members present were Mr. Conrad Appel, Dr. Vanessa Begat, Mr. Blake Bertuccelli-Booth, Ms. Evelina Broussard, Mr. Preston Castille, Ms. Misti Cordell, Mr. Aron Culotta, Mr. Stephen Goebel, Mr. Lance Harris, Ms. Mary Hubbard, Ms. Beija Lopes-Morgan, Mr. Ronnie Morris, Mr. Anthony Owen, Mr. Marco Tejeda-Kemp, Mr. Matthew Vince, Mr. Todd Wedgeworth, and Mr. Davis Zaunbrecher.

Members not present were Dr. Paula Calderon, Mr. Chuck Crabtree, Mr. Aaron Cuny, Mr. Jackson Dirks, Senator Rick Edmonds, Ms. Rebecca Gaillot, Mr. Dustin Gaspard, Ms. Mary Hubbard, Mr. Trey Godfrey, Mr. Osmar Padilla, Ms. Rachel Parker, Mr. Andy Quick, Mr. Matt Winters, and Representative Laurie Schlegel.

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) was Mr. Thomas Lambert.

Representing the Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) were BESE Executive Director Tavares A. Walker, Ms. Regine Williams, and Ms. Carla P. Anderson, who recorded the minutes.

Public comments were received from Ms. Jaime Courtright, Magic School AI.

- 1 On motion of Mr. Ronnie Morris, seconded by Ms. Evelina Broussard, the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education Artificial Intelligence (AI) Work Group approved the minutes of January 8, 2026.

The StudyFetch presentation was given by Mr. Sam Whitaker via Zoom.

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Breakout sessions of the subcommittees were held to discuss the six deliverables.

The New Orleans Artificial Intelligence Education Fund presentation was given by Mr. Davis Zaunbrecher.

With no further business to come before the BESE Artificial Intelligence (AI) Work Group, the meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.