



**Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) WORK GROUP
Thursday, January 8, 2026
11:00 a.m.**

Minutes

The BESE Artificial Intelligence (AI) Work Group met on Thursday, January 8, 2026, in the Thomas Jefferson Room C of the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m. by Dr. Jim Henderson, Chair. Members present were Mr. Conrad Appel, Dr. Vanessa Begat, Mr. Blake Bertuccelli-Booth, Ms. Evelina Broussard, Dr. Paula Calderon, Ms. Misti Cordell, Mr. Aron Culotta, Mr. Jackson Dirks, Ms. Rebecca Gaillot, Mr. Dustin Gaspard, Mr. Stephen Goebel, Mr. Lance Harris, Ms. Beija Lopes-Morgan, Mr. Ronnie Morris, Mr. Osmar Padilla, Mr. Andy Quick, Representative Laurie Schlegel, Mr. Marco Tejeda-Kemp, Mr. Matthew Vince, Todd Wedgeworth, and Mr. Davis Zaunbrecher.

Members not present were Mr. Preston Castille, Mr. Chuck Crabtree, Mr. Aaron Cuny, Senator Rick Edmonds, Mr. Trey Godfrey, Ms. Mary Hubbard, Ms. Rachel Parker, Mr. Matt Winters, and Mr. Anthony Owen.

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) was Ms. Ashley Townsend.

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

There were no public comments.

- 1 On motion of Mr. Davis Zaunbrecher, seconded by Mr. Conrad Appel, the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education Artificial Intelligence (AI) Work Group approved the minutes of December 15, 2025.

A Zoom presentation was given by Mr. Matt Winters regarding the State of Artificial Intelligence (AI): Utah's Blueprint for System-Wide Implementation of Artificial Intelligence.

There were Update Reports from Chairs of the Subcommittees on Respective Deliverables.

With no further business to come before the BESE Artificial Intelligence (AI) Work Group, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.