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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 14, 2026**

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY  
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**January 14, 2026**

**The Louisiana Purchase Room  
Baton Rouge, LA**

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in regular session on January 14, 2026, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Board President Simone Champagne.

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

Ms. Germain Gilson, Assistant Superintendent of the Office of School Choice at the Louisiana Department of Education, led the opening prayer, and Mr. Jamar Ferguson, Arthur F. Smith Middle School, Rapides Parish Schools, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments.

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| Agenda<br>Item 2.<br>2.1 | <b><u>Approval of the Agenda</u></b><br><br>On motion of Dr. Armstrong, seconded by Ms. Holloway, the Board approved the agenda.  | (Schedule 1) |
| Agenda<br>Item 3.<br>3.1 | <b><u>Oath of Office for the 2026 Officers</u></b><br><br>Chief Justice John Weimer, Louisiana Supreme Court, administered the Oath of Office for the 2026 Officers and Mr. Joseph Cao.   |              |
| Agenda<br>Item 4.<br>4.1 | <b><u>Recognition of Guests</u></b><br><br>On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board recognized the Louisiana Public Interest Fellowship and Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science honorees. |              |
| Agenda<br>Item 5.<br>5.1 | <b><u>Approval of the Minutes</u></b><br><br>On motion of Mr. Harris, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board approved the minutes of the December 9, 2025 (Special Called Meeting) and December 10, 2025.                         |              |
| Agenda                   | <b><u>Report by the State Superintendent of Education</u></b>   |              |

Item 6.

State Superintendent of Education Brumley highlighted the following in his report to the Board:

- Expressed appreciation for 2025 BESE Officers and all of the accomplishments they made.
- Congratulated Presidential Award Winners.
- Louisiana Accountability used as model by ExcelinEd for 2026 Education Policy Playbook.
- Teacher Leader Summit intends to be the largest ever.

Agenda Item 7.

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

- Mr. Berken, chair of the MFP Task Force, reminded members the MFP Task Force meeting is today.
- Mr. Morris, representing BESE on the Artificial Intelligence Work Group, President Henderson shared the work group will have the deliverables in near final form for discussion at the February Meeting.

Agenda Item 8.

**Receive and/or Refer:**

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On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Dr. Clark, the Board received a report on outcomes from the Family Engagement Pilot (In partnership with Louisiana Department of Education and The Center for Literacy and Learning).

Agenda Item 9.1.

**Academic Goals and Instructional Improvement Committee**

(Schedule 2)

9.1.1

On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board received the 2024-2025 Test Security Irregularity Report.

9.1.2

On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the 2026-2027 Nonpublic School Academic Classifications.

9.1.3

On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board granted Brumfield vs. Dodd approval beginning with the 2026-2027 school year for Montessori Moments in St. Tammany Parish.

9.1.4

On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the appointment of Dr. Kim Germany to the membership of the Accountability Council.

- 9.1.5 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the following TOPS Tech Early Start training providers for the 2026-2027 school year:
- ABC Pelican Chapter Associated Builders and Contractors
  - Monroe Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (JATC)
  - New Orleans Career Center

- 9.1.6 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the Jump Start 2.0 Pathway Enhancements and Fast Forward Pathways for the 2026-2027 school year, as outlined.

- 9.1.7 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the following as course providers for the Course Choice Program for a period of three years, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year:
- Advanced Nursing Training Bogalusa
  - Baton Rouge Youth Coalition
  - Cafe Hope
  - DECAF Publizations
  - Front Yard Bikes
  - Healthy Services
  - Royal Angels Anointed Hands
  - Stick It Phlebotomy
  - Twinimation Studios

- 9.1.8 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board received the report regarding the simulated 2025 School Performance Scores (SPS) and District Performance Scores (DPS).

- 9.1.9 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board received the report regarding early childhood care and education key performance indicators (KPIs).

Agenda Item 9.2. **Board Administration and Education Finance Committee** (Schedule 3)

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

- 9.2.2 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board received the quarterly report of expenditures and budget balances of 8(g) projects for FY 2025-2026.

9.2.3 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board received the report regarding LEAs in noncompliance with the 70 percent instructional requirements for FY 2023-2024.

9.2.4 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board received the report from education finance staff concerning BESE-authorized charter school budgets and expenditures, including irregularities or concerns for FY 2025-2026 1st quarter budget.

9.2.5 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board approved the following LDOE contract:

Contractor:	National Association of Public Charter Schools (NACSA)
Contract Period:	02/01/2026 - 09/30/2028
Contract Amount:	\$225,000.00
Fund:	Federal - LPCSP Funds
Competitive Process:	Non-Competitive

Description of Service: This contract provides additional professional learning and collaboration opportunities through modules and in-person training regarding best charter authorizing practices for LEAs, LDOE, and other stakeholders.

9.2.6 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board approved the following LDOE contract amendment:

Contractor:	Louisiana State University
Contract Period:	01/15/2025 - 06/30/2026
Previous Amount:	\$56,990.00
Amended Amount:	\$24,518.00
Contract Amount:	\$81,508.00
Fund:	Self-Gen Grant - Greauxing STEM Stewards (GRP)
Competitive Process:	Non-Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment adds additional funds to support additional staff time needed with a shortened time frame for in-person meetings for educators.

The original contract provided 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 grades 6-8 curriculum development, and establish a virtual community of practice.

9.2.7 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board approved the following LDOE contract:

Contractor: MGT Impact Solutions, LLC  
Contract Period: 02/01/2026 - 04/30/2026  
Contract Amount: \$80,000.00  
Fund: Federal - Perkins Leadership  
Competitive Process: Non-Competitive

Description of Service: This contract provides support for both virtual and in-person Counselor Institute sessions designed to share key information on supports, policies, and resources from the state-level to local practitioners, and provide an engaging space for counselors to share problems of practice, build community, and expand impact.

9.2.8 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board approved the following LDOE contract:

Contractor: The New Teacher Project (TNTP)  
Contract Period: 02/01/2026 - 06/30/2026  
Contract Amount: \$64,745.00  
Fund: Federal -8(g) Numeracy  
Competitive Process: Non-Competitive

Description of Service: This contract provides for the creation of standards-specific training to align with the updated K-12 math standards and the creation of training for system-level numeracy leaders, as well as training for LDOE staff to implement the aforementioned trainings at scale across the state.

9.2.9 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board approved the following LDOE contract amendment:

Contractor: Faircloth, Melton, Bash & Green, LLC  
Contract Period: 02/27/2025 - 02/26/2027  
Previous Amount: \$100,000.00  
Amended Amount: \$ 75,000.00  
Contract Amount: \$175,000.00  
Fund: State - SGF and RSD  
Competitive Process: Non-Competitive

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Description of Service: This amendment extends the end date of the contract for an additional year to allow the contractor to continue to provide legal representation to the LDOE.

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

9.2.11 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation:	CPR/First Aid Certification
Type:	Other
Amount:	\$89,625.00
Period:	01/01/2026 – 06/30/2026
Source of Funds:	State General Funds

Purpose: Act 95 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session mandates that starting in the 2025-2026 school year, all high school employees who serve as coaches must obtain and maintain certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), first aid, and the use of automatic external defibrillators (AEDs). This certification must align with the guidelines set by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, or other nationally recognized, evidence-based organizations focused on emergency cardiovascular care.

Basis of Allocation: The LDOE conducted a survey of public, charter, and non-public schools to identify which schools required CPR and First Aid training for high school coaches who were employed by the school system. State-appropriated funds are being utilized for allocations at a rate of \$125 per CPR/First Aid individual certification training for individual high school coaches. The amount per person is based on the average rates set by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, and private companies for certifying individuals.

9.2.12 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: Early Childhood Literacy Initiative Child Care Curriculum  
Type: Other

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Amount: \$4,724,500.00  
Period: 02/01/2026 – 06/30/2026  
Source of Funds: Federal – (CCDF and IDEA)

Purpose: The purpose of this allocation is to support teachers in publicly funded early learning sites by providing funding to implement a Tier 1 curriculum and high-quality curriculum supports, such as those related to literacy and numeracy, to ensure more children are ready for kindergarten. The LDOE will allocate funding to the Child Care Resource and Referral agencies (CCR&Rs) to purchase curriculum for B–5 early learning classrooms, covering up to 100 percent of their purchases of Tier 1 curricula and related supports. CCR&Rs will be responsible for providing guidance, assurances, curriculum purchase invoices, and packing labels.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations will be made to parish-level Community Network Lead Agencies (CNLAs) to purchase Tier 1 pre-K curricula and curriculum supports for publicly funded pre-K classrooms within school districts, with allocation amounts determined by the number of publicly funded pre-K school-based classrooms located within each CNLA parish.

9.2.13 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: Early Childhood Literacy Initiative Child Care SOR Training  
Type: Other  
Amount: \$151,280.00  
Period: 02/01/2026 – 06/30/2026  
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The purpose of the Early Childhood Literacy Initiative Science of Reading (SOR) Training allocations is to provide stipends to pre-K

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teachers in school-based settings upon completion of the LDOE-developed Science of Reading training. This training equips educators with evidence-based methods for teaching reading effectively through explicit and systematic instruction in oral language development, phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension. The effective application of these skills in classroom practice directly supports the LDOE’s priorities, particularly in preparing children for kindergarten. Allocated funds for school-based teachers will flow through parish-level Community Network Lead Agencies (CNLAs).

Basis of Allocation: Allocation amounts for school-based teachers were based on the number of publicly funded pre-K classrooms within each CNLA parish.

9.2.14 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation:	Early Childhood Resident and Mentor Stipends
Type:	Other
Amount:	\$33,900.00
Period:	07/01/2025 – 06/15/2026
Source of Funds:	State – 8(g)

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to support the recruitment and retention of teachers in Louisiana. Mentor teachers help increase the retention of beginning educators, and also the retention of teacher leaders who serve in this role. Eligible Early Childhood teacher residents and mentors received a stipend for the duties they perform. This stipend is paid for with 8(g) funds.

Basis of Allocation: Three residents and thirteen mentors qualified for this stipend. The timeframe for these duties to be performed was from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 (second semester/spring of the 2024-2025 school year and first semester/fall of the 2025-2026 school year) or the 2025-2026 school year. Parishes receiving these funds are Assumption, East Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Livingston, Rapides, St. James, and Tangipahoa parish school systems. Early Childhood residents are eligible for a \$3,300 stipend. Early Childhood mentors are eligible for a \$2,000 stipend.

9.2.15 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: High-Dosage Tutoring  
Type: Other  
Amount: \$4,603,036.00  
Period: 07/01/2025 – 06/30/2026  
Source of Funds: State General Funds

Purpose: High-Dosage Tutoring (HDT) is a research-based instructional model that explicitly addresses students' unfinished learning from core instruction and leverages extra time to prepare students for grade-level content in math and reading. Act 771 of the 2024 Louisiana Legislative Session requires school day embedded tutoring for certain Kindergarten through 5th-grade students. This supplement provides additional funds for outcomes-based contracting with external tutoring providers to provide eligible students an additional 10-week cycle of high-dosage tutoring in systems that choose to participate.

Basis of Allocation: School systems received funding based on the number of K-5 students who qualify for HDT. Qualification is determined by assessment performance: K-2 student scoring below proficient on DIBELS, and grades 3-5 students scoring below mastery on LEAP ELA and/or Math. This supplement provides additional funds to systems choosing to participate in outcomes-based contracting (OBC) with external vendor partners to provide an additional 10-week cycle of tutoring. Available funding is being distributed to participating systems based on 55% of each system's initial tutoring allocation, with a minimum of \$25,000 and maximum of \$800,000 to be awarded per system. Three LEA allocations are being reverted: Third Future Schools and Prescott K-8 Academy have declined the HDT funds, and Southwest Louisiana Charter Academy has merged with Lake Charles Charter Academy which has received their allocation based on the new combined enrollment.

9.2.16 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board received the following legislative reports:

1. SCR 33 (2022) Teachers Advisory Council
2. R.S. 17:416.21 Behavior of Students with Exceptionalities
3. R.S. 17:3921.2 Statewide Educational Technology Plan
4. HR 3 (2025) Prohibiting Foods in Schools

9.2.17 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board approved the following legislative reports and direct the LDOE to submit the reports to the appropriate oversight committees:

- 1. R.S. 17:7.5 Alternate Education Programs
- 2. R.S. 17.264 Community Service Endorsement
- 3. R.S. 17:437.1 Jason Flatt Act
- 4. R.S. 17:4046 Red Tape Waivers
- 5. R.S. 49:966 Agency Rule Changes
- 6. HR 251 (2025) Voting Threshold for Public Charter School Conversion
- 7. R.S. 17:3883 VAM and Educator Effectiveness
- 8. Act 472 (2025) Federal Assessment Requirements
- 9. HR 180 (2025) Truancy Study Group

9.2.18 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board received the report regarding school bus speed limits.

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Following discussion, Ms. Champagne requested that LDOE legal staff study/research the implications of modifying the BESE policy to follow the existing State regulations, and present the findings and possible policy revisions that align with state law at the March 2026 Board meeting.

Agenda Item 9.3. **Educator Effectiveness Committee** (Schedule 4)

9.3.1 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board approved, as Notice of Intent, revisions to *Bulletin 746-- Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*, §547. Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps Instructor (ROTC), §1901. Overview, §1903. Definitions, §1904. Criminal History Review for Certification, §1909. Criminal History Reporting, §1911. Submission of Fraudulent Documents, §1913. Professional License Censure, and §2103. Paraprofessional Qualifications.

9.3.2 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board revoked the Louisiana Level 1 Teaching Certificate #665439 issued to Mr. Angel Rafael Cardona Colon.

9.3.3 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board revoked the Louisiana Type B Teaching Certificate #82196 issued to Mr. Rory Fore.

- 9.3.4 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board revoked the Louisiana Level B Teaching Certificate #81555 issued to Mr. David Dauterive.
- 9.3.5 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board revoked the Louisiana Practitioner's License #672773 issued to Mr. Dayton Corbett.
- 9.3.6 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board revoked the Louisiana Teaching Authorization #626879 issued to Mr. Nolan Satcher.
- 9.3.7 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board revoked the Louisiana Ancillary Certificate #559996 issued to Ms. Leanna Rodisch.
- 9.3.8 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board revoked the Louisiana Level B Teaching Certificate #434239 issued to Ms. Burney O'Steen.
- 9.3.9 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board revoked the Louisiana Level 1 Teaching Certificate #643917 issued to Ms. Kayla Callicott.
- 9.3.10 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board revoked the Louisiana Level 1 Teaching Certificate #457106 issued to Ms. Diane Ortego.
- 9.3.11 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board revoked the Louisiana Level 1 Teaching Certificate #522480 issued to Mr. Kyle Harvison.
- 9.3.12 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board revoked the Louisiana Type B Teaching Certificate #470492 issued to Ms. Kristin Porter.
- 9.3.13 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board revoked the Louisiana Level B Teaching Certificate #72712 issued to Ms. Sonya Baker.
- 9.3.14 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board revoked the Louisiana Temporary Authority to Teach Certificate #653138 issued to Ms. Laporscha Terrell.

- 9.3.15 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board revoked the Louisiana Level 2 Certificate #477781 issued to Ms. Stephanni Cassidy.
- 9.3.16 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board revoked the Louisiana Level 2 Teaching Certificate #556760 issued to Mr. James Opie.
- 9.3.17 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board revoke the Louisiana Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate #565707 issued to Ms. Denise Blanchard.
- 9.3.18 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board revoked the Louisiana Ancillary Certificate #1241 issued to Ms. Stephany Johnson.
- 9.3.19 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board revoked the Louisiana Level 3 Teaching Certificate #582285 and Educational Leader 1 Certificate #648706 issued to Ms. Aimee Deere.
- 9.3.20 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board revoked the Louisiana Temporary Authority to Teach #634589 issued to Ms. Edie Harrison.
- 9.3.21 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board revoked the Louisiana Level 3 Teaching Certificate #537052 and Educational Leader Level 1 Certificate #554162 issued to Mr. Ferrante Dominique.
- 9.3.22 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board revoked the Louisiana Practitioner's License #681616 issued to Ms. Latasha Hargrove
- 9.3.23 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board revoked the Louisiana Temporary Authority to Teach #652015 issued to Mr. Dallas Frazier.
- 9.3.24 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board revoked the Louisiana Temporary Authority to Teach Certificate #680272 issued to Ms. Kiarra Yates.
- 9.3.25 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board revoked the Louisiana Career and Technical Trade and Industrial Education - Provisional Certificate #680358 issued to Ms. Keshuna Jones.

- 9.3.26 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board revoked the Louisiana Level 2 Teaching Certificate #661444 issued to Ms. Shelby Cavnac.
- 9.3.27 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board granted the issuance of a Louisiana teaching credential appropriate to Mr. Frederick Worley. Mr. Cao abstained from this item.
- 9.3.28 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board granted the issuance of a Louisiana teaching credential appropriate to Ms. Wendy Bergeron. Mr. Cao abstained from this item.
- 9.3.29 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board granted the issuance of a Louisiana teaching credential appropriate to Ms. Edie Harrison. Mr. Cao abstained from this item.
- 9.3.30 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board granted the issuance of a Louisiana teaching credential appropriate to Ms. Debra Jones. Mr. Cao abstained from this item.
- 9.3.31 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board granted the issuance of a Louisiana teaching credential appropriate to Ms. Mary Monroe-Moore. Mr. Cao abstained from this item.
- 9.3.32 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board granted the issuance of a Louisiana teaching credential appropriate to Ms. Rachone Williams. Mr. Cao abstained from this item.
  
- Agenda Item 9.4. **Legislative and Governmental Affairs Committee** (Schedule 5)
- 9.4.1 On motion of Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Cao, the Board received the report regarding the Louisiana 2026 Regular Legislative Session (RLS).
  
- Agenda Item 9.5. **School Innovation and Turnaround Committee** (Schedule 6)
- 9.5.1 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Dr. Clark, the Board received the 2024-2025 Annual Report on Types 2, 4, and 5 charter schools.

- 9.5.2 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Dr. Clark, the Board received the voluntary surrender of the Type 2 charter for St. Landry Charter School, operated by St. Landry Primary, Inc., effective at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year.
- 9.5.3 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Dr. Clark, the Board received the voluntary surrender of the Type 2 charter for Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish, operated by Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish, effective at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year.
- 9.5.4 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Dr. Clark, the Board received the voluntary surrender of the Type 2 charter for New Harmony High School, operated by New Harmony High Institute, effective at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year.
- 9.5.5 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Dr. Clark, the Board approved the material amendment from St. Tammany Charter Foundation to expand the opening year grade configuration and enrollment of The Academy of Classical Education at Covington for the 2026-2027 school year in response to community demand.
- 9.5.6 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Dr. Clark, the Board received the report on the status and progress outlined in the Educational Technology Plan.
- 9.5.7 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Dr. Clark, the Board approved the Type 2 charter application submitted for Audubon Baton Rouge, operated by French and Montessori Education Incorporated (FAME), to commence operation of one Type 2 charter school in East Baton Rouge Parish beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, and contingent upon completion of all pre-opening requirements as determined by LDOE.
- 9.5.8 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Dr. Clark, the Board approved the Type 2 charter application submitted for Bridge Academy, operated by Third Future Schools, to commence operation of one Type 2 charter school in East Baton Rouge Parish beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, and contingent upon completion of all pre-opening requirements as determined by LDOE.
- 9.5.9 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Dr. Clark, the Board received the charter application proposal, submitted in response to the 2025 Mid-Year Charter School Request for Applications for Engaged Academies of Louisiana.

9.5.10 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Dr. Clark, the Board received the report regarding the BESE Artificial Intelligence (AI) Work Group.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.