



BOARD of ELEMENTARY and 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.

OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES

Meeting of June 10, 2026

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
EDUCATION**

June 10, 2026

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

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in regular session on June 10, 2026, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Board President Simone Champagne.

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

Mr. Preston Castille, Mr. Lance Harris, and Ms. Stacey Melerine were not in attendance.

Dr. Amanda Austin, Iberville Parish Schools, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Mr. Justin Wax, Livingston Parish Schools, led the opening prayer.

There were no public comments.

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Item 2. | <u>Approval of the Agenda</u> | (Schedule 1) |
| 2.1 | On motion of Dr. Armstrong, seconded by Mr. Berken, the Board approved the agenda. | |
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Item 3. | <u>Recognition of Guests</u> | |
| 3.1 | On motion of Ms. Holloway, seconded by Dr. Clark, the Board recognized the Honorees | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Louisiana State Certified World Language Immersion Site• Louisiana Seal of Biliteracy• English Learner Fellows• SPED Fellow Academy• Learning & Leading: Aspiring Educators Cohort• Aspiring Principal Fellowship• Novice Principal Academy | |
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Item 4. | <u>Approval of the Minutes</u> | |
| 4.1 | On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board approved the minutes of April 15, 2026. | |

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Item 5.**Report by the State Superintendent of Education**

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

- Attended meetings in Washington yesterday on Education Freedom tax credit and the Presidents 1776 Awards, the National Civics competition.
- Thanks to those who attended the Teacher Leader Summit, 7,500 in attendance.
- Released K3 Literacy screener results, 16.5% increase this year.
- Federal SEA waiver approved, will give Louisiana flexibility in spending federal dollars.

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Item 6.**Report(s) from members of BESE (Statutory and Legislative Task Force/Council Appointees)**

- Ms. Holloway reported the SEAP council will meet on July 17th at 9:00 am.
- Ms. Holloway reported America 250 will meet the week of June 22nd, the exact date of the meeting has not been confirmed.
- Ms. Holloway reported the Special School District will meet July 7th at 9:00 am, they will open the superintendent search nationally for a new Special School District superintendent.

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Item 7.**Board Committee Reports**Agenda
Item 7.1.**Academic Goals and Instructional Improvement Committee**

(Schedule 2)

- 7.1.1 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Dr. Clark, the Board approved the amended 2026-2027 Nonpublic School Academic Classifications.
- 7.1.2 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Dr. Clark, the Board granted Brumfield vs. Dodd approval beginning with the 2026-2027 school year to the following:
- a. Acadiana Treatment Center in St. Landry Parish;
 - b. FIVE Micro School in St. Bernard Parish; and
 - c. Crossroads Regional Hospital dba Longleaf in Rapides Parish.
- 7.1.3 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Dr. Clark, the Board approved the local education agency *Bulletin 741— Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §5345. Requesting Waivers of BESE Policy, waiver request for the 2026-2027 school year for BASIS Baton Rouge Materra.

- 7.1.4 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Dr. Clark, the Board approved the local education agency *Bulletin 741— Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §2313. Foreign Language, waiver request for the 2026-2027 school year for the following school systems:
- a. Jackson;
 - b. Lafayette;
 - c. St. Mary; and
 - d. St. Tammany.
- 7.1.5 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Dr. Clark, the Board received the report regarding AI Workgroup deliverables.
- 7.1.6 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Dr. Clark, the Board approved the reauthorization of the following Course Choice Providers for a period of five years:
- a. New Beginnings Beauty College;
 - b. Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University;
 - c. Gateway EMS;
 - d. Bard Early College;
 - e. Educational Solutions;
 - f. My Virtual Academy;
 - g. Pelican Chapter, ABC; and
 - h. Princeton Review.
- 7.1.7 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Dr. Clark, the Board approved the initial authorization of the following Course Choice Providers for a period of three years:
- a. Goodwill Technical College and
 - b. Ready for Industry
- 7.1.8 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Dr. Clark, the Board received the 2026 Course Choice providers' status report.
- 7.1.9 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Dr. Clark, the Board approved the Jump Start 2.0 graduation pathway enhancements in information technology and the cybersecurity universal course. Further, LA Works registered apprenticeships are requested to be automatically approved.
- 7.1.10 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Dr. Clark, the Board received the minutes of the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Advisory Council meeting held May 19, 2026.

- 7.1.11 On the motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Dr. Clark, the Board received the minutes of the Superintendents' Advisory Council (SAC) meeting held May 21, 2026.
- 7.1.12 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Dr. Clark, the Board approved, as Notice of Intent, revisions to *Bulletin 118—Statewide Assessment Standards and Practices*, §5107. Assessment Programs and §5701. Louisiana Assessment Programs.
- 7.1.13 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Dr. Clark, the Board approved, as Notice of Intent, revisions to *Bulletin 1508--Pupil Appraisal Handbook*, §511. Evaluation Timelines and §1105. Reevaluation Procedures.
- 7.1.14 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Dr. Clark, the Board approved, as Notice of Intent, revisions to *Bulletin 741--Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*, §2313. Elementary Program of Studies and §2317. High Schools.
- 7.1.15 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Dr. Clark, the Board approved, as Notice of Intent, revisions to *Bulletin 1903--Louisiana Handbook for Students with Dyslexia*, §105. School Level Responsibilities.

Agenda Item 7.2. **Board Administration and Education Finance Committee** (Schedule 3)

- 7.2.1 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board received the report regarding contracts \$50,000 or less approved by the State Superintendent of Education.
- 7.2.2 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board received the report from the LDOE Director of Internal Audit.
- 7.2.3 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board received the report on in-state travel for Board members to be reimbursed from the BESE budget.
- 7.2.4 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board received the Fiscal Risk Assessment Process for 2024-2025.
- 7.2.5 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board received the report regarding LEAs in noncompliance with the 70 percent instructional requirements for FY 2024-2025.

7.2.6 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board received the report from the LDOE on the implementation plan/process of the Governor's Executive Order No. 26-047.

7.2.7 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board received the report from education finance staff concerning BESE-authorized charter school budgets and expenditures, including irregularities or concerns.

7.2.8 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board approved the following LDOE contract:

Contractor:	Northwestern State University of Louisiana - Career Development
Contract Period:	07/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
Contract Amount:	\$426,387.96
Fund:	Federal – CCDF
Competitive Process:	Non-Competitive

Description of Service: This contract provides management of the Louisiana Pathways Child Care Career Development System needed for administration of School Readiness Tax Credits.

7.2.9 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board approved the following LDOE contract:

Contractor:	Northwestern State University of Louisiana - Scholarship Program
Contract Period:	7/1/2026 - 6/30/2027
Contract Amount:	\$2,023,858.80
Fund:	Federal – CCDF
Competitive Process:	Non-Competitive

Description of Service: This contract provides management of the Louisiana Pathways Child Care Scholarship Program by assisting early childhood educators in obtaining professional preparation and credentials in early childhood care and education.

7.2.10 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board approved the following LDOE contract:

Contractor:	University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Contract Period:	07/01/2026-06/30/2027
Contract Amount:	\$2,574,862.00

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Fund: Federal
Competitive Process: Non-Competitive

Description of Service: This contract provides Early Childhood Third Party CLASS® observations as required in *Bulletin 140—Louisiana Early Childhood Care and Education Network* at all publicly funded early childhood sites.

- 7.2.11 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board approved the following LDOE contract:

Contractor: Agenda for Children, Inc.
Contract Period: 07/01/2026-10/31/2026
Contract Amount: \$487,348.00
Fund: Federal – CCDF
Competitive Process: Competitive (RFP)

Description of Service: This contract will provide coaching, technical assistance, and training, to child care centers, family child care, and referral services to families.

- 7.2.12 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board approved the following LDOE contract:

Contractor: Jefferson Parish Early Childhood Collaborative
Contract Period: 07/01/2026 - 10/31/2026
Contract Amount: \$205,667.00
Fund: Federal – CCDF
Competitive Process: Competitive (RFP)

Description of Service: This contract will provide coaching, technical assistance, and training, to child care centers, and family child care, and referral services to families.

- 7.2.13 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board approved the following LDOE contract:

Contractor: Lafayette Parish School Board
Contract Period: 07/01/2026-10/31/2026
Contract Amount: \$145,483.00
Fund: Federal – CCDF
Competitive Process: Competitive (RFP)

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Description of Service: This contract will provide coaching, technical assistance, and training, to child care centers, and family child care, and referral services to families.

- 7.2.14 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board approved the following LDOE contract:

Contractor: Northwestern State University
Contract Period: 07/01/2026-10/31/2026
Contract Amount: \$314,781.00
Fund: Federal – CCDF
Competitive Process: Competitive (RFP)

Description of Service: This contract will provide coaching, technical assistance, and training, to child care centers, and family child care, and referral services to families.

- 7.2.15 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board approved the following LDOE contract:

Contractor: The Administrators of the Tulane Educational Fund
Contract Period: 07/01/2026-06/30/2028
Contract Amount: \$5,000,000.00
Fund: Federal – CCDF
Competitive Process: Non-Competitive

Description of Service: The contractor will provide student services to Type III early learning sites, and registered family child care sites.

- 7.2.16 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board approved the following LDOE contract:

Contractor: The Children’s Coalition for Northeast Louisiana, Inc
Contract Period: 07/01/2026 - 10/31/2026
Contract Amount: \$177,866.00
Fund: Federal – CCDF
Competitive Process: Competitive (RFP)

Description of Service: This contract will provide coaching, technical assistance, and training, to child care centers, and family child care, and referral services to families.

- 7.2.17 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board approved the following LDOE contract:

Contractor: Volunteers of America South Central
Louisiana, Inc - 234
Contract Period: 07/01/2026-10/31/2026
Contract Amount: \$438,639.00
Fund: Federal – CCDF
Competitive Process: Competitive (RFP)

Description of Service: This contract will provide coaching, technical assistance, and training, to child care centers, and family child care, and referral services to families.

- 7.2.18 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board approved the following LDOE contract:

Contractor: Volunteers of America South Central
Louisiana, Inc - 567
Contract Period: 07/01/2026-10/31/2026
Contract Amount: \$438,639.00
Fund: Federal – CCDF
Competitive Process: Competitive (RFP)

Description of Service: This contract will provide coaching, technical assistance, and training, to child care centers, and family child care, and referral services to families.

- 7.2.19 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board approved the following LDOE contract amendment:

Contractor: Alfred D. Douglas
Contract Period: 07/01/2025-06/30/2028
Original Amount: \$150,000.00
Amended Amount: \$130,000.00
Contract Amount: \$280,000.00
Fund: Federal – IDEA Part B Administration
Competitive Process: Non-Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment adds funding over the course of the contract to align with increased assignments.

- 7.2.20 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board approved the following LDOE contract amendment:

Contractor:	Associated Reporters Incorporated
Contract Period:	07/01/2025-06/30/2027
Original Amount:	\$47,500.00
Amended Amount:	\$130,000.00
Contract Amount:	\$177,500.00
Fund:	Federal – IDEA Part B Administration
Competitive Process:	Non-Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment adds funding over the course of the contract to align with increased assignments.

- 7.2.21 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board approved the following LDOE contract amendment:

Contractor:	Education Services Consulting, LLC
Contract Period:	07/01/2025-06/30/2028
Original Amount:	\$150,000.00
Amended Amount:	\$225,000.00
Contract Amount:	\$375,000.00
Fund:	Federal – IDEA Part B Administration
Competitive Process:	Non-Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment adds funding over the course of the contract to align with increased assignments.

- 7.2.22 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board approved the following LDOE contract amendment:

Contractor:	Emma Johnson LeMeunier
Contract Period:	11/01/2025-10/31/2027
Original Amount:	\$48,000.00
Amended Amount:	\$117,000.00
Contract Amount:	\$165,000.00
Fund:	Federal – IDEA Part B Administration
Competitive Process:	Non-Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment adds funding over the course of the contract to align with increased assignments.

- 7.2.23 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board approved the following LDOE contract amendment:

Contractor: Marlon N. Yarbrough & Associates, Attorney LLC
Contract Period: 07/01/2025-06/30/2028
Original Amount: \$150,000.00
Amended Amount: \$235,000.00
Contract Amount: \$385,000.00
Fund: Federal – IDEA Part B Administration
Competitive Process: Non-Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment adds funding over the course of the contract to align with increased assignments.

- 7.2.24 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board approved the following LDOE contract amendment:

Contractor: Paul C. Gibson, Sr.
Contract Period: 07/01/2025-06/30/2028
Original Amount: \$150,000.00
Amended Amount: \$130,000.00
Contract Amount: \$280,000.00
Fund: Federal – IDEA Part B Administration
Competitive Process: Non-Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment adds funding over the course of the contract to align with increased assignments.

- 7.2.25 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board approved the following LDOE contract:

Contractor: Adelaide Services, Inc
Contract Period: 07/01/2026-06/30/2029
Contract Amount: \$1,972,457.58
Fund: Federal – Title I, Part C
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This contract provides support for administering Louisiana's Title I, Part C, Migrant Education Program (MEP) in the areas of Identification and Recruitment (ID&R), data collection and management, and program administration and evaluation.

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The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) must meet these federal program requirements in order to receive and administer Title I, Part C funding for the Louisiana Migrant Education Program (LMEP).

- 7.2.26 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board approved the following LDOE contract:

Contractor:	Louisiana Special School District
Contract Period:	07/01/2026-06/30/2027
Contract Amount:	\$1,330,000
Fund:	Federal – IDEA 611 Set Aside
Competitive Process:	Non-Competitive

Description of Service: This contract ensures school systems and students in Louisiana have access to assistive technology and accessible educational materials to support individual student needs and access to high-quality instruction by maintaining a lending library of assistive technology devices and providing one-on-one technical assistance.

- 7.2.27 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board approved the following LDOE contract amendment:

Contractor:	New Solutions K12, LLC
Contract Period:	09/01/2025-06/30/2028
Original Amount:	\$880,000
Amended Amount:	\$880,000
Contract Amount:	\$1,760,000
Fund:	Federal – IDEA 611 Set Aside
Competitive Process:	Sole Source

Description of Service: This amendment adds \$880,000 for continued support around the adoption of the Special Education Playbook for System Leaders and the related staffing and scheduling guidance across the State.

- 7.2.28 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board approved the following LDOE contract:

Contractor:	Studyville, LLC
Contract Period:	07/01/2026-06/30/2029
Contract Amount:	\$420,000
Fund:	Federal – IDEA 611 Set Aside and EIR Grant
Competitive Process:	Non-Competitive

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Description of Service: This contract provides for the development and implementation of high-quality curriculum materials to support literacy high-dosage tutoring, including adaptations and supports for students with disabilities, in fulfillment of LDOE's Education Innovation and Research (EIR) Grant. The contractor will provide comprehensive deliverables, including high-quality tutoring materials, such as implementation guidance, scope-and-sequence guidance, and tutoring lesson plans.

The purpose of this agreement is to ensure the availability of instructional materials to support effective implementation of tutoring and improve literacy outcomes for participating students across Louisiana.

- 7.2.29 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board approved the following LDOE contract:

Contractor:	The National Center for the Improvement of Educational Assessment
Contract Period:	7/1/2026-6/30/2029
Contract Amount:	\$849,900.00
Fund:	State and Federal
Competitive Process:	Sole Source

Description of Service: This contract provides support services related to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), psychometrics, and Louisiana's next-generation assessment system.

- 7.2.30 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation:	Comprehensive Literacy State Development 3.0
Type:	Competitive
Amount:	\$12,138,000.00
Period:	07/01/2026 – 06/30/2027
Source of Funds:	Federal - Other

Purpose: The purpose of the Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant (CLSD) grant is to award competitive grants to local education agencies (LEAs) to advance literacy skills, including pre-literacy skills, reading, and writing, for all children from birth through grade 12, with a special emphasis on disadvantaged children, including children living in poverty, English Learners, and children with disabilities.

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Focus Area: Opportunity to provide additional and enhanced literacy efforts to build the capacity of local leaders, improve the practice of teachers, and increase literacy outcomes for children.

Basis of Allocation: This is the second allocation of the CLSD 3.0 (2024) grant. CLSD 3.0 was awarded on a competitive basis through application reviews, using a rubric. Systems awarded demonstrated a need based on high teacher turnover, schools that are currently rated "F" but were not pre-COVID, AUS labeled schools, chronically underperforming early childhood sites that are publicly funded, significant or growing rates of English Learners, and/or at least 50% of students who are at risk of being retained in third grade due to well below performance on the Fall 2024 DIBELS assessment. The top 26% of LEAs, according to scored applications, were awarded funds to implement the literacy initiatives outlined in their applications. Funds are allocated by grade band in which systems applied.

Mr. Castille recused himself from the vote on this motion.

- 7.2.31 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation:	Early Childhood Education Fund (ECEP)
Type:	Competitive
Amount:	\$30,327,832.00
Period:	07/01/2026 – 06/30/2027
Source of Funds:	State General Fund

Purpose: These funds are allocated to serve children ages birth to three years old in tuition-free child care seats, based on family eligibility aligned with the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP). The Louisiana Early Childhood Education Fund (ECEP) was established by the Louisiana Legislature during the 2017 Regular Legislative Session, and funding sources were identified and dedicated to the ECE Fund during the 2019 Regular Legislative Session. The ECEP is intended to incentivize local investment in and fundraising for early childhood care and education by providing a dollar-for-dollar state match for locally generated funds.

Basis of Allocation: Community Network Lead Agencies applied for the ECEP State Match in September 2024. Claims were for the amount of local funding that was expected to have been raised by or before January 2025. Each Community Network Lead Agency was required to submit proof of the funds raised to the Early Childhood Strategy Team. The ECEP requirements are detailed in *Bulletin 140*, Chapter 9.
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Mr. Castille recused himself from the vote on this motion.

- 7.2.32 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: Education of Homeless Children and Youth
Type: Competitive
Amount: \$2,198,806.00
Period: 07/01/2026 – 09/30/2027
Source of Funds: Federal - GAN

Purpose: The purpose of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act is to provide competitive sub grants to expand support services to preschool aged children and K-12 students that are experiencing homelessness. The grant provides an opportunity for homeless liaisons to raise awareness to district and school staff about ways to identify students who may be in transition and provide various services that will remove barriers to student success. The overall goal of the grant is to ensure that students are able to enroll, attend, and succeed in school. LEAs may apply for these federal funds every three years.

Basis of Allocation: The McKinney-Vento funds are awarded through a competitive process to LEAs of similar based upon their homeless population's size. The allocation recommendations utilize the total number of students identified as homeless by sub grantees on the October 1 count of the previous year. Each sub grantee will receive \$395 per homeless student identified with a base award of \$2,000.

Mr. Castille recused himself from the vote on this motion.

- 7.2.33 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: School Redesign (Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies)
Type: Competitive
Amount: \$1,052,450.00
Period: FY24 funds: April 19, 2026 - September 30, 2027
Source of Funds: Federal - Other

Purpose: The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires school systems to build plans to improve struggling schools. The state must use 7 percent of the state's Title I funds to support high-quality improvement

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plans. In Louisiana, these funds will be competitively awarded to school systems that build the strongest plans for improvement.

Basis of Allocation: The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that local school systems create a plan to improve the performance of students in persistently struggling schools. ESSA also provides school improvement funding to implement state-approved plans in identified struggling schools. LDOE staff reviewed applications from eligible school systems and determined allocations based on the quality of each plan.

Recipients of school improvement funding must comply with all terms of the grant, including implementing all CIR/UIR-Academic approval and funding criteria as identified in the 2026-2027 LDOE School System Planning Workbook.

LEAs that do not meet the requirements of the grant and its implementation timeline will forfeit these school improvement allocations.

Mr. Castille recused himself from the vote on this motion.

- 7.2.34 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation:	Early Childhood Literary Initiative Child Care Curriculum (IDEA)
Type:	Other
Amount:	\$10,500.00
Period:	02/01/2026 – 06/30/2026
Source of Funds:	Federal – Individuals with Disabilities Education

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), and were originally allocated to the individual parishes associated with Children's Coalition to purchase Tier 1

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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. The funding will be moved from the individual parish to the Children's Coalition who is the lead agency.

Mr. Castille recused himself from the vote on this motion.

- 7.2.35 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation:	New Teacher of the Year: Advisor Stipends
Type:	Other
Amount:	\$21,000.00
Period:	07/01/2025 – 06/15/2026
Source of Funds:	State Funding – 8(g)

Purpose: The nine current New Teacher of the Year finalists will serve as advisors to the New Teacher Experience (NTE) for the 2026-2027 school year. In this role, they will:

1. Prepare a session for the NTE: Summer Kick Off (panel discussion).
2. Attend and participate in honoree events at the Teacher Leader Summit.
3. Review and provide detailed and meaningful feedback on instructional resources created for the NTE.
4. Participate in advisory conference calls with the LDOE Educator Development team.
5. Serve as an ambassador for new teachers in Louisiana. The former New Teacher of the Year overall honorees (3) will develop and present five sessions each at the NTE: Summer Kick Off.

Basis of Allocation: The New Teacher of the Year finalists were selected through nominations and applications submitted for state level competition. These applicants and finalists are required to have less than one year of full time teaching experience at the time of application deadline. Their main responsibility is to help support the work of the NTE. This program supports the development of the NTE. This is a comprehensive induction program that will offer multiple services designed to increase teacher effectiveness, enhance skills, and reduce attrition among beginning teachers. Previous advisors received a \$2000 contract for the scope of the work and travel required.

Mr. Castille recused himself from the vote on this motion.

- 7.2.36 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board received the following legislative reports:
- a. R.S 17:4037.11 LA GATOR Scholarship Program
 - b. R.S. 17:7.3 BESE Tuition Program for Teachers
- 7.2.37 On motion of Mr. Berken, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board approved the following legislative reports and directed the LDOE to submit the reports to the appropriate oversight committees:
- a. R.S 17:1942.1 Special Education Compliance
 - b. R.S. 17:10.5 Coordinated School Intervention

Agenda
Item 7.3.

Educator Effectiveness Committee

(Schedule 4)

- 7.3.1 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board received the report, per Louisiana Revised Statute 11:710, regarding retired teachers to return to active service and the certification of teacher shortages in critical shortage areas, as submitted by Local Education Agencies (LEAs) from January 2026 to present.
- 7.3.2 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board approved, as Notice of Intent, revisions to *Bulletin 996--Louisiana Standards for Approval of Teacher and/or Educational Leader Preparation Programs*, §103. Definitions, and §745. Minimum Requirements for Alternate Teacher Preparation Programs.
- 7.3.3 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board approved, as Notice of Intent, revisions to *Bulletin 746--Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*, §515. Practitioner Licenses, and §528. Pre-Practitioner License.
- 7.3.4 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board revoked the Louisiana Level 1 Teaching Certificate #475699 issued to Ms. Casheka Coffey.
- 7.3.5 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board revoked the Louisiana Teaching Authorization #609859 issued to Ms. Jessica Hebert.
- 7.3.6 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board revoked the Louisiana Teaching Authorization #651870 issued to Ms. Leigh Ann Leblanc, noting that this revocation is one for which certification issuance/reinstatement will never be considered.

- 7.3.7 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board revoked the Louisiana Level 3 Teaching Certificate #485347 issued to Ms. Sesame Teague.
- 7.3.8 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board revoked the Louisiana Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate #599562 issued to Ms. Generra Everidge, noting that this revocation is one for which certification issuance/reinstatement will never be considered.
- 7.3.9 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board revoked the Louisiana Level 3 Teaching Certificate #497579 issued to Ms. Tempia Anderson.
- 7.3.10 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board revoked the Louisiana Level 2 Teaching Certificate #509816 issued to Mr. Justin Miller.
- 7.3.11 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board revoked the Louisiana Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate #568412 issued to Ms. Kim Jefferson (Lisa McKinley).
- 7.3.12 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board revoked the Louisiana Ancillary Speech Therapist Certificate #005557 issued to Ms. Vivian Hughes-Wancewicz, noting that this revocation is one for which certification issuance/reinstatement will never be considered.
- 7.3.13 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board revoked the Louisiana Teaching Authorization #638876 issued to Ms. Sydnie Quave.
- 7.3.14 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board revoked the Louisiana Temporary Authority to Teach #563985 issued to Mr. Kameron Kidd, noting that this revocation is one for which certification issuance/reinstatement will never be considered.
- 7.3.15 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board revoked the Louisiana Out of State Teaching Certificate #641061 issued to Mr. Brandon Short, noting that this revocation is one for which certification issuance/reinstatement will never be considered.
- 7.3.16 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board granted the issuance of a Louisiana teaching credential appropriate to the credentials of Ms. Keesha Jackson.

- 7.3.17 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board granted the reinstatement of the Louisiana Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate #653840 issued to Ms. Tracy Hemphill on a one year probation requiring a return before the board in one year for records review.
- 7.3.18 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board granted the reinstatement of the Louisiana Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate #610021 issued to Ms. Tammy Price on a one year probation requiring a return before the board in one year for records review.
- 7.3.19 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board granted the issuance of a Louisiana teaching credential appropriate to the credentials of Ms. Cynthia King.
- 7.3.20 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board granted the reinstatement of the Louisiana Level 1 Teaching Certificate #475699 issued to Ms. Casheka Coffey on a one year probation requiring a return before the board in one year for records review.
- 7.3.21 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board granted the reinstatement of the Louisiana Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate #568412 issued to Ms. Kim Jefferson (Lisa McKinley) on a one year probation requiring a return before the board in one year for records review.
- 7.3.22 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board granted the issuance of a Louisiana teaching credential appropriate to the credentials of Ms. Shaina Hammond on a one year probation requiring a return before the board in one year for records review.
- 7.3.23 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board granted the issuance of a Louisiana teaching credential appropriate to the credentials of Ms. Heidi Purk on a one year probation requiring a return before the board in one year for records review.
- 7.3.24 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board denied the reinstatement of the Louisiana Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate #630764 issued to Ms. Lashanda Bridges.
- 7.3.25 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board granted the issuance of a Louisiana teaching credential appropriate to the credentials of Mr. Christopher McCann.

7.3.26 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board granted the reinstatement of the Louisiana Level 1 Teaching Certificate #427989 issued to Mr. Clyde Terrell, Jr.

7.3.27 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board granted the reinstatement of the Louisiana Temporary Authority to Teach #482176 issued to Mr. Gerald Williams.

Mr. Castille recused himself from this item.

7.3.28 On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board granted the reinstatement of the Louisiana Practitioner's License #681616 issued to Ms. Latasha Hargrove.

Agenda **Legislative and Governmental Affairs Committee** (Schedule 5)

Item 7.4.

7.4.1 On motion of Ms. Holloway, seconded by Mr. Berken, the Board received the updated report regarding the 2026 Regular Legislative Session.

Agenda **School Innovation and Turnaround Committee** (Schedule 6)

Item 7.5.

7.5.1 On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board received the report regarding educational choice and key performance indicators (KPIs).

7.5.2 On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board approved the material amendment to the Type 2 charter contract submitted for JS Clark Leadership Academy, operated by Outreach Community Development Corporation, to change the physical location from 1517 Statesman Road, Opelousas, Louisiana, to 1040 South Bullard Street, Opelousas, Louisiana 70570, to serve seventh through twelfth grade students effective beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.

7.5.3 On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board approved the material amendment to the Type 2 charter contract submitted for Academy of Collaborative Education, operated by Academy of Collaborative Education to increase the student enrollment cap from 131 students to 160 in order to meet community demand and expand access to a specialized education environment, effective beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.

- 7.5.4 On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board approved the material amendment to the Type 2 charter contract submitted for New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy (NOMMA), operated by New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy, Inc., to include an additional facility space at 2220 Constitution Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70114, that includes an LHSAA regulation-sized gymnasium, weight room, fitness and workout space, storage areas, and two designated classrooms for NOMMA's Positive Alternative and Student Support (PASS) Program, effective beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.
- 7.5.5 On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board approved the material amendment to the Type 2 charter contract submitted for JCFA-East, operated by JCFA, Inc., to add an accelerated 8th grade to 9th grade STAR program partnering with NOLA Education, LLC, and changing admission criteria from students ages 15-21 in ninth through twelfth grade to students ages 14-21 in eighth to twelfth grade, effective beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.
- 7.5.6 On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board approved the material amendment to the Type 2 charter contract submitted for Academy of Classical Education at Covington, operated by St. Tammany Charter Foundation, to expand the grade configuration in the second year of operation from K-8 to K-12, and to increase enrollment from 1,100 to 2,275 students for the 2027-2028 school year to meet sustained community demand, documented waitlists, and enrollment trends demonstrating the need for a continuous classical education pathway through secondary grades. To support the expansion, the school proposes the establishment of a separate 7-12 secondary school located on property adjacent to the existing K-6 campus. The School shall continue to participate in pre-opening activities.
- 7.5.7 On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Board received the charter application proposal, submitted in response to the 2026 Charter School Request for Applications for Great Hearts Lake Charles and Slaughter Community Elementary School.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.