



**BOARD
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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.

**SPECIAL CALLED
BOARD MINUTES**

Meeting of June 4, 2026

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

June 4, 2026

The Louisiana Purchase Room Baton Rouge, LA

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in special session on June 4, 2026, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. by Board President Ms. Simone Champagne.

Board members present were Mr. Kevin Berken, Mr. Joseph Cao, Mr. Preston Castille, Mr. Lance Harris, Ms. Sandy Holloway, Ms. Stacey Melerine, and Mr. Ronnie Morris.

Mr. Conrad Appel, Dr. Judy Armstrong, and Dr. Sharon Clark were not in attendance.

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 and Ms. Ashley Townsend.

No public comments were received.

Agenda Item 2.	<u>Approval of the Agenda</u>	(Schedule 1)
2.1	On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Ms. Holloway, the Board approved the agenda.	

Agenda Item 3.	<u>Items for Consideration</u>	(Schedule 2)
3.1.1	On motion of Mr. Cao, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board approved, as a Declaration of Emergency, revisions to <i>Bulletin 137 — Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations</i> , §103. Definitions, §301. Requirement of Licensure, and §303. Exemptions from Licensure; <i>Bulletin 139 — Louisiana Child Care and Development Fund Programs</i> , §103. Definitions; <i>Bulletin 741 — Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators</i> , §325. Kindergarten and Prekindergarten, §326. Child Safety and Welfare Minimum Standards, §345. Requesting Waivers of BESE Policy, §913. Class Size and Ratios, and §3703. Definitions; and <i>Bulletin 741 — (Nonpublic) Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators</i> , §107. School Approval, §115. Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten, §116. Prekindergarten Program Monitoring, §707. Class Size and Ratio, §905. Age Requirements, and §3019. Child Safety and Welfare Minimum Standards effective June 4, 2026, for a period of 180 days or until adopted as a final Rule.	

- 3.1.2 On motion of Mr. Cao, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board approved, as Notice of Intent, revisions to *Bulletin 137 — Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations*, §103. Definitions, §301. Requirement of Licensure, and §303. Exemptions from Licensure; *Bulletin 139 — Louisiana Child Care and Development Fund Programs*, §103. Definitions; *Bulletin 741 — Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*, §325. Kindergarten and Prekindergarten, §326. Child Safety and Welfare Minimum Standards, §345. Requesting Waivers of BESE Policy, §913. Class Size and Ratios, and §3703. Definitions; and *Bulletin 741 — (Nonpublic) Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*, §107. School Approval, §115. Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten, §116. Prekindergarten Program Monitoring, §707. Class Size and Ratio, §905. Age Requirements, and §3019. Child Safety and Welfare Minimum Standards.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:44 p.m.