



**Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education  
TRUANCY STUDY GROUP  
Thursday, November 20, 2025  
10:00 a.m.**

**Minutes**

The Truancy Study Group met on Thursday, November 20, 2025, in the Iowa Room of the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Dr. Sharon L. Clark, Chair. Members present were Mr. Nathaniel Adams, Ms. Kelly Bonaventure, Ms. Kristy Brumley, Mr. Anthony Cain, Dr. Monya Thomas-Criddle, Ms. Nicole Meyers, Dr. Brittany Pecor, Ms. De'Errika Scott, Ms. Kendra Taylor, Ms. Jazlyn Thibodeaux, Dr. Jason VanMetre, and Mr. Robert Wells. Mr. Chandler Smith (Proxy-Mr. Chris Kimball) and Ms. Cheryl Serrett (Proxy-Dr. Janet Pope).

Members not present were Ms. Christina Faulk, Mr. Chris Kimball, and Dr. Janet Pope.

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) were Ms. Beth Scioneaux, Ms. Ashley Townsend, Dr. Misty Davis, Mr. Thomas Lambert, and Ms. Lexi Pritchard.

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

There were no public comments

- 1 On motion of Dr. Jason VanMetre, seconded by Mr. Nathaniel Adams, the Truancy Study Group approved the minutes of October 10, 2025.

There was discussion on the following:

**3.1 : Impact of Average Daily Attendance on the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP)**, presented by Ms. Beth Scioneaux

**3.2 : Power of Presence Guidance**, presented by Dr. Misty Davis

**3.3 : Judicial/FINS Presentation on Best Practices and Reporting**, presented by Judge David Matlock and Reshonn Saul, Louisiana Supreme Court

**4.1 : Group Recommendations in Response to HR 180 (2025):**

Ms. Lexi Pritchard asked the Truancy Study Group to email any recommendations to LDOE by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

With no further business to come before the Truancy Study Group, the meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m.