



**Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education
TRUANCY STUDY GROUP
Wednesday, December 10, 2025
1:00 p.m.**

Minutes

The Truancy Study Group met on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, in the Seminar Room at the State Library in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Dr. Sharon L. Clark, Chair. Members present were Mr. Nathaniel Adams, Ms. Kelly Bonaventure, Ms. Kristy Brumley, Mr. Anthony Cain, Ms. Christina Faulk, Mr. Chris Kimball, Ms. Nicole Meyers, Dr. Brittany Pecor, Dr. Janet Pope, Ms. Kendra Taylor, Ms. Jazlyn Thibodeaux, and Dr. Jason VanMetre.

Members not present were Dr. Monya Thomas-Criddle, Ms. De'Errika Scott, and Ms. Jazlyn Thibodeaux.

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

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.

Public comments were received from Mr. Butch Dupre', Lafayette; Ms. Danielle Thomas, Louisiana School Counselor Association; and Mr. Ronnie Morris, Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

- 1 On motion of Mr. Anthony Cain, seconded by Ms. Kristy Brumley, the Truancy Study Group approved the minutes of November 20, 2025.

There was discussion on the following:

3.1: Discussion and/or Adoption of the Draft HR 180 Report, led by Ms. Alexis Pritchard and Dr. Misty Davis of the Louisiana Department of Education

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On motion of Dr. Briattany Pecor, seconded by Ms. Taylor, that the Truancy Study Group adopt Recommendation 4 to state that the school counselor's role be optimized to fully support attendance in accordance with best practices for school counseling.

Dr. Brittany Pecor withdrew her motion following discussion on Recommendation 4.

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Dr. Jason VanMetre offered a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Nathaniel Adams, to keep Recommendation 4 of HR 180, but to add verbiage on Recommendation 3a utilizing best practices.

The motion passed.

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On motion of Mr. Anthony Cain, seconded by Ms. Kelly Bonaventure, the Truancy Study Group endorses and transmits to the BESE and the House Education Committee, the HR 180 (2025) Report as recommended.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Mr. Nathaniel Adams, Ms. Kelly Bonaventure, Ms. Kristy Brumley, Mr. Anthony Cain, Dr. Sharon L. Clark, Ms. Christina Faulk, Mr. Chris Kimball, Ms. Nicole Meyers, Dr. Brittany Pecor, Dr. Janet Pope, Ms. Kendra Taylor, Ms. Jazlyn Thibodeaux, and Dr. Jason VanMetre.

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Absences: Dr. Monya Thomas-Criddle, Ms. De'Errika Scott, and Ms. Jazlyn Thibodeaux..

The motion passed.

With no further business to come before the Truancy Study Group, the meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m.