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# FOUNDATION FOR LOUISIANA STUDENTS

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

3113 Valley Creek Drive

Baton Rouge, LA

First Floor Conference Room

May 21, 2024

*IN COMPLIANCE WITH LOUISIANA OPEN MEETINGS LAW*

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## **I. OPENING ITEMS**

- A. Board President Holliday called the meeting to order at 5:13 p.m.
- B. Board President Holliday requested a roll call vote. The following Directors through a voice vote were recorded as present: Mr. Michael w. Howes, Ms. Grace Anderson, Mr. Thomas Nealsson, Dr. Hala Esmail, Ms. Ann Burgin, Ms. Linda Holliday, and Ex-officio member – Dr. Quentina Timoll.

Guests present: Ms. Darah Husser, Ms. Traci Payne, Ms. Melissa Fox, Mr. Barry Harris, Mr. Michael Tran, Ms. Krystle Dabney, Mr. Michael Adams, Ms. Melissa Grand, Dr. James Llorens, Mr. John Cavell, Ms. Francie Trimble, and Ms. Lekisha Chambers.

Conference Room & Online Guests: See attached list.

- C. On motion by Director Anderson, seconded by Director Burgin, to approve the Regular Board Meeting Agenda for May 21, 2024. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Howes, Anderson, Nealsson, Esmail, Burgin, and Holliday voting in favor. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.

## **II. ROUTINE BUSINESS**

- A. Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting for April 23, 2024. On motion by Director Anderson and seconded by Director Burgin, to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes for April 23, 2024. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Howes, Anderson, Nealsson, Burgin, and Holliday voting in favor. Dr. Hala Esmail abstained due to her absence from the April 23, 2024 meeting. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.

## **III. ORAL REPORTS**

- A. Dr. Quentina Timoll presented the Superintendent Report to include important updates and current enrollment. Dr. Timoll reported that seven UVA students advanced to the top ten in their divisions at the Esports

National Playoffs, beating out hundreds of other participants, and competed in the national playoffs for five different games. The DECA chapter traveled to the International Career Development Conference in Anaheim, and received the Certificate of Achievement for being the Largest Chapter in Louisiana as well as many individual awards. The UVA music program held its spring recital live at the Lynx Den. Middle and high school musicians performed on drums, piano, violin, and more for a varied display of talent. Kindergarten students and their families were recognized with a graduation ceremony at Abundant Life Church in Denham Springs. Dr. Timoll recognized 12th grade school counselor, Ms. Kim Martinez, as employee of the month for May. Dr. Timoll concluded her report with an enrollment update with University View Academy having 3,500 active UVA students, 210 students in the process of completing an application. No vote was taken.

- A. Board President Holliday led the Discussion of the Financial Report for April 2024. Ms. Melissa Fox reviewed the YTD revenues, actuals, and expenses for the period ending in April 30, 2024 with YTD revenues totaled at \$39.5 million and YTD expenses totaled at \$34.5 million. Ms. Fox stated that for the period ending on April 30, 2024, assets totaled \$41.6 million and liabilities totaled \$867,820. No vote was taken.
- B. Board President Holliday presented the Finance Committee report. The Finance Committee recommended the availability of funds for the Edukit supply kits, 2024-2025 staffing budget, and the purchase/construction of a shipping and storage facility for UVA. No vote was taken.
- C. Governance Committee Chair Thomas Nealsson presented the Governance Committee report. Mr. Nealsson reported that the Governance Committee held an interview with Dr. James Llorens and recommended him to take over Director Ann Burgin's term. No vote was taken.
- D. Mr. Barry Harris provided a status update on current facility projects. Mr. Harris stated that there are no updates to report on the Lynx Den building, and Administration building.

Henderson Building: Mr. Harris reported that two offices on the fourth floor have been completed.

Academic Center: Mr. Harris reported that awnings have been installed at all entryways. Mr. Harris stated that the Gazebo will be completed and accessible by August 2024. Mr. Harris provided a status update on the solarium at the Academic Center that was leaking. The flashing has been replaced twice and an investigation is underway to find the underlying issue.

Bennington II: Mr. Harris reported that the bids are due on June 9, 2024.

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion and approval of Edukit supply kits. Board President Holliday led the discussion of the Edukit supply kits with Dr. Quentina Timoll. Dr. Timoll informed the Board of directors this is school supply kits that will be shipped directly to students. The total cost for this purchase is \$113,740.77.

On motion by Director Anderson and seconded by Director Howes to approve the purchase of Edukit supply kits. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Howes, Anderson, Nealsson, Esmail, Burgin, and Holliday voting in favor. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.

- B. Discussion and approval of the 2024-2025 staffing budget. Board President Holliday led the discussion of the 2024-2025 staffing budget with Ms. Melissa Fox. Ms. Fox reported that this request includes 8 new school level positions, 7 new K-12 support positions, and 2 new central office positions with a total of 347 positions for an addition of 15 full time positions and 2 part time interns from fiscal year 2024-2025. The school level positions were added to include 2 elementary teachers, 5 middle school teachers, and 1 high school teacher. The K-12 support positions were added to include an executive master teacher, 3 student success facilitators, instructional technology, and 2 part time interns. The central office positions were added to include marketing/communication coordinator and operations officer.

On motion by Director Howes and seconded by Director Nealsson to approve the 2024-2025 staffing budget. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Howes, Anderson, Nealsson, Esmail, Burgin, and Holliday voting in favor. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.

- C. Discussion of the playground dedication ceremony date. Board President Holliday led the discussion of the playground dedication ceremony date. Board President Holliday stated that the ceremony will be held on June 25, 2024. Ms. Traci Payne reported that she has been in communication with the family and extended an invitation for them to attend the dedication ceremony. No vote was taken.

- D. Discussion and vote: replacement of retiring board member. Board President Holliday led the discussion of the replacement of Director Ann Burgin. Board President Holliday recognized Mr. John Cavell as the 2nd runner up for Board membership and recommended that he be recognized as a potential candidate for board membership next year when terms expire. Dr. James Llorens was recommended for membership on the Foundation for Louisiana Students school board by the Governance Committee.

On motion by Director Nealsson and seconded by Director Anderson to

replace Director Ann Burgin with Dr. James Llorens. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Howes, Anderson, Nealsson, Esmail, Burgin, and Holliday voting in favor. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.

- E. Discussion and approval of shipping and storage facilities for UVA. Board President Holliday led the discussion of the shipping and storage facilities for UVA. Board President Holliday reported that UVA currently has 4 places for storage – 3 off-site storage facilities and half of a floor of the Henderson Building. The first proposed option is purchasing the building located at 3112 Valley Creek Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808 at a price to not exceed \$400,000. The second proposed option is to build a facility behind the Academic Center at an estimated cost of \$600,000. Board President Holliday stated that the storage facility will be used to store supplies and textbooks for UVA students. The storage facility being consolidated into one place provides the school with increased efficiency and supports the school’s growth.

On motion by Director Howes and seconded by Director Anderson to approve attorney investigation of the building located at 3112 Valley Creek Drive, Baton Rouge, LA, 70808. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Howes, Anderson, Nealsson, Esmail, Burgin, and Holliday voting in favor. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.

- F. Announcements: Board President Holliday announced The Watermark Hotel downtown as the venue for the Board Retreat. The Board Retreat is scheduled for June 15, 2024.

**V. CLOSING ITEMS**

- A. On motion by Director Nealsson, seconded by Director Anderson, and carried to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Howes, Anderson, Nealsson, Burgin, and Holliday voting in favor.

**CONFERENCE ROOM & ONLINE GUESTS:**

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	LOCATION
Katie	Cali	Conference Room
Sean	Kimball	Conference Room
***31 individuals logged in to attend the meeting online.		