



# Louisiana Special School District

## Louisiana Special School District Board of Directors

Special Board Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2023 at 1:30 PM

Louisiana Schools for the Deaf and Visually Impaired

2888 Brightside Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70820

Student Activity Center, Room 196

### Agenda Item I

The January 24, 2023 meeting of the Special School District Board of Directors was called to order at 1:30 PM by Ms. Kristy Flynn, Board President. Members present at the meeting included: Ms. Maria Annis, Dr. Edward Bell, Mr. David Burton, Ms. Sherry Crosby, Mr. Kenny Davis, Ms. Kristy Flynn, Mr. Ronnie Morris, Ms. Bambi Polotzola, and Ms. Mary Smith. Members not in attendance: Ms. Michele Jones, Ms. Audra Muslow-Hicks, and Ms. Vickie Smith.

Public comment was given by Mr. Nigel Burkhalter, Ms. Cammie Gaspar, Mr. Jay Isch, and Mr. Jimmy Gore.

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### Agenda Item II

1 Mr. Ronnie Morris made a motion to approve the law firm of Roedel Parsons Blache Fontana Piontek and Pisano as the legal counsel for Special School District’s Board of Directors following the withdrawal of Adams and Reese LLP as legal counsel for the board. The motion was seconded by Dr. Edward Bell and unanimously approved.

### Agenda Item III A.

Public interviews of candidates, Dr. David Martin, Mr. Ross Williams, and Ms. Merisa Marsh, for the position of Superintendent of the Special School District were conducted by members of the Special School District’s Board of Directors. The public interviews included introductions by the candidates, followed by a total of eight interview questions. The interview questions were presented to the three (3) candidates by Board Members, Ms. Flynn, Mr. Davis, Mr. Morris, Ms. Polotzola, and Ms. Smith.

Mr. Ronnie Morris made the motion for a roll call vote for the board to move to Executive Session to discuss the selection of Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burton and unanimously approved by roll call vote. The board entered Executive Session at 3:30 PM.

Following Executive Session, the board returned to Regular session at 4:45 PM.

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## **Agenda Item III B.**

Dr. Bell made the motion to offer Dr. David Martin a contract for employment as the Superintendent of the Special School District. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burton and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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The Board received public comment. With no further business, Ms. Flynn adjourned the meeting at 5:00 PM.