



# Louisiana Special School District

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## Louisiana Special School District Board of Directors

Board Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2023, at 10:30 AM

Louisiana Schools for the Deaf and Visually Impaired

2888 Brightside Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70820

Student Activity Center, Room 196

### Agenda Item I            Call to Order

The May 16, 2023 meeting of the Special School District Board of Directors was called to order at 10:35 AM by Ms. Mary Smith, Board Vice-President. Members present at the meeting included: Ms. Maria Annis, Mr. Anthony Celestine, Ms. Sherry Crosby, Mr. Kenny Davis, Ms. Michele Jones, Mr. Ronnie Morris, Ms. Bambi Polotzola, Ms. Mary Smith, and Ms. Vickie Smith. Members not in attendance: Dr. Edward Bell, Ms. Kristy Flynn, and Ms. Audra Muslow-Hicks.

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### Agenda Item II            Approval of the February 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes

1. Mr. Morris moved to approve the minutes for the February 28, 2023, meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. V. Smith and unanimously approved.

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### Agenda Item III            Reports

#### a. Superintendent's Report

##### i. Update on Transition

##### 1. Programmatic updates presented by Superintendent Martin

- a. Louisiana Instructional Materials Center – AEM
- b. Special School Programs
- c. Louisiana School for the Deaf
- d. Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired
- e. Louisiana School for the Deaf – Outreach
- f. Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired – Outreach
- g. Teaching and Learning
- h. School Leadership Searches

##### ii. Discussion of focus on district facilities

##### iii. Information for planning

##### 2. LLA completing audit

#### b. Personnel Report

##### i. Updates presented by Santa Patterson

##### 1. Between February 28, 2023 and April 28, 2023

- a. Two (2) employees are on extended Family Medical Leave



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b. There have been six (6) separations during the time period

c. Financial Report

i. Updates presented by Katherine Granier

1. Discussion pertaining to closing FY 23 with total of 301 employees

2. Mr. Crosby moved to accept reports, which was seconded by Mr. Davis and unanimously approved.

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**Agenda Item IV      Old business**

a. Louisiana Commission for the Deaf meeting

3. Mr. Morris moved to discuss a path moving forward for next steps regarding Louisiana Commission for the Deaf's meeting proposal, which was seconded by Ms. Crosby and unanimously approved.

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**Agenda Item V      New Business**

a. Election of the Board's 2023-24 President and Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer

4. Mr. Morris nominated Ms. Flynn for President of the Special School District's Board of Director. The nomination was seconded by Ms. V. Smith and unanimously approved.

5. Mr. Morris nominated Ms. Flynn for President of the Special School District's Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jones and unanimously approved.

6. Mr. Morris moved to table the election of the Secretary-Treasurer for the Special School District's Board of Directors until the next Board meeting, scheduled for August 28, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis and unanimously approved.

b. Consideration of Specific Performance Objectives for SSD Superintendent for Contract Year 2023-2024

7. Mr. Morris moved to adopt the proposed rubric of specific performance objectives for SSD Superintendent and to add the word "quantitative" to the rubric as it pertains to student achievement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Celestine and unanimously approved.

c. Consideration of delegation of SSD Board of Directors' authority concerning the adoption of SSD policies

8. Ms. Crosby moved to delegate to Superintendent Martin the Board's authority to adopt SSD policies. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis and unanimously approved.

d. Consideration of preliminary report from the Louisiana Legislative Auditor

Dr. Martin reported working on the final draft of a response to the preliminary audit report with the Special School District's Board President for submission to the legislative auditors. The final



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audit report will be discussed at the next meeting of the Special School District's board on August 28, 2023.

9. Mr. Morris moved to authorize Ms. Flynn, in conjunction with Superintendent Martin and Board counsel, to compose a response to the legislative auditor's preliminary report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis and unanimously approved.

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## **Agenda Item VI            SSA Workshop for SSD Board Development**

Presentation by Mr. Gomez of SSA Consultants to Special School District Board of Directors.

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## **Agenda Item VII            Adjournment**

10. Mr. Morris moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis and unanimously approved.

The Board received no public comment. With no further business, Ms. M. Smith adjourned the meeting at 2:42 PM.

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