



**AAHSD Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
June 17, 2024**

Meeting held at 302 Dulles Drive, Lafayette, LA 70506 in Auditorium 4.

Members present: Richard Landry (Vermilion Parish); John Stefanski (Acadia Parish); Carla JeanBatiste, Vice-Chair (St. Martin Parish); Yasmin Welch (Lafayette Parish); Quinta Thompson, Chair (Governor Appointee/Lafayette Parish); Darce` Byrd (Governor Appointee/Lafayette Parish), and Bambi Polotzola, (St. Landry Parish) .

Members absent: Carol Broussard (Iberia Parish); Elizabeth West, Secretary (Governor Appointee/Evangeline Parish), and Sydia Robin (Evangeline Parish).

Members of the public present: None present.

AAHSD Staff in Attendance: Brad Farmer, Executive Director; Jennifer Stelly, HR Director, and Gretchen Sudwischer, Administrative Assistant.

The Public Notice and Agenda were posted at the AAHSD clinics and on the website. Open meeting laws are available.

1. Call to order at 3:20 pm.
  - a. Meeting Objective(s):
    - i. Conduct business per approved agenda calendar
    - ii. Address any new business as needed
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Board Chair, Quinta Thompson and recited by attendees.
3. Roll call performed by Carla JeanBatiste, Vice-Chair, noting a quorum was present.
4. Recognition of Members of the Public / Public Comments – None present.
5. Consent Agenda items:
  - a. Minutes:
    - i. May regular Board meeting
  - b. Program reports:
    - i. BH & DD numbers and stats - reviewed by the Board
      - Motion made by Carla JeanBatiste, and seconded by Darce` Byrd to approve and accept the minutes as printed, as well as the program reports. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Comments from Chair:

- a. Board advocacy reports –
  - Discussions - CIS services being removed from middle and high schools in New Iberia; LA Department of Education planning on pulling funding from Families Helping Families as to parent education services effective 8/31/2024; and parent education and advocacy in regards to truancy issues.
- b. Agenda Calendar items -
  - i. Board-ED Linkage Pol 3.5: Monitoring of Executive Director (pg 26).
    - Motion made by Carla JeanBatiste, and seconded by Darce` Byrd to accept and approve ED's report. Motion carried unanimously.
  - ii. Governance Process Pol 2.4: Agenda planning (pg 17)
    - 1. 24-25 Agenda Calendar (Board vote to adopt or revise)
      - Motion made by Carla JeanBatiste, and seconded by Yasmin Welch to accept and approve the 24-25 Calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Comments from Executive Director:

- a. LDH contract update:
  - The LGEs met with LDH on May 30, 2024.
  - Contract review, revisions discussed.
  - Next HSIC meeting is Thursday, June 20, 2024.
  - Waiting to obtain final draft of contract and will sign when received.
- b. La-CRS update:
  - Crisis Response – AAHSD has received interest in our area from providers for the crisis adult program.
  - Working with a community coalition (i.e. Lafayette General, Acadiana Ambulance, and other organizations) that may be interested in the program. Information is being forwarded to interested organizations and will have follow up discussions.
- c. Annual Management Report:
  - AMR is reviewed by the Board, noting the Organizational Highlights on page 4. The final report will be published accordingly and sent out to the necessary parties.

8. Executive Director Performance Evaluation

- a. Executive Session - Board discussion
  - 3:57 pm – The Board enters into Executive Session to discuss the Executive Director Performance Evaluation. The ED, HR Director, and Administrative Assistant remove themselves from the meeting room.
    - 4:26 pm - Upon ED's return into the meeting room, it is announced a unanimous decision was made by the Board to retain Brad Farmer as Executive Director for AAHSD and awards him an 8% increase in income.

9. Next meeting - July 15, 2024

- a. The next regular Board meeting will be held on Monday, July 15, 2024 and meeting notices will be sent out and posted.

10. Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn made by Richard Landry, and seconded by Yasmin Welch. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:29 pm.

Submitted by: 

Carla Jean Batiste, AAHSD Board Vice-Chair