



June 23, 2025

Members present: Richard Landry (Vermilion Parish); Yasmin Welch (Lafayette Parish); Quinta Thompson Credeur, Chair (Governor Appointee/Lafayette Parish); Bambi Polotzola, (St. Landry Parish); Darce' Byrd, Secretary (Governor Appointee/Lafayette Parish); and Carla Jean Batiste, Vice Chair (St. Martin Parish)

Members absent: Elizabeth West (Governor Appointee/Evangeline Parish); Carol Broussard (Iberia Parish)

Vacant Seats: Acadia and Evangeline Parish

AAHSD staff in attendance: Brad Farmer, Executive Director, and Gretchen Sudwischer, Administrative Assistant.

Members of the public present: William Harrison, PhD

1. Call to order at 3:18 pm.
 - a. Meeting Objective(s):
 - b. Conduct business per the approved agenda calendar
 - c. Address any new business as needed
2. Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll call was performed by Darce' Byrd, noting that a quorum was present.
4. Recognition of Members of the Public / Public Comments: William Harrison, PhD
5. Consent Agenda items:
 - a. Minutes:
 - May regular board meeting:
 1. Yasmin reported on a correction in the May minutes that needed to be made.
 2. The motion was made by Bambi Polotzola and seconded by Richard Landry, and it was carried unanimously, as amended.
 - b. Program Reports:
 1. Numbers were presented and approved.
 2. The motion was made by Richard Landry and seconded by Darce' Byrd, and it was carried unanimously.
6. Comments from the Executive Director:
 - a. **CCBHC update and Same Day Access:** Brad made a request that updates on CCBHC and Same Day Access are not reported on monthly; the board agreed to the request. AAHSD received reimbursement for CCBHC; Brad noted they have not heard about the application for continued funding; there is one (1) year of funding left. OBH is working to design an application process to prevent duplicate information. Clinic hours are still being adjusted within each facility; some facilities open early, and close later; in some areas that is a safety concern.
 - b. **CARF:** Application ends on June 30th; Survey will be in August 25th-27th. There will be four (4) surveyors present for three (3) days. Board members are invited to attend the last day when the findings are presented. Brad noted the session generally starts at 2:00 pm.
 - c. **Legislative update:** HB559 passed; there were additional changes made. Before the bill was passed, multiple LGEs expressed concerns about the information in the bill. Information that was added to the bill: E.D. must live in the parish they serve, they must have resided there for no less than six (6) months, and be registered to vote in the parish where they reside. Brad noted that AAHSD will schedule a day and time for representatives and Senators to tour the facility; the board will be notified when it has been scheduled.
 - d. **Data reports update:** Yancey is back at work. Brad noted the facility saw the concern over not being able to pull data while he was out. AAHSD is continuing to work on data corrections, with 50% of all errors now corrected. A

review of the corrections will be sent by mid-July.

- e. **Policy 1.5 | Use of Escrow Funds:** Policy 1.5 is generally reviewed in November; Brad requested a one (1) time exemption. The policy requires a written request to use funding; any amount over \$10,000.00 must be approved by the board. Fiscal year ends on June 30th; any invoices received after the 30th will need to be paid out of Escrow funding. Brad requested that \$300,000.00 be pulled from the account to cover expenses; the money would be placed back into the account by August at the latest. Brad noted the facility did not overspend; the money is needed to cover invoices received after the 30th. Brad is meeting with the CFO tomorrow and will review the information presented by the board. Bambi asked why the board members hadn't seen a copy of the budget; Brad stated that, generally, the board receives the budget in November. A few board members noted they had not seen a copy of the budget in the past year. The motion was made by Richard Landry and seconded by Yasmin, and it was carried unanimously.
- f. **Annual Management Report:** Brad presented the annual management report

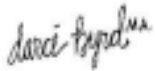
7. Comments from Chair:

- a. **Board advocacy reports:** Qunita reported she had signed up for the NAMI walk and encouraged others to sign up or donate. The walk is on October 4, 2025.
- b. **The board members met for annual evaluation:** a 6.5% raise was given to Brad for the upcoming fiscal year. Brad thanked the board for their continued support.

8. The next Board meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2025 at 3:15 pm.

9. Adjournment: Bambi made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Darce' and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:47 pm.

Submitted by:



Darce' Byrd, Secretary