

Board Meetings
November 17, 2025
3:15 pm

Members present: Richard Landry (Vermilion Parish); Carol Broussard (Iberia Parish); Bambi Polotzola (St. Landry Parish); Darce` Byrd, Secretary (Governor Appointee/Lafayette Parish); Elizabeth West (Governor Appointee/Evangeline Parish); Quinta Thompson Credeur, Chair (Governor Appointee/Lafayette Parish)

Members absent: Carla Jean Batiste, Vice Chair (St. Martin Parish); Yasmin Welch (Evangeline Parish); Sarah Clement (Lafayette Parish)

Vacant Seats: Acadia

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

Members of the public present: William Harrison, PhD

Call to order: 3:30 pm

a. Meeting Objectives

- I. Conduct business per the approved agenda calendar
- II. Address any new business as needed.

1. Pledge of Allegiance recited by all in attendance.

2. Consent Agenda Items:

a. Minutes

- I. October Regular board meeting; motion made by Carol and seconded by Elizabeth; carried unanimously
- II. Program Reports; motion made by Darce' and seconded by Carol; carried unanimously

3. Comments from the Chair

a. **Board advocacy reports:** None

b. Agenda Calendar Items:

- I. Executive Limit Pol 1.5: Financial Condition and Activities (pg. 8)
Carol requested more information on Executive Limit Pol 1.5; Brad explained the money that was in escrow, and how and when it can be used. The board has to approve all money withdrawn from the account.
- II. Governance Process Pol 2.5: Chairperson's role.
- III. Board Business: Nominating Committee to present slate of officers; Carla-Chair, Bambi-Vice Chair, and Darce'-Secretary

Motion made by Carol and seconded by Richard; carried unanimously.

4. Comments from the Executive Director:

- a. LDH Legislative Healthcare Academy: The academy was held at the end of October; it was the first time that LDH had held the event. The event was held at the LSU Alumni Center. The attendees participated in breakout sessions on Medicaid, mental health, emergency preparedness, and other topics. Elizabeth West attended and

stated it was a great event; the presentation on breast cancer and SNAP benefits was interesting.

- a. Health Standards review and update: Brad let the board know that facilities across the state were being visited, but have since stopped. There were valid concerns about how the facilities were being evaluated: clinics were being reviewed as a whole rather than as separate clinics. There will be a meeting to revise the standards by which the clinics are evaluated. Brad responded to the deficiencies noted during the visit to AAHSD's clinics.
- b. LDH/OBH CCBHC project update: The process is coming to the end; the desire is to have a more streamlined process.
- c. AG Board Meeting Visits: Brad got clarification on visits; those employees who work with the AG and live in the area may attend board meetings, but it is definite.
- d. Annual HSIC meeting information: The meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2025. Qunita will be attending; Sarah may as well. Each facility will have ten minutes to present; Brad reported that they will present on accessibility, accountability, and advocacy.
- e. CARF: The report is due on January 6, 2026; there is a meeting scheduled for November 18th to go over the report.
- f. Additional information: Holly Howett is scheduled to visit on Friday.

5. Next Meeting: December 15, 2025

6. Adjournment: 4:19 pm

- a. Motion made by Elizabeth and seconded by Carol; carried unanimously.

Darce Byrd, M.A.