

State of Louisiana

APPROVED MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

JIMMY D. LONG, SR. LOUISIANA SCHOOL FOR MATH, SCIENCE, AND THE ARTS

July 30, 2026

The Jimmy D. Long, Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts Board of Directors met on Thursday, July 30, 2026, at 12:30 p.m. in Jimmy D. Long Board Room, LSMSA, in Natchitoches, LA. Dr. Vickie Gentry served as Chair. She welcomed members and guests and called the meeting to order. Donna Martin recorded the minutes. Roll was called, and a quorum was established.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present

- Dr. Vickie Gentry (Chair)
- Dr. Greg Handel (Vice Chair)
- Dr. Kyle Stephens
- Dr. William Luster

Committee Members Absent

- Regina Pierce (attended meeting via Teams and did not vote)

Guests Present

- Dr. Jason Anderson (Secretary, Non-Voting, Ex-Officio)
- Dr. Jay Harrison
- Joshua Finch
- Randi Washington

AGENDA ITEM1: WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Gentry called the meeting to order and welcomed all board members and guests present.

AGENDA ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF LSMSA 2026-2027 ACADEMIC AND RESIDENTIAL LIFE HANDBOOK

Ms. Washington recommended approval of revisions to policies on Academic Performance and Probation, Dual Enrollment, Graduation Requirements, Early Graduation/Early College Admission, and Disciplinary Appeals to ensure fair and comprehensive procedures. There was discussion regarding the unclear language of the Early Graduation Policy and that the Administration had determined it not to be in students' best interests due to difficulties awarding an LSMSA diploma after enrollment at another institution.

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the LSMSA 2026-2027 Academic and Residential Life Handbook, and Dr. Luster seconded. A voice vote was taken of the members present; the motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF POLICY FOR PETS IN THE WORKPLACE

Dr. Anderson presented proposed Pets in the Workplace Policy to support employee use of pets on campus while protecting students, employees, and the institution through established guidelines and indemnification requirements. There was discussion of prior pets on campus including non-traditional pets, all of which were positive interactions and no issues occurred.

Dr. Handel moved to approve the Policy for Pets in the Workplace, and Dr. Stephens seconded. A roll voice vote was taken of the members present; the motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: APPROVAL OF CREDENTIALS OF NEW ADMINISTRATORS

Dr. Anderson introduced Josh Finch and Dr. Jay Harrison and requested Board credentialing as Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Principal to align with state diploma issuance requirements and LSMSA's statutory authority.

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the Credentials of New Administrators, and Dr. Handel seconded. A voice vote was taken of the members present; the motion passed unanimously.

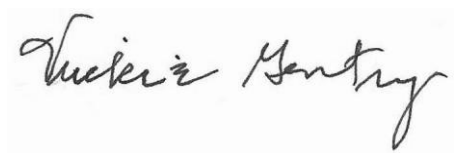
AGENDA ITEM5: OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Anderson reviewed upcoming Board meetings, In-Service Week, student move-in days, the first day of classes (August 20), Matriculation (September 4), and invited Board members to attend these events.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Luster moved to adjourn, and Dr. Handel seconded; the meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Vickie S. Gentry".

Vickie S. Gentry, PhD.
Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jason Anderson".

Jason Anderson, PhD.
Secretary