

Cassandra Sanchez-Hudson, Chair-Present
Matthew Moreland-Present
Geri Robinson-Absent
Courtney Elzey-Present
Ethan Cartwright- Present
Dr. Michael Kennedy-Absent
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**LYCÉE FRANÇAIS
DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS**
A Free and Public Accredited French School

Board of Directors Meeting

Board of Directors of Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans

Tuesday, June 17, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.

1601 Leonidas Street, New Orleans, LA 70118

Virtual Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/99274311407?pwd=YZnMebYISQH5CFTJzujjXSUyRZrI6b.1>

Password: LFNO

1. Open Meeting & Roll Call: 5:30 PM Mrs. Sanchez-Hudson
 - Roll Call 5:36 pm w/ quorum met
2. Approve minutes from May 27, 2025 meeting Mrs. Sanchez-Hudson
 - a. Public Comment
 - No public comment
 - b. Board Comment
 - No comment
 - Motion to approve Matthew Moreland Moves, Courtney Elzy Motion to approve and accept minutes of May 27, 2025 meeting. Approved Unanimously.
3. Superintendent Report Dr. McLaurin
 - Celebrations
 - i. 17 students earned BFI and 36 TOPS graduates
 - ii. Ahead of schedule on 2028 Board goals
 - iii. FQ floor installations have started
 - iv. Mr. Aici and Ms. Truchot completed the LDOE Aspiring Principal Academy
 - v. Mrs. Mathieue completed the Relay Graduate School of Graduation
 - vi. Matthew Moreland has served 6 years on the board
 - vii. On track for 2027 refinancing of the Priestly Building
 - viii. Great academic gains this school year (2024-2025)
 1. 55% Mastery + on HS LEAP
 2. 2nd Grade DELF (French Proficiency) and 2nd Grade DIBELs scores increased
 3. 3rd Grade DIBELs scores increased and 5th grade DELF scores increased
 4. 77% of students received a 20 or above on the ACT
 5. 68% BFI Proficiency
 6. Traditional BAC courses had lower BFI scores
 7. HS LEAP closing the achievement gap in all sub groups except English
 8. Closing the achievement gap on ACT
 9. 8 parent opt outs on 3-8 LEAP



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- Budget approval will be in the August board meeting
 - Switching to United Healthcare that has 9% increase in cost but BCBSLA was a 25% increase in cost
 - Increase in Teacher Salary Schedule
 - Immigration concerns and budgeting-J Visas are being subjected to additional reviews and to expect delays for these types of Visas
 - i. 14 African teachers for VISAS, 8 French teachers for VISAS, and 1 Taiwanese teachers for VISAS
 - Trying to be overstaffed with teachers for 2025-2026
 - Teacher/Leader Pipeline
 - 6 positions for Reduction in Force (3 are currently vacant and 3 are currently filled)
 - PTO Board
 - i. Nathalie Dubois PTO President
 - ii. La Liaison is a 501(c)(3) to enrich school life of the students at LFNO
 - iii. 23 Events in the 2024-2025 school year
 - iv. Board Dates
4. Consideration and Approval of Reduction in Force Mr. Drew
- Mr. Drew stated 6 positions for Reduction in Force (3 are currently vacant and 3 are currently filled)
 - Dr. McLaurin stated no instructional staff impacted by the RIF
- a. Public Comment
- Mary Jane Potts speaking about RIF and inquired about which roles are being RIFFed
- b. Board Comment
- Mr. Cartwright asked for clarification about why is it called a RIF and asked for clarification about how many people are left
 - Dr. McLaurin stated 3 of the FTE roles that are being eliminated: After School Lead and then 2 Curriculum Specialists
 - Motion to approve Matthew Moreland Moves, Courtney Elzy Seconds
 - Motion to approve the reduction in force. Approved Unanimously.
5. Consideration and Approval of City Soccer MOU Mr. Cardenas
- Felipe Cardenas parent of rising 3rd and 5th grader whose kids participate in City Soccer
 - Turning the field at Priestly into a soccer field
 - Grant of City Soccer stating about the partnership with City Soccer and other sites and makes it more accessible for students
 - Dr. McLaurin asked them to elaborate for the board the costs and what the plan is
 - Plan is astro turf and it would cost \$278,000 to put into the facilities
 - i. No cost to LFNO
 - Ms. Elzy asked about the how long the construction timelines are
 - i. 3 weeks



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- Ms. Sanchez-Hudson asked about the cost of the program
 - Dr. McLaurin stated that the agreement is that LFNO gets the turf field and then after hours when students are not using the field, City Soccer will use the field
 - Ms. Sanchez-Hudson inquired about if the City Soccer program is a school program or who the team plays against
 - i. Clarified that it is essentially soccer “tutoring”
 - Ethan Cartwright inquired about how the agreement includes the FQ campus and it was clarified that it is just a template agreement
 - Joshua Easton-Proponent of the agreement. A lot of interest in soccer at LFNO. Middle School Soccer Coach
 - Nathalie DuBois-Proponent. Daughter plays soccer.
 - Frances Korosi-Davis-Propoent. A few questions about the mixed use space: Who manages it/maintenance? Would the field be used after hours for other sports?
 - i. Ms. Sanchez responds that City Soccer would be managing it.
 - ii. Dr. McLaurin clarifies students can use it at recess and clarifies that City Soccer has liability insurance.
 - iii. Dana Henry clarifies this is not final approval of the lease but this conversation is just about the partnership
 - iv. Peter Anderson-Parent is a proponent
 - v. Darlene Riethmaier-Parent is a proponent
 - a. Public Comment
 - b. Board Comment
 - Amendment to Agenda item for item 5 to change the agenda item to Consideration and Approval of City Soccer MOU and CEA and Facilities Lease. Approved Unanimously.
 - Motion to approve Matthew Moreland Moves, Cassandra Sanchez-Hudson Seconds
 - Motion to approve and accept Consideration and Approval of City Soccer MOU . Approved with 1 dissent of Ethan Cartright .
6. Consideration and Approval of 2025-2026 Board Calendar Mrs. Sanchez-Hudson
- Board Meeting Dates
 - i. August 12th
 - ii. September 9th
 - iii. October 21st
 - iv. December 2nd
 - v. February 24th
 - vi. March 31st
 - vii. May 19th
 - viii.
 - a. Public Comment
 - b. Board Comment



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- Motion to approve Matthew Moreland Moves, Courtney Elzy Seconds
 - Consideration of Approval of the 2025-2026 board calendar with the change September 9th meeting replaced by August 12th approved unanimously.
7. Consideration and Approval of 2025-2026 Executive Committee Mrs. Sanchez-Hudson
- Board Executive Committees
 - i. Board Chair-Cassandra Sanchez-Hudson
 - ii. Vice Chair-Courtney Elzy
 - iii. Treasurer-Ethan Cartright
 - iv. Secretary-Michael Kennedy
 - v. Governance-Geri Robinson
 - a. Public Comment
 - b. Board Comment
 - Cassandra Sanchez-Hudson commented that they are recruiting board members and are encouraging those to apply
 - Motion to approve Matthew Moreland Moves, Courtney Elzy Seconds
 - Consideration of Approval of the Consideration and Approval of 2025-2026 Executive Committee. Approved Unanimously.
8. Amis Update
- Dr. Norman clarified what Amis is as a board
 - Highlighted Graduation Ceremony
 - American Flag Ceremony-Receive a flag to fly over the FQ Campus
 - FQ Committee Update
 - Official opening on FQ Campus Celebration in October
 - 2 Grants
 - i. Entergy Saves towards new electronic oven for Priestly Campus
 - ii. Entergy Saves towards industrial ice machine at the FQ Campus Dr.Normann
9. Board Consideration of Motion to Enter Executive session pursuant to R.S. 42:16 to discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a person
- a. Public Comment
 - Mary Jane Potts inquired about the agenda item and if it was top down
 - b. Board Comment
 - Motion to approve Matthew Moreland Moves, Courtney Elzy Seconds
 - Approval of Consideration of Motion to Enter Executive session pursuant to R.S. 42:16 to discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a person
 - Approved Unanimously.
 - Entered Executive session at 7:10pm

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10. Adjourn Meeting

Mrs. Sanchez-Hudson

- 8:22pm meeting adjourned