Cassandra Sanchez-Hudson, P Chair
Geri Robinson -P
Dr. Michael Kennedy -A
Dr. Chase McLaurin, ExOfficio P

LYCÉE FRANÇAIS INTERNATIONAL de la Louisiane

Governance Committee Meeting

Chair: Geri Robinson

Governance Committee of Lycée Français International de la Louisiane
Thursday, July 24, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.
French Quarter Campus (In-Person Meeting)
721 St. Philip Street, New Orleans, LA 70116
LIVESTREAM: https://zoom.us/j/92975859193?pwd=ysKWFcE5KO4RYbSEDIfmIUBPYN604a.1
Pass: LFNO

1. Open Meeting & Roll Call: 6:00 PM
   6.19 pm, opening the meeting — Ms. Robinson

2. Board of Directors Candidate Interviews — Ms. Robinson
   Joseph Difatta
   What motivated your interest in becoming a Board Member for LFNO
   A Business owner who lives in the French Quarter and would like to be involved.
   What
   Police Juror, Council Member in St. Bernard for 24 years. Has experience in the Government
   2. The school board will give direction to the school to know what the community needs, and what children need to further serve them.
   3. Part of the Pleasant Planting, Commissioner of the French Quarter,
   We have standing committees on the board.
   4. Which committee would you be interested in?
   The governance committee, due to being part of the original board of the Mereaux foundation in St. Bernard Parish,and was tasked to give away $400 million due to Mr. Mereaux's passing.
   5. When students arrive and become acclimated, the community will become acclimated as well.
   6. Isleno decent, knows what it means to a family that does not belong. Thinks that he would be understanding

   Geri and Cassandra are scoring as Dr. McLaurin are taking notes.

   Leslie Perrin
   1. From a French family background, lives across the street, and has been involved with the many schools that have entered the building
   2. Community Liaison, in real estate, and having the school will benefit both the students and the community

3. She is a realtor and she will have the time.
4. Geri: Have you ever been a board member for LFNO, or have students ever at LFNO?
   Leslie: No
5. Part of many boards and foreign exchange students. Has fundraised with AMis, the Cabildo, etc.
6. Developed the gardening program, and
7. Having families choose a student and bring gifts for Christmas, think it is important for everyone to have a place and be cared for.

   Circling back to Mr. Difatta,

   Geri: Have you ever served on the board at LFNO or had children attend LFNO.

   Difatta: No.

Maria Vibandor:

1. Firm believer
2. Former classroom teacher, taught high school in Orleans in Elementary and High School in Special Education Dept. Role as Program Director that the Afterschool program was SUCCESSFUL AND THAT EVERYONE HAS ACCESS.
3. Never served as a board member at LFNO nor has children attending LFNO.
4. Features of an effective member should be humble and have a growth mindset with the community, with teachers, parents, and the school as a whole.
5. Board Service:
   Depending on the board's needs and the school's needs, she will prioritize being a board member.
6. Committees: The Academic Committee has high expectations for Academics as well as the cultural piece.
7. Key Accomplishments: Great goal to become the fabric of the FQ.
   Very particular about who she would support. Although kids do not go to LFNO,
   Why Lycee: Knows that there are many programs out there and would like to expose this type of language immersion programming to students.

Nicole Clark

1. Opportunities to seek a leadership role to serve as a liaison between the school and the community. Something that would add to expertise and 30 years of experience.
2. Skills: Educational and Counseling background. K-6. Currently serves as a middle school counselor. Military Spouse, which allowed many opportunities and skills that would be a great asset to the board.
3. Never served on the LFNO board, nor has children attending



4. The school board works for the betterment of the school. A School Board member serves as a liaison between the school and the community regarding the needs of the school. Finances, Tutoring, etc.
5. Can dedicate time and manage time. Currently works as a full-time counselor, but will be able to meet the requirements needed to serve.
6. Committees: Academic Committee- open to serve on any committee because of knowledge
7. Key Accomplishments: Continue the high standards that the school has andmaintain connections with the community.
8. Learning Needs: Experience of working with students of different backgrounds. Worked in ESS department. Tutoring to fill in gaps. Reading and Math resources for the students. Would like to support in that capacity.
9. Worked in Japan as a counselor and would like to

David Fruzynski

1. Third third-year parent and the youngest will attend PreK4.
2. Has not served on the LFNO Board
3. Served in leadership roles in creating policies. Expertise in Finance and would like to lend his knowledge in that committee.
4. Responsibilities: Establish a clear and effective message of the school, the board member is essential to extend that message to the community, accountability, acknowledgement, and
5. Committees: Finance committee, professional role in audits and finance. Record keeping and score keeping
6. Key accomplishments: Successful inaugural year and official name change will help.
7. Support: 3 kids have IEPS, understands learning differences, and understands their needs.
8. Happy and excited about the consolidation of the lower campuses.

Candidates are dismissed at 7:04pm
Move to enter executive session at 7:05 and turn on the stream when we return.

3. 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
   b. Board Comment — Ms. Robinson
4. Consideration and Approval of Recommended Candidates for Board Approval — Ms. Robinson
   a. Recommendation for full board: Joey Difatta, Leslie Ferrin, Nicole Clark

Academic Committee Member: Maria Virandor
Finance Commitee Member: David Fruzynski

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Difatta: Government experience
Leslie: Full board because of connections
Nicole: 30 years of educational experience
Maria: Serve on the Academic committee
David: Serve on the Finance committee to prepare for more service in the future.

Move to approve: Geri
Second to motion: Cassandra

Happy to begin the year with a full board.

All in Favor: Yay: Referred for full board consideration. Difatta, Perrin, and Clark.

Meeting adjourned: 7:43 pm