



MEETING MINUTES

Attendance

Voting Members

Guienzy Brent, Board Member
Lindsey Anslem, Board Member
Debra Jones, Board Member
Ginger Griffin, Board Member
Chad Paradee, Board Member
Alaina Black, Board Member - President
Andrew Mancuso, Board Member
Rhonda Dennis, Board Member
Lawrence Guillory, Board Member

Absent Members

Tammie Moore, Vice President
Marilyn LaSalle, Board Member

I. Meeting Called to Order (Mrs. Black)

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Black.

1. Roll Call (Dr. Fegenbush)

The roll call was conducted by Dr. Fegenbush.

II. Opening of Regular Meeting

The St. Mary Parish School Board met in special session on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., in the Evans Medine Meeting Room at the Central Office Complex in Centerville, Louisiana for the following purposes and to take whatever actions necessary. The meeting may be viewed online at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnZ1z15loF_FZnVcBe09cRQ

1. Invocation (Ms. Estay)

Ms. Estay gave the Invocation.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America (Mrs. Black)

President Black led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

III. Business Affairs

1. Discuss and/or take action regarding the St. Mary Parish School Board and LSU GEAR UP Grant (Ms. Stephanie Givens, Associate Director, Gordon A. Cain Center)

Stephanie Given, Associate Director of the Gordon A. Cain Center, presented details on a \$5.6 million LSU GEAR UP Grant awarded to LSU to support student services in St. Mary Parish Schools. While LSU manages the program's operations and reporting, the district will contribute approximately \$279,000 over seven years—averaging a little over \$40,000 annually. This contribution includes in-kind services such as facility use, personnel time, and transportation support for student activities. The program is designed for current 6th and 7th grade students

and will support them through high school graduation and into their first year of college. Services provided include tutoring, mentoring, ACT preparation, college visits, family engagement initiatives, and professional development opportunities for teachers. Scholarship opportunities and educator stipends are also part of the initiative, which aligns with district goals for academic and post-secondary success.

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the LSU GEAR UP Grant as presented by Ms. Stephanie Givens.

Motion made by: Andrew Mancuso

Motion seconded by: Rhonda Dennis

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

IV. Committee Report

- 1. Section 16 Land and Building Committee meeting on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., in the Evans Medine Meeting Room at the Central Office Complex located at 474 Highway 317 Centerville, Louisiana, for discussion and any action regarding Bateman Island: Section 16, Township 16 South, Range 12 East, approx. 240 Acres, Parcels 3074204042.00 and 3074204065.00 (Mr. Paradee)**

Mr. Paradee reported that the Section 16 Land and Building Committee met today at 5:00 p.m. in the Evans Medine Meeting Room to discuss Bateman Island: Section 16, Township 16 South, Range 12 East, approx. 240 Acres, Parcels 3074204042.00 and 3074204065.00.

Mr. Regard provided historical context for both parcels, noting that neither is currently under lease nor has been available for lease. No action was taken regarding Parcel #307420465.00. However, the committee recommended pursuing the opportunity to lease Parcel #30742042.00 and to receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 14, 2025.

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the recommendations of the committee to advertise Parcels 3074204042.00 for lease.

No action was taken on Parcel 3074204065.00.

Motion made by: Chad Paradee

Motion seconded by: Andrew Mancuso

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

V. Executive Session

- 1. Consider entering into executive session, pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(A)(2), to discuss prospective litigation concerning a tract of 16th Section Land leased by Morgan City Stevedores, LLC, and Lee Babin. (Mrs. Black)**

A motion was made and duly seconded to enter into the executive session.

Motion made by: Andrew Mancuso

Motion seconded by: Debra Jones

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

VI. Return to Regular Session

A motion was made and duly seconded to return to regular session.

Motion made by: Chad Paradee

Motion seconded by: Debra Jones

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

- 1. Consider any action necessary related to a tract of 16th Section Land leased by Morgan City Stevedores, LLC, and Lee Babin. (Mrs. Black)**

A motion was made and seconded to proceed with Option A as discussed during the executive session.

Motion made by: Chad Paradee

Motion seconded by: Andrew Mancuso

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

VII. Closing - Adjournment (Mrs. Black)

A motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

Motion made by: Guienzy Brent

Motion seconded by: Debra Jones

Voting:

Unanimously Approved