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## Board of Directors Meeting

Board of Directors of Lycée Français International de la Louisiane

Tuesday, March 10, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.

French Quarter Primary Campus

Virtual Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82082926599?pwd=dOzmZqkGXap8TQbtbySOcBcjWcejao.1>

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1. Open Meeting & Roll Call: 6:04 PM Mme. Sanchez-Hudson
    - A quorum was established. Board members present included Geri Robinson, Ethan Cartwright, Joseph D., Nicole Clark, Nekisha McGill, L. Massoquoi, and Chase McLaurin. Members Leslie and Matthew Duncan were not present.
    - The Chair reviewed meeting procedures, including public comment expectations and time limits, and reminded participants that comments must be relevant to the agenda.
  2. Approve minutes from December 9, 2026 meeting Mme. Sanchez-Hudson
    - Draft minutes from the prior meeting were distributed to board members in advance. The board reviewed the minutes during the meeting. It was reiterated that minutes are posted publicly only after formal board approval and that draft minutes may be requested from the board secretary prior to approval.
- a. Public Comment: Members of the public provided feedback primarily related to:
- The level of detail included in board minutes
  - Access to board documents and presentations
  - Concerns regarding staffing stability, student support, and program continuity
  - Questions about enrollment trends and the future of academic programs, including the Baccalauréat Français International (BFI)
  - Several speakers also emphasized the importance of timely communication and transparency from the school regarding staffing and academic programming.
- b. Board Comment



- Board members clarified that meeting minutes are intended to provide a high-level summary of board actions rather than a transcript of discussion. The board reaffirmed its commitment to the BFI program while acknowledging the financial pressures associated with maintaining international programming. Members also noted that teacher retention and enrollment trends are recurring discussion topics and that the board remains actively engaged in addressing these challenges.
- The Chair encouraged continued community participation and invited interested individuals to engage with board committees and future meetings.
- The board approved a friendly amendment to the meeting agenda to include additional discussion regarding the cost of the BFI program and potential options to strengthen or supplement academic offerings. The amended agenda was adopted unanimously.

### 3. Financial Updates

Ed Ops

School leadership presented an overview of the current financial position, noting:

- A projected operating deficit driven largely by declining enrollment and structural cost pressures
- A stable cash position sufficient to support operations through the end of the fiscal year
- Ongoing efforts to align staffing and operational costs with current enrollment levels
- Early planning for the FY26 budget focused on achieving long-term financial sustainability

The board discussed the importance of maintaining strong reserves while implementing structural adjustments to ensure a balanced budget in future years.

### 4. Student Data Updates

Ed Ops

#### Academic Performance and Recognition

- The school maintained an **A rating** and was recognized nationally for strong academic growth and college-preparatory culture.
- Students demonstrated continued improvement in French language proficiency and standardized academic assessments.

#### Compliance and Accountability

- Recent state reviews confirmed full compliance in areas including special education, operations, and health and safety across both campuses.

#### Student Achievements and Programs

- Students earned awards in national and international competitions, and graduating seniors secured significant scholarship offers.

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- Athletics and extracurricular programs continued to expand and achieve competitive success.

5. Superintendent Report

Dr. McLaurin

**Academic Program Updates:** Leadership provided an overview of ongoing work related to academic pathways, including:

- Continued support for the BFI program
- Exploration of the International Baccalaureate (IB) as an additional option to expand student opportunities and retain students seeking alternative academic pathways
- Planned information sessions for faculty, students, and families to ensure stakeholder understanding of program options

The board emphasized that any exploration of IB would be additive and not a replacement for existing French curriculum pathways.

6. GU Financial Training & LDOE ASV Update

Mme. Moses

7. SIP Development & Board Goal Alignment

Dr. Kyle-Riviere

- The board received an update on the approved replication of the Lafayette campus and the award of a multi-million-dollar Charter School Program grant. Additional grant funding is being pursued to support expansion efforts and shared services across campuses.

- Amis Update

Mme. Sanchez-Hudson

- The board acknowledged the retirement of Dr. Anne Norman from the Amis Foundation and expressed appreciation for her years of service and leadership in supporting the school's development.
- Board members also discussed continued efforts to improve communication, transparency, and documentation of board materials, including the potential posting of presentations delivered during public meetings.

- Adjourn Meeting: 8:09 pm

Mme. Sanchez-Hudson

- The Chair thanked families and community members for their engagement and reaffirmed the board's commitment to student success, academic excellence, and transparent governance.
- The meeting was adjourned at **8:09 PM**.