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**IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS LOUISIANA, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AUGUST 30, 2022
6:00 PM**

The Board of Directors of IDEA Public Schools Louisiana, Inc., met on Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at IDEA University Prep (UP) located at 7701 Plank Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70807.

Board members present:

Lakeisha Robichaux, President
Michael Tipton, Vice President
Jill Kennedy, Secretary
Nicole Reynolds, Treasurer
Theo Richards
Kimberly Tang

Board members absent:

Tre Nelson

1. Opening

Call to Order – Michael Tipton called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Roll Call – a roll call was held.

2. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Kimberly Tang to approve the agenda, and seconded by Nicole Reynolds. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Kimberly Tang, and seconded by Nicole Reynolds, to amend the agenda to add “public comment on employee matters” as new agenda item #6, and to revise previous agenda item #6 “adjournment” as new agenda item #7. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the August 15, 2022 meeting

A motion was made by Nicole Reynolds to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2022 board meeting and seconded by Jill Kennedy. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Information Items

Audit Presentation

Members of Carr Riggs & Ingram presented the independent auditors’ report on IPSL.

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5. New Business

Audit Approval

A motion was made by Kimberly Tang and seconded by Lakeisha Robichaux to approve the audit, subject to final review and approval by the IPSL Finance Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Public Comment – Employee Matters

Members of the public, Mr. Robert Brown, Ms. Crystal Forte, and Ms. Rachel Brumfeld, made public comment regarding employee conditions and student matters at the IDEA Louisiana school campuses. The IPSL Board members requested additional information and reporting from IDEA Public Schools (IPS) on the following topics, to be presented at the next IPSL Board meeting:

- a. Efforts made to hire staff, including certified teachers, and how resources are being allocated to encourage those efforts;
- b. Safety measures being implemented in every school, including cameras, support staff, etc.;
- c. State of staff culture and the strategies to strengthen and support staff to prevent burnout, etc.;
- d. Executive Director report on the state of the schools in the beginning of the year (including enrollment, attendance, hiring, retention).

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Theo Richards to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. and seconded by Lakeisha Robichaux. The motion passed unanimously.