

IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS LOUISIANA, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MARCH 30, 2023
6:00 PM

The Board of Directors of IDEA Public Schools Louisiana, Inc., met in a regular board meeting on Tuesday March 30, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at IDEA Bridge, which is located at 1500 N Airway Dr, Baton Rouge, LA 70815.

Board members present:

Lakeisha Robichaux
Nicole Reynolds
Theo Richards
Michael Tipton

1. Opening

1.1 Call to Order – Ms. Robichaux called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call – A roll call was held.

2. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Tipton to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richards. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes: February 28, 2023.

A motion was made by Mr. Tipton to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2023 board meeting, and seconded by Ms. Reynolds. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

3.2 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes: March 21, 2023.

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2023 finance committee meeting, and seconded by Mr. Tipton. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Information Items

4.1 Regional Updates from Executive Director
Dr. Cliff Wallace gave the report on this item.

4.2 Charter Renewal Update & Discussion
Dr. Jeff Cottrill gave the report on this item.

4.3 Financial Updates & Discussion

Brittany Perkins gave the report on the financial statements. Matthew Sawyer provided an update on the financial corrective action plan corresponding to the audit.

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4.4 FY 23 Budget Updates

Steven Parmer gave the report on this item, including a presentation on the requested FY 23 April Budget Amendments and advanced requests for the 23-24 Budget.

4.5 Audit Updates

Brittany Perkins gave the report on this item, including updates about the 990 form and the Audit Engagement letter.

4.6 Grant & Contributions Updates

Leanne Hernandez gave the report on this item.

4.7 Treasury Updates

Leanne Hernandez gave the report on this item.

4.8 Board Member Recruitment

Jen White presented this item, including introducing Ms. Tonnisha Ellis, a potential board member. The IDEA Public Schools Louisiana Board is actively recruiting new Board members.

4.9 23-24 Academic Calendar

Katrice Terrance provided the presentation for this item.

4.10 23-24 Board of Directors Meeting Calendar

Jen White provided the presentation for this item.

5. Action Items

5.1 Approval of FY 23 April Budget Amendments (**ACTION ITEM**)

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve the FY 23 April Budget Amendments and seconded by Mr. Tipton. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, and Dr. James Finney provided comment. Ms. Robichaux then called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.2 Approval of FY 24 Budget: Advanced Requests (**ACTION ITEM**)

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve the FY 24 Budget: Advanced Requests and seconded by Mr. Tipton. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, and Dr. James Finney provided comment. Ms. Robichaux then called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.3 Approval of Audit Engagement Letter (**ACTION ITEM**)

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A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve the Audit Engagement Letter and seconded by Ms. Robichaux. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

5.4 Approval of 23-24 Academic Calendar (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Mr. Richards to approve the 23-24 Academic Calendar and seconded by Mr. Tipton. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

5.5 Approval of 23-25 Board of Directors Calendar (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Mr. Richards to approve the 23-24 Board of Directors Calendar and seconded by Ms. Reynolds. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion was passed unanimously.

5.6 Approval of T. Ellis as a Board Member (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve Ms. Tonnisha Ellis as a board member and seconded by Mr. Tipton. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Tipton to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m. and seconded by Ms. Reynolds. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.