The Board of Directors of IDEA Public Schools Louisiana, Inc., met in a regular board meeting on Tuesday May 9, at 6:00 p.m. at IDEA Innovation [7800 Innovation Park Dr, Baton Rouge, LA 70820](https://www.bing.com/maps?&mepi=103~~Unknown~Address_Link&ty=18&q=Idea%20Innovation&ss=ypid.YN873x13013880045323275859&ppois=30.360424041748047_-91.1418228149414_Idea%20Innovation_YN873x13013880045323275859~&cp=30.360424~-91.141823&v=2&sV=1).

Board members present:

Lakeisha Robichaux

Nicole Reynolds

Michael Tipton

Tonnisha Ellis

**1.** **Opening**

1.1 Call to Order – Ms. Robichaux called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call – A roll call was held.

**2.**  **Approval to amend agenda**

A request was made by Ms. Robichaux to amend the agenda by moving Information Item 4.5 to 4.1. Ms. Reynolds motioned to amend the agenda as requested. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ellis. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

**3.**  **Approval of the Amended Agenda**

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve the amended agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ellis. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

**3.** **Approval of Minutes**

3.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes: March 30, 2023.

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2023, board meeting, and seconded by Ms. Ellis. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

3.2 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes: April 4, 2023.

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2023, finance committee meeting, and seconded by Ms. Ellis. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

3.3 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes: May 2, 2023.

A motion was made by Ms. Ellis to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2023, finance committee meeting, and seconded by Ms. Reynolds. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

**4.** **Information Items**

4.5 Audit Updates

## Brittany Perkins introduced the representative with Carr, Riggs & Ingram CPAs and Advisors. The auditor gave the report on this item, including presenting the 2020 and 2021 990 forms associated with IDEA Public Schools Louisiana, Inc.

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.

4.4 FY 23 Budget Updates

Steven Parmer gave the report on this item, including a presentation on the requested FY 23 May Budget Amendments and provided an early look at the proposed budget for 23-24. The Board members discussed the report.

4.5 Audit Updates

Brittany Perkins gave the report on this item, including updates about the 990 form.

4.6 Treasury Updates

Leanne Hernandez gave the report on this item.

4.7 Grant & Contributions Updates

Leanne Hernandez gave the report on this item.

4.8 Contracts

Stephen Parmer provided this presentation to the Board. The presentation included two contracts; Imagine Education and Heartland Solutions.

4.8 Board Member Recruitment

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

4.9 Board Member Ethics Training & Certificate Submission

Board counsel, Melissa Grand, provided these updates and reminded Board Members how to complete the training as well as how and when to submit their certificates.

4.10 23-24 Board of Directors Meeting Calendar

Jen White provided the presentation for this item. She focused on the board meeting dates that were up for revision. These dates were being moved to a later date in the month so that the Board would have the most updated financial information at each meeting.

**5.** **Action Items**

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

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve the FY 23 May Budget Amendments and seconded by Ms. Ellis. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, none was made. Ms. Robichaux then called for a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

5.2 Approval of 990 Form **(ACTION ITEM)**

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve the amended 990 form for 2020 and seconded by Ms. Ellis. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, none was made. Ms. Robichaux then called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve the 990 form for 2021 and seconded by Ms. Ellis. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, none was made. Ms. Robichaux then called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.3 Approval of Imagine Education Contract **(ACTION ITEM)**

A motion was made by Mr. Tipton to approve the Imagine Education contract and seconded by Ms. Reynolds. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

5.4 Approval of Heartland Solutions Agreement **(ACTION ITEM)**

A motion was made by Ms. Ellis to approve the 23-24 Heartland Solutions agreement and seconded by Ms. Robichaux. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

5.5 Approval of D. Lewis as a Board Member **(ACTION ITEM)**

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

5.6 Approval of the revisions to the 23-24 Board of Directors Calendar **(ACTION ITEM)**

A motion was made by Ms. Ellis to approve the revisions to the 23-24 Board of Directors Meeting calendar as presented and seconded by Ms. Robichaux. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion was passed unanimously.

**6.** **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Ms. Ellis to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. and seconded by Ms. Reynolds. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.