

IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS LOUISIANA, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2024
6:00 PM

The Board of Directors of IDEA Public Schools Louisiana, Inc., met in a regular board meeting on November 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at IDEA Bridge, which is located at 1500 N Airway Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70815.

Board members present:

Lakeisha Robichaux
Theo Richards
Tonnisha Ellis
Darrell Lewis
Misty Albrecht
Laura Wilkinson
Miles Baquet

Board members absent:

John Murray

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. Lewis to amend the agenda to add item 5.4, “Discussion and Approval of the Board President’s Resignation and Nomination/Vote on New Board President, Vice President, and Secretary (ACTION ITEM),” and to amend the agenda to list “Executive Session” as item 5.5. The motion was seconded by Ms. Albrecht. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. A roll call vote was held, with Ms. Robichaux, Mr. Richards, Ms. Ellis, Mr. Lewis, Ms. Albrecht, Ms. Wilkinson, and Mr. Baquet unanimously voting in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Albrecht to approve the agenda, as amended. 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: October 22, 2024

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2024 board meeting, and seconded by Ms. Albrecht. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Information Items

4.1 State of Region

A. Academic Updates

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B. Enrollment Updates

The IPS team gave the report on this item.

4.2 Audit Update

A. FY23 Audit Corrective Action Plan

The IPS team gave the report on this item.

4.3 Finance Update

A. September 2024 Financial Statements Review

B. Federal Programs Update

The IPS team gave the report on this item.

4.4 Budget Update

A. September 2024 Variance Report

The IPS team gave the report on this item.

4.5 Compliance Update

A. Corporate Card report – September 2024

The IPS team gave the report on this item.

4.6 Treasury Updates

A. Bank Signature Authority Resolution Updates

B. Signature Authority Resolution Updates

The IPS team gave the report on this item.

4.7 LDOE Certificated & Support Staff Stipend

The IPS team gave the report on this item.

4.8 Charter Contract Updates.

Melissa Grand, counsel for IDEA Public Schools Louisiana, presented this item.

5. Action Items

5.1 Approval of Bank Signature Authority Resolution Updates as presented (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to approve the bank signature authority resolution as amended to remove Lakeisha Robichaux and include the new IPSL Board President, Tonnisha Ellis, in her place, and seconded by Mr. Baquet. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

5.2 Approval of Signature Authority Resolution updates as presented (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Ms. Albrecht to approve the signature authority resolution updates as amended to remove Lakeisha Robichaux and include the new IPSL Board President, Tonnisha Ellis, in her place, and seconded by Ms. Wilkinson. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

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5.3 Approval of Distribution Plan for Certificated and Support Staff Stipends (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Ms. Ellis to approve the Distribution Plan for Certificated and Support Staff Stipends as presented, and seconded by Ms. Albrecht. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

5.4 Discussion and Approval of the Board President's Resignation and Nomination/Vote on New Board President, Vice President, and Secretary (ACTION ITEM)

Ms. Robichaux submitted her resignation from the Board effective at the end of the November 19, 2024 Board meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Richards to nominate Ms. Ellis to serve as the Board President. The motion was seconded by Ms. Albrecht. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Ellis to nominate Mr. Lewis to serve as the Board Vice President. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richards. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Richards to nominate Ms. Albrecht to serve as the Board Secretary. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lewis. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

5.5 Executive Session: Consultation with Legal Counsel in accordance with La. R.S. 42:17(A)(10) (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Mr. Richards for the Board to go into executive session for the Board to receive legal advice from the Board's legal counsel in accordance with La. R.S. 41:17(A)(10), and seconded by Ms. Ellis. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. A roll call vote was held, with Ms. Robichaux, Mr. Richards, Ms. Ellis, Mr. Lewis, Ms. Albrecht, Ms. Wilkinson, and Mr. Baquet unanimously voting in favor of the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

An executive session was held. No action was taken during executive session.

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis for the Board to return to open session, and seconded by Ms. Ellis. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. A roll call vote was held, with Ms. Robichaux, Mr. Richards, Ms. Ellis, Mr. Lewis, Ms. Albrecht, Ms. Wilkinson, and Mr. Baquet unanimously voting in favor of the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

6. Adjournment

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A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. and seconded by Ms. Ellis. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.