

**IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS LOUISIANA, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**JANUARY 6, 2025**  
**5:30 PM**

The Board of Directors of IDEA Public Schools Louisiana, Inc., met in a special board meeting on January 6, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at IDEA Innovation, which is located at 7800 Innovation Park Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70820.

Board members present:

Tonnisha Ellis  
John Murray  
Laura Wilkinson  
Misty Albrecht  
Theo Richards – Joined at 5:40 p.m.

Board members absent:

Darrel Lewis

**1. Opening**

1.1 Call to Order – Ms. Ellis called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call – A roll call was held.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

A motion was made by Ms. Wilkinson to amend the agenda to add item 2.1, “Discussion of update regarding ongoing charter contract negotiations with East Baton Rouge Parish School Board (ACTION ITEM)”. The motion was seconded by Ms. Albrecht. Ms. Ellis called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**2.1 New Agenda Item: Discussion of update regarding ongoing charter contract negotiations with East Baton Rouge Parish School Board**

Presented by Adam Miller.

Adam Miller provided an update regarding the ongoing charter contract negotiations with EBR. He began by sharing the background and where the negotiations currently stand.

- **Background:** since launching IDEA Louisiana in 2018, the organizations top priority has been providing high-quality schools to the Baton Rouge community and preparing students for success for college and beyond.
- **Current Situation:** Adam presented that, after careful consideration, IPSL recommends that IPSL voluntarily surrender the charter of IDEA Innovation and IDEA Bridge effective at the end of 2024-2025 school year.

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- **Rationale:** despite the hard work and dedication of students, families and staff, the academic results have not met expectations. Adam recommended that it is time to explore other options to better serve our students and their families.

Adam also presented steps to support transition.

The Board discussed these recommendations and next steps.

**3. Executive Session: Consultation with Legal Counsel in accordance with La. R.S. 42:17(A)(10)**

Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(A)(10), Mr. Murray made a motion to move the meeting into executive session to allow the Board to consult with legal counsel. Ms. Albrecht seconded the motion. Ms. Ellis called for public comment, but none was made. A roll call vote was held, with all board members present voting in favor, and the motion passed unanimously. The Board went into executive session at 5:43 p.m.

Mr. Richards made a motion to reconvene the meeting to open session. Ms. Wilkinson seconded the motion. Ms. Ellis called for public comment, but none was made. A roll call vote was held, with all board members present voting in favor, and the motion passed unanimously. The Board reconvened to open session at 6:05 p.m.

**4. Action Items**

The Board transitioned to action items.

**4.1 Discussion Regarding Ongoing Charter Contract Negotiations With EBR**

Adam Miller presented on Action Item 4.2 during the Board meeting. Adam Miller recommends cessation of charter renewal discussions and surrender of IDA Innovation and IDEA Bridge charter contract to the East Baton Rouge Parish Schools, as presented.

Mr. Murray made a motion to approve cessation of charter renewal contract discussions and to surrender the IDEA Innovation and IDEA Bridge charter contract to the East Baton Rouge Parish Schools effective at the end of the 2024-25 school year, contingent on the East Baton Rouge Parish Schools approving charter operators to run schools at the IDEA Bridge and IDEA Innovation campuses, as presented. Ms. Wilkinson seconded the motion. Ms. Ellis called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

**4.2 Discussion Regarding Louisiana Department of Education Differentiated Compensation Allocation**

Presented by Adam Miller

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Ms. Albrecht made a motion to approve Action Item 4.2 regarding the LDOE Differentiated Compensation Allocation, as presented. Mr. Murray seconded the motion. Ms. Ellis called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

**4.3 Budget Update and Amendment**

Presented by Adam Miller

Mr. Murray made a motion to approve the Budget update and amendment, as presented. Ms. Wilkinson seconded the motion. Ms. Ellis called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Ms. Wilkinson to adjourn the special meeting at 6:25 p.m. and seconded by Ms. Albrecht. Ms. Ellis called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.