

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2016

5:00 P.M.

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board met at the School Board Office at 1050 South Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 5:00 p.m. on the twenty-fifth day of May 2016, in special-session convened. The President called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mrs. Barbara Freiberg, President; Ms. Evelyn Ware-Jackson, Vice-President; Mr. Mark Bellue; Mrs. Connie Bernard; Ms. Dawn Chanet Collins; Ms. Jill C. Dyason; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith; and Mr. David Tatman.

Others present were: H. Warren Drake, Jr., Superintendent; Dr. Michelle Clayton, Deputy Superintendent; Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel; Ms. Adonica Pelichet-Duggan, Chief of Communication and Public Relations; Ms. Catherine Fletcher, Chief Business Operations Officer; Ms. Millie Williams, Chief Officer of Human Resources; Mr. Gary Reese, Chief of Student Support Services; and Mr. Adam Smith, Associate Superintendent.

Reverend Montrell Henderson, Assistant Pastor at St. Joseph Baptist Church, gave the invocation. School Board member, Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Bellue requested that all the applicants be discussed and voted on individually; being no objection from any Board Member, the Board agreed.

Acceptance of Recommendation of the Superintendent to Deny Charter Request

By Dr. Nelson-Smith

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to deny the following charter school applications: Baton Rouge Bridge Academy, Inc.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (8)

Mr. Bellue, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Collins, Ms. Dyason, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Vice-President Ware-Jackson

Nays: (0) None

Abstained: (0) President Freiberg

Absent: (0) None

The motion was declared adopted.

By Dr. Nelson-Smith

Athlos Academy East Baton Rouge.

Seconded by Ms. Collins

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (7) Mr. Bellue, Ms. Collins, Ms. Dyason, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Vice-President Ware-Jackson

Nays: (1) Mrs. Bernard

Abstained: (1) President Freiberg

Absent: (0) None

The motion was declared adopted.

By Dr. Nelson-Smith

Baton Rouge College Prep.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (7) Mr. Bellue, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Collins, Ms. Dyason, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, and Mr. Tatman

Nays: (0) None

Abstained: (2) President Freiberg and Vice-President Ware-Jackson

Absent: (0) None

The motion was declared adopted.

By Ms. Collins

Baton Rouge University Preparatory Elementary

Seconded by Vice-President Ware-Jackson

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (8) Mr. Bellue, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Collins, Ms. Dyason, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Vice-President Ware-Jackson

Nays: (0) None

Abstained: (1) President Freiberg

Absent: (0) None

The motion was declared adopted.

By Mr. Tatman

Collegiate Academies

Seconded by Vice-President Ware-Jackson

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

By Mrs. Bernard

Greater Baton Rouge Hope Academy, Inc.

Seconded by Vice-President Ware-Jackson

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

Acceptance of Recommendation of the Superintendent to Approve Charter School Request

By Mrs. Bernard

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following charter school applications:

IDEA Public School Louisiana.

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (6) Mr. Bellue, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, President Freiberg, Mr. Tatman, and Vice-President Ware-Jackson

Nays: (3) Ms. Collins, Ms. Lee, and Dr. Nelson-Smith

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

The motion was declared adopted.

By Mr. Tatman

Inspire NOLA Charter Schools

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (6) Mr. Bellue, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, President Freiberg, Mr. Tatman, and Vice-President Ware-Jackson

Nays: (0) None

Abstained: (3) Ms. Collins, Ms. Lee, and Dr. Nelson-Smith

Absent: (0)

The motion was declared adopted.

Acceptance of Recommendation of the Superintendent to Deny Charter School Request

By Mr. Tatman

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to deny the following charter school applications: Oaks of Mamre Academy.

Seconded by Mr. Bellue

The vote on the motion was as follows:

**Yeas: (8) Mr. Bellue, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Collins, Ms. Dyason, President
Freiberg, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Vice-President
Ware-Jackson**

Nays: (0) None

Abstained: (1) Ms. Lee

Absent: (0) None

The motion was declared adopted.

By Mr. Bellue

Pathways In Education

Seconded by Vice-President Ware-Jackson

Discussion followed.

The following substitute was made.

By Mr. Bellue

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the following charter school applications: Pathways In Education. The Board requests that the Superintendent review the application to see if there is a way to work with Pathways In Education and reach an agreement.

There was no second to the substitute motion. Substitution motion was withdrawn.

Discussion continued.

Original motion was unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, and Mr. Tatman were absent.)

There being no further business, the Board adjourned by acclamation.

**Warren Drake, Jr.,
Secretary/Treasurer to the Board**