

**LOUISIANA ACADEMY OF PRODUCTION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 24, 2026 – 12:00 p.m.
4SS Offices 8550 United Plaza Blvd St 601
Via ZOOM**

Virtual Stream: [Zoom](#) (Meeting ID: 879 1759 4022 Passcode: LAAP2025)

Minutes recorded by A Bennett

- I. Call the Meeting to Order 12:06pm | Morgan Ripski
In Attendance: 7 out of 12 present in room – Quorum
- Katie Patto Pryor(President) via Zoom
 - Morgan Ripski (Vice President)
 - Adriane Bennett (Secretary)
 - Darrell Roberson
 - Clint Ebey
 - Steeve Rayne-Warren
 - Samantha Smith- Via Zoom
 - Brandon LaGarde
 - Steve Krul

Absent:

- Kenny Nguyen
- Sabreen Thorne
- Tirza Fernandez-Brazier

Also in Attendance/guests:

Ceasar Hendricks - Principal
Jonathan Tablef of 4SS
Cody Bourque LDOE
Trinity Grant - Operations Manager

- I. Approval of Dec 18, 2025 Minutes, motion by D. Robinson approved, seconded S. Rayne-Warren
- II. Informational Agenda
- a. Financial Reporting – Jonathan Tebeleff shared financial report
 - i. Grant from \$190,000 for up to Dec 2025
 - ii. Quarterly claim for now, move to monthly down the road
 - iii. End of January, surplus of \$216K – in line with our expectations
 - iv. Cash balance in good shape
 - v. Budget will be created in the coming month for presentation of Initial Draft at April 2026. To be voted in June 2026 meeting

- b. Approval of LAAP Pupil Progression Plan – Ceasar Hendricks presented
 - i. Document to follow by all including parents
 - ii. Entire PPE was reviewed by Board – to be done annually
 - iii. Was reviewed by Academic Committee & Submitted to DOE
 - iv. Motion by A. Bennett to approve, B. Lagarde seconded, approved
 - c. School Calendars for review, to be voted in April meeting
 - i. Request for comparison to EBR calendar for April meeting
 - ii. 173-174 days Instruction Day
 - iii. Discussion to look at Spring Break and LEAP testing
- III. Contracts to review
- a. NWEA MAP Contract- Morgan Ripski presented
 - i. National standards, high quality assessment program
 - ii. Allows you to compare to national schools
 - iii. B. Lagarde motions to approve, C Ebey seconded, approved
 - b. NOVAC Consultant Contract
 - i. C. Ebey motions to table, M Ripski seconded. Seconded
 - ii. More discussion with ED Ward to take place
- IV. Committees
- a. Governance Committee – B LaGarde presented
 - i. Move Governance Committee to align with Board Meeting
 - ii. Discussed Board Schedule for 2026 – moving time to afternoon
 - iii. Training for Governance Committee and Finance Committee
 - iv. ED Evaluations discussed. A. Bennett took LEADS Evaluator training
 - v. We can only meet 1/3 of time throughout year including committees
 - vi. Succession planning discussion was begun in committee
 - b. Fundraising Committee – M Ripski reported
 - i. Fundraising goals with fundraising consultant
 - ii. Small group meetings held in January to build out plan, list of donors
 - iii. Strategic, long term plan is being created with ED Ward
 - c. School & Programming Committee – C. Hendricks reported
 - i. Copy of Report is in Board Documents
 - ii. Curriculum – materials finalized
 - iii. Personnel Recruitment
 - iv. Operations – calendars established
 - v. Academics –
 - vi. Workshops – many workshops happening; spreadsheet of all connections and contacts available
 - vii. Future Planning – BRCC Early College Program for dual credit
 - viii. EBR Workforce Development – C. Hendricks met to discuss future planning

- V. Closing Items
 - a. LDOE Teacher Leader Summit – in New Orleans
 - b. Upcoming Meetings – still at Noon, at 4SS
 - i. April 28
 - ii. June 23

C Ebey Motioned to adjourn B LaGard seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 112:59pm