



LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE BOARD BUSINESS MEETING

1116 Jefferson Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana 70115
May 14, 2026
6:00pm

CALL TO ORDER

The Legacy of Excellence Board convened May 14, 2026, meeting in Room 3002 of the Benjamin Franklin Elementary Mathematics and Science School at 1116 Jefferson Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70115. Mr. Tommie Vassel, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:08pm.

Board Roll Call: Tommie Vassel, present; Dr. Nia Woods Haydel, absent; Dr. Bobbie Stevenson, present; Susan Vaughn, present; Detrich Hebert Johnson, absent; Devon Turner, present; Dr. J. Cornell Brooks, CEO, present. **The meeting had a quorum.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion to accept the agenda was made by Dr. Bobbie Stevenson and seconded by Devon Turner. **The motion passed**

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

- April 1, 2026, Board Business Meeting Minutes

Motion to adopt April 1, 2026, Board Business Meeting Minutes was motioned by Devon Turner and seconded by Dr. Bobbie Stevenson. **The motion passed.**

REPORT(S)

- Budget Hearing 4th Sector Solutions

Motion to accept the 2026-2027 School Financial Budget was motioned by Tommie Vassel and seconded by Devon Turner. **The motion passed.**

- Finance Committee Report Susan Vaughn

CEO'S REPORT

Jeremye Brooks

DISCUSSION ITEM

- Strategic Plan Update Kelli Peterson

ACTION ITEMS/RESOLUTIONS

The Legacy of Excellence Board is asked to act upon the following action items:

- **Action Item No. 1:** Approve the contract renewal of the Accelerise contract for 2026-2027 school year.

Recommendation: That the Legacy of Excellence Board accepts the contract renewal of the

Accelerate contract for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion to accept the contract renewal of the Accelerate contract for 2026-2027 school year was motioned by Susan Vaughn and seconded by Dr. Bobbie Stevenson. **The motion passed.**

- **Action Item No. 2:** Accept and approve [option 1](#) or [option 2](#) of the 2026-2027 Business Board Calendar.

Recommendation: That the Legacy of Excellence Inc. Board accept option 1 or option 2 of the 2026-2027 Business Board Calendar.

Motion to accept option 2 of the 2026-2027 Business Board Calendar was motioned by Devon Turner and seconded by Dr. Bobbie Stevenson. **The motion passed.**

- **Action Item No. 3:** Accept the 2026-2027 LEA agreement between the Orleans Parish School Board and Legacy of Excellence, Inc.

Recommendation: That the Legacy of Excellence Inc. Board accept the 2026-2027 LEA agreement between the Orleans Parish School Board and Legacy of Excellence, Inc.

Motion to accept the 2026-2027 LEA agreement between Orleans Parish School Board and Legacy of Excellence, Inc., was motioned by Dr. Bobbie Stevenson and seconded by Susan Vaughn. **The motion passed.**

- **Action Item No. 4:** Accept the accelerator grant award in the amount of \$25,000 from New School for New Orleans.

Recommendation: That the Legacy of Excellence Inc. Board accepts the accelerator grant award from New School for New Orleans.

Motion to accept the Accelerator grant award from New Orleans School for New Orleans was motioned by Dr. Bobbie Stevenson and seconded by Susan Vaughn. **The motion passed.**

- **Action Item No. 5:** Accept the grant awards in the amount of \$85,000 to support academic and enrichment programs.

Recommendation: That the Legacy of Excellence Inc. Board accepts the following grant awards to support the academic and enrichment programs. The following grants were awarded: Rosamary Foundation (\$20,000); Joe Brown Foundation (\$15,000); Institute of Mental Hygiene (\$50,000).

Motion to accept the following grants to support academic and enrichment programs: Rosemary Foundation, Joe Brown Foundation and Institute of Mental Hygiene was motioned by Susan Vaughn and seconded by Devon Turner. **The motion passed.**

- **Action Item No. 6:** Accept the modifications to the Legacy of Excellence, Inc. Board By-laws.

Recommendation: That the Legacy of Excellence Inc. Board accepts the modifications to the Legacy of Excellence, Inc. Board By-laws.

Motion to accept the Legacy of Excellence, Inc. Board By-laws was motioned by Devon Turner and seconded by Susan Vaughn. **The motion passed.**

- **Action Item No. 7:** Approve the contract renewal of the First Student contract for the 2026-2027 school year.

Recommendation: That the Legacy of Excellence Inc. Board accepts the contract renewal of the First Student contract for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion to accept the contract renewal of the First Student contract for the 2026-2027 school year was motioned by Devon Turner and seconded by Susan Vaughn. **The motion passed.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:20 pm, **upon an approved motion** by Dr. Bobbie Stevenson and seconded by Susan Vaughn, the Board meeting paused for Executive Session.

- Business Matters

At 8:26pm, **upon an approved motion** by Bobbie Stevenson and seconded by Devon Turner, the Board meeting resumed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Upon an approved motion by Devon Turner and seconded by Susan Vaughn, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.

Board Meeting Livestream Link <https://youtube.com/live/vdVRPOS7-5Y?feature=share>

Part 2 (LOE Board Meeting continuations if required to stop recording)
<https://youtube.com/live/yJExpqzxUc?feature=share>