

**MEETING MINUTES**

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**Attendees**

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**Voting Members**

- Keith Giles, District 1
- Kendall McKenzie, District 4-Vice President
- Robert Boone, District 5
- Scott Breland, District 6
- David Pettit, District 7
- Frankie Crosby, District 8
- Lesley McKinley, District 9-President
- Marsha Newman, District 2

**Absent**

- Bruce Brown, District 3

**Non-Voting Members**

- Jennifer Thomas, Interim Superintendent
  - G. Wayne Kuhn, Attorney
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**1. Call to Order**

Lesley McKinley

**2. Invocation**

Scott Breland

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Marsha Newman

**4. Consider a motion to amend, supplement, and reappoint the members of the Board of Directors of the Educational Facilities Improvement District**

Motion made by: Robert Boone

Motion seconded by: Scott Breland

Voting:

Keith Giles - Yes

Kendall McKenzie - Yes

Robert Boone - Yes

Scott Breland - Yes

David Pettit - Yes

Frankie Crosby - Yes

Lesley McKinley - Yes

Marsha Newman - Yes

**PARISH SCHOOL BOARD OF THE  
PARISH OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**RESOLUTION**

A Resolution of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Washington, State of Louisiana (the "**School Board**") to amend, supplement and reappoint the members to the Board of Directors of the Educational Facilities Improvement District of the Parish of Washington, State of Louisiana, and further providing for other matters in connection therewith.

**WHEREAS**, La. R.S. 33:2740.37 (the "**EFID Act**") creates the Educational Facilities Improvement District of the Parish of Washington, State of Louisiana (the "**District**") for the purpose of assisting school boards experiencing financial difficulties regarding capital facilities or other needs; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to La. R.S. 33:2740.37(C), each district shall be administered and governed by a board of directors comprised of not less than five (5) members appointed by the School Board; and

**WHEREAS**, in the Regular meeting of the Washington Parish School Board of March 7, 2024 the School Board appointed members to the Education Facilities Improvement District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to supplement the members of the Board of Directors of the Educational Facilities Improvement District by adding the names of Tarnecia Partman and Darlene Fugate as members.

**THEREFORE, BE IS RESOLVED** by this School Board as the governing authority of the District, that the resolution of the School Board adopted in its meeting of March 7, 2024 is hereby amended, supplemented, and restated as follows:

**SECTION 1.** This School Board hereby approves the appointment of the following board members to serve on the Board of Directors of the Educational Facilities Improvement District of the Parish of Washington, State of Louisiana:

<u>Lesley McKinley</u>	Member	<u>Kendall McKenzie</u>	Member
<u>Russell Garcia</u>	Member	<u>Toni Tagueant</u>	Member
<u>Rev. Johnny Causey, Sr.</u>	Member	<u>Richard Thomas</u>	Member
<u>Alan Williams</u>	Member	<u>Dale Robertson</u>	Member
<u>Kelvin May</u>	Member	<u>Tarnecia Partman</u>	Member
		<u>Darlene Fugate</u>	Member

**SECTION 2.** Each board member shall serve a term of six (6) years.

**SECTION 3.** This approval is granted in compliance with the provisions of La. R.S. 33:2740.37 to the extent such laws are applicable.

**SECTION 4.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

On motion by Robert Boone, and seconded by Scott Breland, the foregoing Resolution was hereby declared adopted on this the 25th day of March, 2024 by the following roll-call vote:

YEAS: 8

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1

NOT VOTING:

  
Lesley McKinley, Board President

ATTEST:

  
Jennifer Thomas, Interim Superintendent

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF WASHINGTON

I, the undersigned Superintendent of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Washington, State of Louisiana (the "*School Board*"), acting as the governing authority of the Educational Facilities Improvement District of the Parish of Washington, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the School Board on March 25, 2024, approving the appointment of members to the Board of Directors of the Educational Facilities Improvement District of the Parish of Washington, State of Louisiana, and further providing for other matters in connection therewith.

I further certify that this Resolution has not been amended or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my official signature as the Superintendent of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Washington, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Educational Facilities Improvement District of the Parish of Washington, State of Louisiana, on this, the 25th day of March, 2024.

  
Jennifer Thomas, Interim Superintendent

**5. Consider a motion to adopt a resolution expressing opposition to state legislation establishing Education Savings Accounts (ESAs)**

Motion made by: Frankie Crosby

Motion seconded by: Marsha Newman

Voting:

Keith Giles - No

Kendall McKenzie - Yes

Robert Boone - Yes

Scott Breland - Yes

David Pettit - Yes

Frankie Crosby - Yes

Lesley McKinley - Yes

Marsha Newman - Yes

Motion carried 7 to 1.

RESOLUTION

A Resolution expressing opposition to state legislation establishing Education Savings Accounts (ESAs), including House Bill 745 which creates the LA GATOR Scholarship Program, that provide public dollars for private school tuition and educational expenses and to urge the Washington Parish legislative delegation to vote NO on any bill proposing an Education Savings Account, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, there is a renewed and concerted effort at the legislature to pass bills that will give public funds directly to parents to be used for private school tuition and other educational expenses with little to no oversight; and

WHEREAS, for the past 2() years, the state has failed to adequately fund K-12 public education; and

WHEREAS, during that same period the state has continuously placed new accountability demands on both our students and our schools; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Parish School Board provides free public K-12 education to any student who resides in our school district within the guidelines set by both the state and federal government; and

WHEREAS, diverting public dollars to private schools and other programs through Education Savings Accounts (ESAs) without fully funding public schools disadvantages our students and schools; and

WHEREAS, providing public dollars to ESAs without requiring the same state accountability testing imposed on public school students is irresponsible public policy.

THEREFORE, the Washington Parish School Board does hereby express its OPPOSITION to legislation creating and/or funding Education Savings Accounts.

FURTHER, the Washington Parish School Board directs the superintendent of the Washington Parish School System to deliver a certified copy of this Resolution to each member of the legislative delegation of Washington Parish.

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote thereupon resulted as follows:

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 1

ABSTAINED:

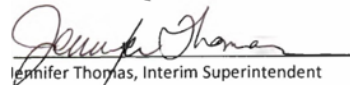
ABSENT: 1

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Washington Parish School Board duly convened in special session on March 25, 2024, in Franklinton, Louisiana.



Lesley McKinley, Board President



Jennifer Thomas, Interim Superintendent

**6. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the Board's Property Insurance**

Motion to approve the Board's property Insurance with Bill McGehee Insurance, Inc. The annual premium for property insurance is \$832,060.95 and the annual premium for Mechanical and Electronic Data Equipment is \$5,413.00, effective from 4/1/2024 to 4/1/2025.

Motion made by: Frankie Crosby

Motion seconded by: Keith Giles

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

## **7. Addendum**

Motion to add to the agenda to decline Terrorism Coverage (TRIA).

Motion made by: Frankie Crosby

Motion seconded by: Scott Breland

Voting:

Keith Giles - Yes

Kendall McKenzie - Yes

Robert Boone - Yes

Scott Breland - Yes

David Pettit - Yes

Frankie Crosby - Yes

Lesley McKinley - Yes

Marsha Newman - Yes

Motion to decline Terrorism Coverage (TRIA).

Motion by: Kendall McKenzie

Seconded by: Robert Boone

Unanimously Approved

## **8. Adjourn**

Motion made by: Marsha Newman

Motion seconded by: Robert Boone

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

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Board Chair

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Secretary