

MEETING MINUTES



Attendees

Voting Members

- Keith Giles, District 1
- Chad Dorsett, District 2
- Bruce Brown, District 3
- Kendall McKenzie, District 4-Vice President
- Robert Boone, District 5
- Scott Breland, District 6
- David Pettit, District 7
- Tricia Crosby, District 8
- Lesley McKinley, District 9-President

Non-Voting Members

- Jennifer Thomas, Superintendent
 - Matt Garver, Attorney
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1. Call to Order

Lesley McKinley

2. Invocation

Scott Breland

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Robert Boone

4. Administer the Oath of Office to Board Member District 2, Chad Dorsett

Matt Garver, School Board Attorney, administered the Oath of Office to Board Member, Chad Dorsett, Washington Parish School Board Member, District 2.

5. Approval of minutes for the December 12, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes for the December 12, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

Motion made by: Scott Breland

Motion seconded by: Bruce Brown

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

6. Election of Officers of the Board 2025-2026

Mr. Garver, School Board Attorney, opened the floor for nominations for President of the Board to serve for the next two (2) years, 2025-2026.

Robert Boone nominated Lesley McKinley; Bruce Brown seconded the nomination. Mr. Garver asked for nominations to be closed.

Motion made by: Robert Boone

Motion seconded by: Bruce Brown

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

Mr. Garver opened the floor for nominations for Vice President of the Board to serve for the next two (2) years, 2025-2026.

Bruce Brown nominated Kendall McKenzie; Robert Boone seconded the nomination.

Dave Pettit nominated Scott Breland; Keith Giles seconded the nomination.

Mr. Garver asked for nominations to be closed.

Roll Call vote for Kendall McKenzie:

Keith Giles-Against

Chad Dorsett-Against

Bruce Brown-For

Robert Boone-For

David Pettit-Against

Tricia Crosby-For

Roll Call vote for Scott Breland:

Keith Giles-For

Chad Dorsett-For

Bruce Brown-Against

Robert Boone-Against

David Pettit-For

Tricia Crosby-Against

Lesley McKinley, President, voted for Kendall McKenzie to break the tie.

7. Consider a motion to adopt a resolution declaring January as School Board Recognition Month

Motion to adopt a resolution declaring January as School Board Recognition Month.

Board members were recognized for their training hours for 2024:

Keith Giles-26.5 and a Certified Board member achieving more than 20 hours

Marsha Newman-27.5 and a Certified Board member achieving more than 20 hours

Bruce Brown-2

Kendall McKenzie-10.5

Robert Boone-9

Scott Breland-27 and a Certified Board member achieving more than 20 hours

David Pettit-14

Tricia Crosby-1

Frankie Crosby-21 and a Certified Board member achieving more than 20 hours

Lesley McKinley-15.5

Motion made by: Robert Boone

Motion seconded by: Bruce Brown

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

8. Consider a motion to adopt the LSBA Code of Conduct for Louisiana School Board Members

Motion to adopt the LSBA Code of Conduct for Louisiana School Board Members.

Motion made by: Kendall McKenzie

Motion seconded by: Robert Boone

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

9. Consider a motion to adopt a Resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between the Educational Facilities Improvement District of the Parish of Washington, State of Louisiana and the Parish School Board of the Parish of Washington, State of Louisiana; and providing for other matters in connection therewith

Motion to adopt a Resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between the Educational Facilities Improvement District of the Parish of Washington, State of Louisiana and the Parish School Board of the Parish of Washington, State of Louisiana; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Motion made by: Robert Boone

Motion seconded by: Keith Giles

Voting:
Unanimously Approved

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

RESOLUTION

A Resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between the Educational Facilities Improvement District of the Parish of Washington, State of Louisiana and the Parish School Board of the Parish of Washington, State of Louisiana; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the Parish School Board of the Parish of Washington, State of Louisiana (the "School Board"), as the governing authority of the Parishwide School District of the Parish of Washington, State of Louisiana (the "School System") and the Educational Facilities Improvement District of the Parish of Washington, State of Louisiana (the "District") desire to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Article VII, Section 14(C) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, La. Rev. Stat. § 33:2740.37 (collectively, the "Act") and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, including an election held in the District on Saturday, December 7, 2024 authorizing the levy and collection of a one percent (1%) sales and use tax for the purposes stated in the proposition attached hereto as EXHIBIT A, the School Board and the Board of Directors of the Educational Facilities Improvement District of the Parish of Washington, State of Louisiana (the "Board of Directors"), as governing authority for the District, desire to enter into the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement dated as of January 16, 2025 (the "Agreement"); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this School Board, as the governing authority of the School System, that:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to the authority of the Act and the election held in the District on Saturday, December 7, 2024, the execution and delivery of the Agreement (attached hereto as EXHIBIT B) is hereby approved in substantially the form submitted to this School Board and filed of record herewith, with such terms, additions, omissions and changes as may be necessary and appropriate and that are approved by this School Board and the Board of Directors.

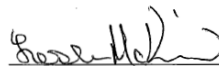
SECTION 2. The Board President of this School Board be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all such action as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this Resolution.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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On motion by Robert Boone and seconded by Keith Giles,
the foregoing Resolution was hereby declared adopted on this the 16th day of January, 2025 by
the following roll-call vote:

YEAS: 9
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0
NOT VOTING: 0


Lesley McKinley, President

ATTEST:

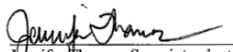

Jennifer Thomas, Superintendent

EXHIBIT A

PROPOSITION

Shall the Educational Facilities Improvement District of the Parish of Washington, State of Louisiana (the "District") be authorized to levy and collect a sales and use tax of one percent (1%) (the "Tax"), in accordance with Louisiana law, but expressly exempting the sale at retail, the use, the consumption, the distribution, and the storage for use or consumption of food and prescription drugs from the levy of the Tax (an estimated \$2,700,000 is reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, commencing April 1, 2025, with the net proceeds of the Tax to be dedicated and used to assist the Washington Parish School Board (the "School Board") by providing additional funding for salaries and benefits of school system employees in the public school system within the jurisdiction of the District, including an initial increase to the School Board's salary schedule to be effective April 1, 2025 upon approval of this proposition?

EXHIBIT B

FORM OF COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT

COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT

by and between

**EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF THE
PARISH OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF LOUISIANA**

and

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

Dated as of January 16, 2025

This COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT (this "*Agreement*") dated as of January 16, 2025 is made by and between the EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF THE PARISH OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF LOUISIANA, and the PARISH SCHOOL BOARD OF THE PARISH OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF LOUISIANA.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 20 of Article VI and Section 14(C) of Article VII of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, as amended, the Local Services Law (La. Rev. Stat. § 33:1321, *et seq.*), La. Rev. Stat. § 33:2740.37, and other constitutional and statutory authority (collectively, the "*Act*"), educational facilities improvement districts may engage in cooperative endeavors with parish school boards;

WHEREAS, the Act states that the Legislature finds and determines that additional local funding is desirable and essential for parish school boards and authorizes the District (as hereinafter defined) to assist the School Board (as hereinafter defined) in various listed purposes including the provision of funding for matters for which school boards are authorized by law to expend funds; and to assist the School Board financially;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act and under the authority conferred by an election held in the District on Saturday, December 7, 2024 (the "*Election*"), the District will levy a sales and use tax of one percent (1%) (the "*Tax*") upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property and upon the sale of services in the District for a period of ten (10) years, commencing April 1, 2025 and ending on April 1, 2035, upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption and storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the District, all in the manner and subject to the provisions and terms of those portions of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, applicable to sales and use taxes levied by the District, except that the sale at retail, the use, the consumption, the distribution, and the storage for use or consumption of food and prescription drugs is specifically exempted from the Tax in accordance with the requirements of La. Rev. Stat. §§ 2740.37(E)(1) and 47:305;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, condition and agreements which follow, the parties hereto agree as follows:

Section 1. Definitions. In addition to such other defined terms as may be set forth elsewhere in this Agreement (including the recitals hereto), the following terms shall have the following meanings:

“**District**” means the Educational Facilities Improvement District of the Parish of Washington, State of Louisiana, created by La. Rev. Stat. § 33:2740.37 and activated by the School Board pursuant to a resolution adopted by the School Board on March 25, 2024.

“**Proposition**” means the proposition submitted to the voters of the District at the Election to authorize the levy and collection of the Tax.

“**School Board**” means the Parish School Board of the Parish of Washington, State of Louisiana.

Section 2. Use of Defined Terms. Terms defined in this Agreement shall have their defined meanings when used herein unless the context requires otherwise. Except where the context otherwise requires, words importing the singular number shall include the plural number and vice versa, words of the masculine gender shall be deemed and construed to include correlative words of the feminine and neuter genders and the words “hereof” and “herein” shall be construed to refer to the entirety of this Agreement and shall not be restricted to the particular Article, Section, subsection or paragraph in which they appear.

Section 3. Authority and Scope. The District and the School Board are granted the authority, pursuant to the Act, to enter into cooperative endeavor agreements with public and private associations or corporations for a public purpose, including agreements which may require the use of public funds, personnel or other resources. This Agreement is entered into pursuant to the Act.

Section 4. Obligations of District. Under this Agreement, the District hereby obligates itself to transfer, as collected and after payment by the District of the reasonable and necessary expenses of collecting and administering the Tax, all proceeds derived by the District from the collection of the Tax to the School Board to be utilized by the School Board in the discretion of the School Board to accomplish the funding of any of the purposes, objectives or purposes authorized in the Proposition, as permitted by the Act.

Section 5. Obligations of the School Board. Under this Agreement, the School Board hereby obligates itself to:

- (a) To receive from the District the proceeds of the Tax and utilize the Tax proceeds in the discretion of the School Board for the funding pursuant to the Proposition, as permitted by the Act, of any matter for which the School Board is authorized by the Proposition and the Act to expend funds;
- (b) Make available such persons as the School Board may determine to the District to assist the operational needs of the District; and
- (c) Provide for the reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses of members of

the officers of any party hereto nor any official executing this Agreement shall be liable personally with respect to this Agreement or be subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of the execution and delivery of this Agreement except to the extent provided by law.

Section 9. Captions. The captions or headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or extent of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

Section 10. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which when taken together shall be deemed one and the same Agreement.

Section 11. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Louisiana.

Section 12. Further Assurances. From time to time hereafter, the parties hereto shall execute and deliver such additional instruments, certificates or documents, and take all such actions as may reasonably be requested for the purpose of fulfilling its obligations hereunder.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed by the parties on the dates indicated but effective as of the 16th day of January, 2025, in the presence of the undersigned witnesses.

WITNESSES:

Melissa Mauer
Lana L. Migney

Date: 1/16, 2025

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF THE
PARISH OF WASHINGTON,
STATE OF LOUISIANA

By: Lesley McKinley
Name: Lesley McKinley
Title: President

ATTEST:

Jennifer Thomas

Date: 1/16, 2025

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

By: Kendall McKenzie
Name: Kendall McKenzie
Title: Vice President

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF WASHINGTON

I, the undersigned President of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Washington, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Parishwide School District of the Parish of Washington, State of Louisiana (the "School Board"), do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the School Board on January 16, 2025, authorizing the execution and delivery of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between the Educational Facilities Improvement District of the Parish of Washington, State of Louisiana and the Parish School Board of the Parish of Washington, State of Louisiana; and 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 President of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Washington, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Parishwide School District of the Parish of Washington, State of Louisiana, on this, the 16th day of January, 2025.

Lesley McKinley, President

10. Approval of a COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT by and between EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF THE PARISH OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF LOUISIANA and PARISH SCHOOL BOARD OF THE PARISH OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF LOUISIANA Dated as of January 16, 2025

Motion to approve a COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT by and between EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF THE PARISH OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF LOUISIANA and PARISH SCHOOL BOARD OF THE PARISH OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF LOUISIANA Dated as of January 16, 2025.

Motion made by: Scott Breland

Motion seconded by: Robert Boone

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT

by and between

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and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the language of the proposition submitted to the voters in the District at the Election, all revenues generated by the Tax shall be dedicated and used for the purpose of assisting the Parish School Board of the Parish of Washington, State of Louisiana in providing additional salaries and benefits to school system employees in the public school system within the jurisdiction of the District;

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes the District to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the School Board to transfer to the School Board all or any portion of the proceeds derived by the District from the collection of the Tax to be used for the purposes authorized by the voters in the District at the Election.

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(b) Make available such persons as the School Board may determine to the District to assist the operational needs of the District; and

(c) Provide for the reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses of members of the board of directors of the District in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Section 6. Term. The term of this Agreement shall extend from the date hereof through the date of collection of all proceeds of the Tax.

Section 7. Amendments. This Agreement may be amended only upon the written consent of the parties hereto.

Section 8. No Personal Liability of the District or the School Board. No covenant or agreement contained in this Agreement shall be deemed to be the covenant or agreement of any official, officer, agent or employee of any party hereto in his individual capacity, and neither the officers of any party hereto nor any official executing this Agreement shall be liable personally with respect to this Agreement or be subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of the execution and delivery of this Agreement except to the extent provided by law.

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WITNESSES:

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT OF THE PARISH OF WASHINGTON,
STATE OF LOUISIANA

Melissa Mauer
Lisa R. Magu

By: Kendall McKenzie
Name: Kendall McKenzie
Title: Vice President

Date: 1/16, 2025

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

ATTEST:

Joseph Thomas

By: Lesley McKinley
Name: Lesley McKinley
Title: President

Date: 1/16, 2025

11. Presentation of November 2024 financial statements

Ms. Knight presented the November 2024 financial reports for the following funds:
General Fund
School Lunch Fund

12. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding Request for Proposals for security cameras

Motion to award the Request for Proposal for cameras to Geaux Techie for the amount of \$263,918.23

Motion made by: Kendall McKenzie

Motion seconded by: Bruce Brown

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

13. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding bids received for security doors

Motion to award the bid for security doors to Micon in the amount of \$49,200.00.

Motion made by: Robert Boone

Motion seconded by: Keith Giles

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

14. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding bids received for fencing

Motion to award the bid for fencing to Thomas Construction, LLC in the amount of \$132,585.52.

Motion made by: Kendall McKenzie

Motion seconded by: David Pettit

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

15. Consider a motion to authorize bids for surplus property

Motion to authorize bids for surplus property. This is for the removal of the modular buildings at Franklinton Jr. High School.

Motion made by: Scott Breland

Motion seconded by: Robert Boone

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

16. Public comment for Early Childhood Community Networks coordinated funding request

Public comment was opened for Early Childhood Community Networks coordinated funding request.

17. Superintendent's Report

18. Personal Privileges

19. Adjourn

6:54