

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2015

6:45 P.M.

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board met at the School Board Office at 1050 South Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 6:45 p.m. on the second day of April 2015, in special-session convened. The President called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mr. David Tatman, President; Mrs. Barbara Freiberg, Vice President; Mr. Mark Bellue; Mrs. Connie Bernard; Ms. Jill C. Dyason; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith; Mr. Tarvald A. Smith; and Ms. Evelyn Ware-Jackson.

Others present were: Dr. Bernard Taylor, Jr., Superintendent; Mr. Carlos Sam, Associate Superintendent; Dr. Herman Brister, Associate Superintendent for Student Support Services; Ms. Catherine Fletcher, Chief Business Operations Officer; Ms. Lizabeth Frischhertz, Chief Officer of Accountability, Assessment and Evaluation; and Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel.

Approval to Revoke the Career Academy Charter School's Type I Contract

By Dr. Nelson-Smith

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give approval to revoke the Career Academy Charter School's Type I charter contract.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

Discussion followed.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Mrs. Freiberg

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give approval to allow the Career Academy Charter School to reconsider the four stipulations outlined by the Superintendent for continuation of the charter, with a date-certain time to respond. If the Career Academy Charter School does not respond affirmatively, the charter would be revoked.

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

Discussion continued.

Mrs. Freiberg withdrew her substitute motion and the seconder agreed inasmuch as the Career Academy Board indicated the proposed terms were not acceptable.

Discussion continued.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Mrs. Freiberg

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give approval to revoke the Career Academy Charter School's Type I charter contract, effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. The students would be given an opportunity to attend a school in the East Baton Rouge Parish School that offers the same CTE courses in which they are currently enrolled. The district would track the students and assess how they are doing after the first grading period.

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

The vote on the substitute motion was as follows:

Yeas: (7)	Mr. Bellue, Ms. Dyason, Vice-President Freiberg, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Smith, President Tatman, and Ms. Ware-Jackson
Nays: (2)	Mrs. Bernard and Ms. Lee
Abstained: (0)	None
Absent: (0)	None

The substitute motion was declared adopted.

Authorization to Finalize and Issue a Request for Proposals (RFP)

By Mrs. Bernard

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby authorize Superintendent Taylor and staff in collaboration with the new Superintendent to draft a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a district performance and financial audit. The RFP must come back to the Board for final approval at the April 16, 2015 Board meeting. It is also recommended that the audit be narrowed to specific, targeted areas in a tiered fashion and in concert with the incoming superintendent's *100 Day Plan*.


Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (7)	Mr. Bellue, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Vice-President Freiberg, Ms. Lee, President Tatman, and Ms. Ware-Jackson
Nays: (2)	Dr. Nelson-Smith and Mr. Smith
Abstained: (0)	None
Absent: (0)	None

The motion was declared adopted.

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



Dr. Bernard Taylor, Jr.,
Secretary/Treasurer to the Board