

International School of Louisiana Board of Trustees

Minutes

August 2026 Board Retreat

Date and Time

Saturday, August 15, 2026 at 9:00 AM CST

Location

2518 Arts Street, Admin Annex, Room 129, New Orleans, LA

The mission of the International School of Louisiana is to provide a challenging education emphasizing language immersion, international awareness, the celebration of diversity and community responsibility.

Trustees Present

A. Hebert, C. Cola, T. Shaffer, V. Cuiellette, A. Givens, S. Barthelemy, N. Dixon, B. Nazar

Trustees Absent

R. Brazzini

I. Opening Items

A. A. Hebert called a meeting of the board of trustees of the International School of Louisiana Board of Trustees to order on Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 9:25 AM.

B. Record Board Attendance

II. Other Items

A. Approve Minutes

S. Barthelemy made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting on June 10, 2026. T. Shaffer seconded the motion. The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

B. 2026-2027 Budget Approval

Susan Chapman presented an overview of the 2026-2027 budget. B. Nazar made a motion to approve the proposed budget. A. Givens seconded the motion. After review and discussion, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the proposed budget.

C. Appropriate Use Policy

Melanie Tennyson presented a revised appropriate use policy. A. Givens motioned to approved the updated appropriate use policy. N. Dixon seconded the motion for approval. The Board voted unanimously to adopt the draft policy.

D. Board Meeting Dates 2026-2027

The Board meeting for the 2026-2027 school year was finalized and approved.

October 28, 2026 - 1400 Camp St.

December 16, 2026 - 502 Olivier St

February 24, 2027 - 2518 Arts St

April 28, 2027 - 1400 Camp St

June 9, 2027 - 502 Olivier St

August 21, 2027 - 2518 Arts St *Annual Retreat*

E. Head of School's Report

Ms. Tennyson provided an update on recent activities. The International School of Louisiana has a total number of 1109 students. The St. Roch campus has 375 students, Westbank campus has 375 students, the Uptown campus has 359 students, and there are 180 employees. Enrollment has been relatively steady, with very little teacher turnover.

The 2025-2026 LEAP Scores reflected an overall increase of 6% in Mastery.

First Student will now provide transportation to the students at the International School of Louisiana.

The Westbank and St. Roch campuses will have a brunch and potluck to celebrate back to school. There will be an event at the Fly/Batture for families of kindergarteners to get together and play outside of school.

ISL will implement a new science curriculum (Open Ed Science) for grades K-5.

ISL funded retention stipends for all returning employees will be paid on August

IV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Upon motion from T. Shaffer and second by B. Nazar, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 AM on August 15, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,
Colby M. Short