

International School of Louisiana Board of Trustees

Minutes

October 2025 Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 6:00 PM CST

Location

1400 Camp Street, Cafeteria, New Orleans, LA

[Live Stream Link](#)

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

Rossana Brazzini , Sharon Barthelemy Edwards, Angele Givens, Courtney Cola, Todd Shaffer, Beth Nazar, Aimee Hebert

Trustees Absent

Valiant Cuiellette , Nancy Dixon

I. Opening Items

A. A. Hebert called a meeting of the Board of Trustees of International School of Louisiana to order on Wednesday October 22 at 6:00 pm..

B. Record Board Attendance

II. Other Items

A. 25-26 Differentiated Compensation Plan

The Board considered a proposal to use \$27,067 in funding from the Department of Education to provide retention stipends to middle school math and science teachers. These stipends will be paid to eligible teachers in a single payment in May of 2026. Upon motion made by Sharon Barthelemy Edwards and seconded by Todd Shaffer, the Board approved the plan unanimously.

B. 25-26 Legislative Stipend Plan

The state of Louisiana has provided funding to pay one-time stipends to all school employees. The Board considered a proposal to distribute these stipends on November 7, 2025 in accordance with LDOE guidelines. Beth Nazar made a motion to approve the proposed plan, which was seconded by Courtney Cola. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire

As a part of the annual audit, the school is required to submit a completed questionnaire asserting that we have adhered to all applicable laws. Upon motion made by Beth Nazar and seconded by Rossana Brazzini, the Board unanimously voted to authorize Officers to sign the completed questionnaire.

D. Kindergarten Enrollment Targets for 2026-2027

The Westbank campus serves a significant number of families from Jefferson Parish. In response to excess demand, ISL will add one section of Spanish Kindergarten at the Westbank Campus in the fall of 2026.

III. Head of School's Report

Ms. Tennyson provided an update on recent school activities.

IV. Public Comment Period

Four ISL parents addressed the Board.

IV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Todd Shaffer made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Courtney Cola seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn. There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Chapman