

Community Leaders Advocating Students Success (C.L.A.S.S.) ---d.b.a. Fannie C. Williams

Minutes of the Meeting held on April 23, 2026

Board members present: Mrs. Roubion, Ms. Dupree, Mrs. Roussell, Ms. Cager, Dr. Love & Mr. Edwards
Absent (Ms. London & Mrs. Minor)

Other guests: Mrs. Kelly Batiste (CEO), Mrs. Brenda Watson, Mrs. Gretchen Johnson, and Mrs. Carla Lewis.

Meeting called to order at 6:28 p.m. by Mr. Edwards

Public comments regarding the agenda were called for by The Chair. Hearing none; a motion was called for by The Chair to adopt the agenda. The motion was made by Ms. Roubion and seconded by Ms. Cager. All in favor, with no opposition. Motion carried unanimously.

Public comments regarding the minutes were called for by The Chair. Hearing none; a motion was called for by The Chair to adopt the minutes. The motion was made by Dr. Love and seconded by Mrs. Roubion. All in favor, with no opposition. Motion carried unanimously.

Next the CEO gave her report with the following being noted:

- Mrs. Batiste informed the board member that LEAP testing will begin May 1st for 3rd-8th grade, completing one session per day.
- Mrs. Batiste indicated that she is hiring and trying to attract new talent as we move forward during the school's 5-year renewal. Compensation is an issue when compared to other schools or districts.
- Board members were reminded to complete their Financial Disclosure Form by May 15, 2026.
- FYI- Kindergarten Closing Ceremony May 5th, 8th Grade Closing Activity May 8th and last day for students May 14th.

Next, Ms. Watson gave her Business Manager's report with the following being noted:

- Financial Statements as of March 31, 2006, were sent to the board via email for viewing, as well as hard copies at the meeting. If you have any questions online items, call the office to discuss them.
- Discussions regarding ESSER ended and all funds went back to the general fund. This will be the year of actual financial stability. Money market is compounding interest (approx. \$6000 more a month. At the end of June, money can be moved to balance out budget.
- We have a 3-year contract with Calvin Transportation; they were trying to increase costs by 40% with 20% increase each year. We negotiated and met them halfway. 2 years left until the contract.
- The largest part of the budget is Salaries, Buses and Benefits.
- The metric to NOLA-PS is based on a healthy fund balance, whether bills can be paid and having cash on hand (60 + days).
- To date, ESSER has allowed us to build a healthy fund balance.

- We are revising salary schedule (using 20-21 schedule) based on a survey.
- New Schools for New Orleans gives us a templet on what we are paying & what is out there on average.
- Currently, we give a cost of living increase yearly and look at a performance-based increase.
- Any questions or concerns regarding finances may be directed to Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Batiste then suggested to the board the next meeting date June 4, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. since school is closed. All agreed.

Public comments were called for by The Chair. Hearing none, The Chair called for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Love made the motion seconded by Mrs. Roubion (7:32 p.m.). A vote was then called for and the motion carried unanimously.