Regular Board Meeting
10/08/2026 06:00 PM
St. Helena Parish School Board Central Office
354 Sitman Street
Greensburg, LA 70441

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Opening

A. Meeting Opening

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Call to Order

Mrs. Linda Chaney, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

3. Roll Call

Present: Mrs. Joyce Porter, Mrs. Linda Chaney, Ms. Lolita Porter, Mr. Alton Travis, Mr. George Hughes, Mrs. Virginia Bell

Absent: None

B. Approve Minutes and Agenda: September 10 , 2026 Committee Meeting Minutes and September 10, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and Current Agenda

Mr. Alton Travis made a motion, seconded by Mr. George Hughes to approve the September 10, 2026 Committee Meeting Minutes, the September 10, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, and the current agenda collectively. The motion was approved by General Consent.

C. New Business

1. Presentation by Ms. Alondria Bowie with Global Millennium Academy (GMA) regarding the organization's interest in establishing a Type III Charter School at St. Helena Arts and Technology Academy (SHATA).

Dr. Kelli Joseph clarified that Ms. Alondria Bowie of Global Millennium Academy (GMA) had previously presented to the Board regarding the organization's interest in establishing a Type III Charter School at St. Helena Arts and Technology Academy (SHATA). Dr. Joseph informed the Board that Ms. Bowie had since submitted the charter application. She explained that the District was required to obtain an independent third-party review of the application and requested Board authorization to proceed with securing a third-party reviewer. The findings of the review will be presented to the Board at a subsequent meeting.

D. Superintendent's Report

1. District Updates

Dr. Kelli Joseph provided updates on district activities, upcoming homecoming events, and ongoing efforts to support learner achievement and staff engagement. Homecoming activities were scheduled for October 21–24, 2026, including STEM NOLA activities at the Early Learning Center, an alumni basketball game, the homecoming parade, and the football game. Four term-limited Board members were recognized as honorary grand marshals for the homecoming parade.

E. Approve Committee Reports

1. Approve Committee Reports - October 08, 2026

Mrs. Joyce Porter made a motion, seconded by Mr. George Hughes to approve the Committee Reports from the October 8, 2026 Committee Meetings collectively. The motion was approved by General Consent.

2026–2027 Exceptional Services Contract between St. Helena Parish School Board and A-Z Services
Exceptional Services Contract between St. Helena Parish School Board and Ms. Inez Jackson
Exceptional Services Contract between St. Helena Parish School Board and LASARD (Louisiana Autism Spectrum and Related Disabilities Project)
Exceptional Services Contract between St. Helena Parish School Board and SPED Strategies, LLC
August 2026 Finance Dashboard
September 2026 Finance Dashboard
Differentiated Compensation Allocation
Amendment to the 2026 Salary Schedule – Addition of Executive Order to Stipend Section
2026–2027 Pupil Progression Plan

F. Executive Session

1. Angela Strickland v. St. Helena, 21st JDC No. 25655

Mrs. Joyce Porter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Alton Travis to enter into Executive Session to discuss Angela Strickland v. St. Helena Parish School Board, et al., 21st Judicial District Court, Case No. 25655. The motion was approved by General Consent

G. Meeting Closing

Mrs. Joyce Porter made a motion, seconded by Mr. George Hughes to return to open session from Executive Session. The Board resumed the meeting, and Mrs. Chaney announced that no action had been taken during Executive Session regarding Angela Strickland v. St. Helena Parish School Board, et al., 21st Judicial District Court, Case No. 25655.

1. Announcement of Next Meeting Date: November 12, 2026

Ms. Linda Chaney announced that the next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2026.

2. Closing Comments - Board Members

Mrs. Bell announced the candidate forum scheduled for October 17, 2026, at the high school auditorium and encouraged community members to attend. Members also expressed condolences and requested prayers for the family of Charleston Tops, a former learner and athlete. Mrs. Chaney thanked members for their continued service and dedication and encouraged the district to continue building on its progress in support of learners, staff, and the St. Helena Parish community.

3. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by General Consent of all members present.

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