Edward Hynes Charter School
990 Harrison Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70124

Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, August 17, 2026

Board Members Present: Bill Chauvin, Alvin C. Miester III, Curtis Pellerin, Jan Janz, Helene Derbigny

Board Members Absent: Cassandra Youmans, Barbara Richard

Others Present: Michelle Douglas, Shawne Favre, Shawn Persick, Anne Kramer, John Starr, Earl Cager, Celine Godfrin, Brandi Huling, Stephen Goodly, 3 representatives from Gallagher and 1 family member.

Alvin C. Miester III, Board President, called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm and proceeded with the agenda.

1. **Approval of the agenda.** Helene Derbigny made a motion to approve the August 17, 2026, meeting agenda. Bill Chauvin seconded the motion. With no public comment, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of board members present.

2. **Approval to amend the minutes for June 08, 2026, Budget Hearing and Board Meeting.** Curtis Pellerin made a motion to amend the minutes from the June 8, 2026, budget hearing and board meeting. Bill Chauvin seconded the motion. With no public comment, the motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote of board members present.

3. **Approval of the amended minutes**. Curtis Pellerin made a motion to waive the reading of and to approve the amended minutes from the April 27, 2026, budget and board meeting minutes. Bill Chauvin seconded the motion. With no public comment, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of board members present.

4. **Public comment.** None.

5. **CEO's report.** Michelle Douglas- see reporting documents.

6. **Facilities report.** Earl Cager- see reporting documents.

7. **Legal committee report.** None.

8. **Financial report.** Shawne Favre- see reporting documents.

    a. Reviewed and discussed the proposed 2026-2027 budget.

9. **HR report.** None.

10. **Friends of Hynes report.** Bill Chauvin updated those present with the current status of the Hynes-UNO PAC building.

11. **Old business.** None.

12. **New business.**

    a. Bill Chauvin made a motion to approve the HCSC budget for the 2026-2027 school year. Curtis Pellerin seconded the motion. With no public comment, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of board members present.

    b. Jan Janz made a motion to approve the employee benefits package for the 2026-2027 school year following a presentation by the insurance provider. Bill Chauvin seconded the motion. With no public comment, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of board members present.

    c. Bill Chauvin made a motion to approve Bourgeois Bennett to provide audit, tax, and AUP services for the fiscal year 2026. Curtis Pellerin seconded the motion. With no public comment, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of board members present.

    d. Helene Derbigny made a motion to approve increasing capitalization property threshold to $10,000, effective July 1, 2026, which is consistent with the LDOE increase. Bill Chauvin seconded the motion. With no public comment, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of board members present.

    e. Jan Janz made a motion to approve the resolution to change the name of Hynes-UNO to Edward Hynes Charter School- LSU New Orleans. Bill Chauvin seconded the motion. With no public comment, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of board members present.

    f. Helene Derbigny made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 speech and language therapy services contract with Kim4Kids,LLC for Hynes-Lakeview. Jan Janz seconded the motion. With no public comment, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of board members present.

g. Curtis Pellerion made a motion to approve the statutory requirements for the Ivy Daniels Act. Jan Janz seconded the motion. With no public comment, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of board members present.

h. Bill Chauvin made a motion to approve a board resolution for the intent to renew notice to NOLAPS for Hynes Charter School- Lakeview campus. Curtis Pellerin seconded the motion With no public comment, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of board members present.

i. Bill Chauvin made a motion to authorize Michelle Douglas, CEO, to sign the extension of service contracts for the 2026-2027 school year, including The Dove Group and Pro Solutions. Jan Janz seconded the motion. With no public comment, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of board members present

j. Bill Chauvin made a motion to move to an Executive Session to evaluate the professional competences of the Chief Executive Officer at 6:24 pm. Jan Janz seconded the motion. With no public comment, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of board members present.

k. Helene Derbigny made a motion to end the Executive Session at 6:44 pm. Jan Janz seconded the motion. With no public comment, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of board members present.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Jan Janz, seconded by Curtis Pellerin, and passed unanimously by a vote of board members present. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.