



JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA
203 E. PLAQUEMINE STREET
JENNINGS, LOUISIANA
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POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

AUGUST 19, 2025 after 5:00 p.m. Finance meeting

LIVE STREAM LINK: <https://youtube.com/live/QeJbdWDWoLg?feature=share>

FILE: BCB - SCHOOL BOARD MEETING RULES OF PROCEDURE

An individual speaker who appears at a School Board meeting to speak on an agenda item must register prior to the meeting, and will be allotted three (3) minutes to speak on the agenda item prior to School Board discussion on the agenda item.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL FOR DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Chairman, Russell Walker, Phillip Arceneaux, David Doise, Summer LeJeune, and Paul Trahan.

Roll Call for Policy Committee Members for determination of a quorum:

Walker, Chair	Arceneaux	Doise	S. Lejeune	Trahan
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Roll Call for Other Members present:

Bord	Bruchhaus	Dobson	Frey	Jones	P. Lejeune	Patterson	Petry
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III. VOTE TO CHANGE THE ORDER OF TOPICS TO BE ADDRESSED AND TO ADD NEW ITEMS NOT ON THE ORIGINAL AGENDA.

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IV. Approve the following policy changes are recommended by Forethought Consulting and JDP.

1. **INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS: File IFA**

Effective: upon approval

Act 103 of the 2025 Louisiana Legislature revised La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §17:355 regarding access to instructional materials, and adding access to online materials. Changes also include providing paper copies made on school equipment for reasonable fees.

2. **TECHNOLOGY AND INTERNET USE: File IFBGA**
BULLYING AND HAZING: File JCDAF

Effective: upon approval

Act 686 of the 2024 Louisiana Legislature revised numerous statutes to remove language addressing instruction to students and training for teachers.

3. **STUDENT ABSENCES AND EXCUSES: File JBC**

Effective: upon approval

In March 2024 BESE revised Bulletin 741, changing the definitions for absences. The new language divides absences into three (3) categories: excused absences, unexcused absences, and suspension/expulsion.

4. **EXPULSION: File JDE**

Effective: upon approval

Act 497, revised La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §17:416 reduces the mandatory time of expulsion from four (4) semesters to two (2) semesters for students in grades six (6) through twelve (12). There is an exception for possession of marijuana, tetrahydrocannabinol, or any chemical derivative thereof, in that the expulsion is not required unless it is the second or subsequent occurrence. However, included under Additional Reasons for

Expulsion, added statutory language states that any student in grades six (6) through twelve (12) found guilty on the first occurrence of being in possession of marijuana, tetrahydrocannabinol, or any chemical derivative thereof may be recommended for expulsion.

5. **CHILD ABUSE: File JGCE**

Effective: upon approval

Act 195, revised the Children’s Code Articles of 603 and 610, changing the language addressing school resource officers and their reporting procedures. New language provides that any school resource officer that that suspects child abuse or neglect or if a mandatory reporter of child abuse reports suspected child abuse to a school resource officer, the school resource officer shall immediately notify the officer’s employing law enforcement agency or the Department of Children and Family Services.

6. **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS: File JGCFA**

Effective: upon approval

Act 504, enacted La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §17:173.1, and requires that each public school make available to each student in grades three (3) through twelve (12), a mental health assessment by a “licensed behavioral health provider” so long as it is annually authorized by his/her parent or legal guardian. The assessments shall be provided to the appropriate students at no cost to the School Board.

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V. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. Motion to enter into Executive session.

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B. Motion to resume in regular session.

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VI. **ADJOURN**

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