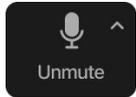
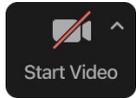


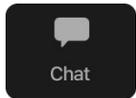
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- Please submit questions during the presentation in the “Chat” function located on the bottom of your screen.

If you require an interpreter or have other accessibility needs for future LDOE meetings, please contact LDOEcommunications@la.gov.



BESE-Authorized Charter Schools Monthly Call



March 12, 2026

Contact Information

Please add your **name** and **email address** in the chat. A copy of the powerpoint will be sent to you after this meeting.

To access slide decks from previous calls, you may visit the [LDOE Monthly Call](#) webpage.



Agenda

- Welcome
- Upcoming Submissions
- Policy Updates, Ms. Jade Gambino
- Questions



WELCOME

Our Goals for BESE Authorized Monthly Calls

We will provide pertinent information and updates.

- Being **INTENTIONAL**
- Listening to your requests
- Each month provide reminders and upcoming required submissions from all departments in the LDOE
- Each call will provide leaders with information tied to the Charter School Performance Compact.

REMINDER: Monthly calls are held every 2nd Thursday @ 9:00 am



Department Accountability

- Office of School Choice
- Germain Gilson, Assistant Superintendent
- Kaleb Moore, Chief of Staff
- Samantha Carter, Executive Director of Charter Accountability
- Christina Woods, Director of Charter Accountability
- Shantel Reynard, Director of Charter Accountability
- Theresa Jackson, Operations Manager



Charter Accountability Reporting

Utilize the [Reporting Calendar](#) as a tool for directions, links to forms, and submission due dates.

If you submit to Charters@la.gov, also CC your school's Director.

- Christina Woods - christina.woods@la.gov
- Shantel Reynard - shantel.reynard@la.gov

The [Charter School Library](#) is a great resource!

Subscribe to the [LDOE Newsletter](#)!



2026 Upcoming Submissions

February	March	April
<p>Diploma & Seal Orders</p> <p>Board Meeting Calendar</p> <p>International Associate Teacher Program</p> <p>Course Choice Spring Reporting</p>	<p>International Associate Teacher Program</p> <p>Teacher Roster Verification for VAM</p> <p>Act 370 Report (New)</p>	<p>4th Quarterly Waitlist Report</p> <p>LEA Determination Review -Draft</p> <p>SLT and Evaluator Ratings</p> <p>Teacher Roster Verification for VAM</p> <p>IDEA MOE Confirmation</p> <p>Quarter 3 Financial Report</p> <p>PERs</p>

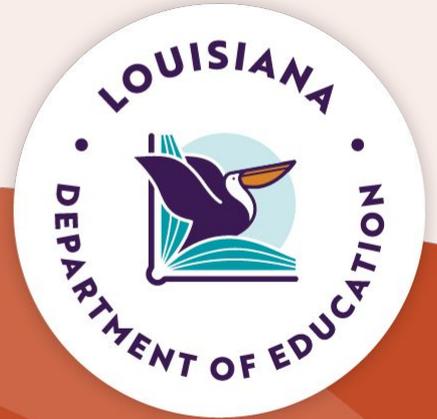


Material & Non-Material Amendment Submission Deadlines

Material Amendment Requests & Supporting Documentation Due to Charter Accountability Team	BESE SIT Committee Meeting
No Submissions	April 14, 2026
April 10, 2026	June 9, 2026
June 5, 2026	August 18, 2026



College and Career Readiness



2026 America's Healthiest Schools

- The Alliance for a Healthier Generation names America's Healthiest Schools each year for their support of student and staff health.
- All U.S. K-12 schools can apply in up to nine categories, like physical education, nutrition, wellness programs, and tobacco-free policies.
- Winners get materials to help share their achievements.
- Applications are due April 14, 2026.

Alliance for a Healthier Generation

<https://www.healthiergeneration.org/take-action/schools/award>



Educator Evaluation Updates



Louisiana Evaluation System (LES) Reminders

2025-2026 Educator Evaluations

- Use the [LES 2025-2026 Timeline](#) to monitor data entry into the Louisiana Evaluation System (LES).
- SLTs, observations, and PGP links should be placed in LES at this time.

New Hires

- All professional staff should be evaluated in accordance with [Bulletin 130](#), regardless of hire date.
- It is recommended that an evaluation be completed and that data be entered into LES as soon as possible.
- In addition to providing feedback, evaluations aid in certification renewal and advancement.

Please email leads@la.gov with questions.



2025-2026 Charter Spreadsheet Upload

Direct entry into LES is the preferred method for entering data.

- Prior to uploads
 - Review rosters in LES to ensure all staff appear, are assigned an evaluator, and have the correct evaluation type.
 - Download and use the LES provided spreadsheet.
- To request a 2025-2026 spreadsheet upload, complete the [charter upload](#) form by March 23.

Please contact LEADS@la.gov with questions.



Roster Verification

The Louisiana Educator Portal (LEP) roster verification ensures that teachers are assigned to correct courses and classroom rosters of students for the purpose of value-added (VAM) analysis. The current [LEP User Guide](#) is now available.

- **February 2-April 15**

LEP will be open for a view-only period. During this time, users can view and check roster data for accuracy, and make any corrections in Edlink 360.

- **April 16-May 28**

LEP will be open for roster verification. This process is required and allows teachers and principals the ability to verify and correct records for specific courses and students.

Please contact leads@la.gov with questions



Policy Updates

Mrs. Jade Gambino



Leadership Changes

- If any board members, CEO, or any other school leadership changes occur, operators are required to complete the [Charter Leadership Change Form](#) and return it to charters@la.gov and the school's designated Director of Accountability. Board minutes from the meeting where the new board member was appointed should accompany the change form.
- New Policy
 - All charter school board members are required to complete a background check in accordance with the new policy. This requirement applies to all current and incoming board members and must be completed prior to service and maintained in compliance with state regulations.

[Charter School Performance Compact](#)
LA R.S. 17:15 & LA R.S. 15:587.1



Background Check Procedure

La Bulletin 126 §503. 3 (b) requires any subsequent board member nominations or replacements to undergo a criminal background check upon appointment.

[LA R.S. 15:587.1](#) -requires all background checks to be conducted through the [Louisiana State Police \(LSP\) Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information](#)

Such notification shall be made within **two business days** of the official board action taken on this matter. Upon receipt of the change form, the Director of Accountability will confirm receipt of change form and will provide documentation needed to be completed.



Background Check Procedure

Upon appointment to the board or hired in a leadership role, personnel will be required to complete a three step process:

Step 1: The OSC Director of Accountability will email two forms to the charter school board and school leader(s):

- **NCJ Applicants Privacy Rights**-an informational guide informing personnel of privacy rights. The guide is to be retained by board members and school leader(s) undergoing the background check..
- **LAPS Authorization Form**-a required form to be completed by personnel and submitted to charters@la.gov designating which school the board member or school leader is associated with. Include the assigned Director of Accountability in your email submission.



Background Check Procedure

Upon appointment to the board or hired in a leadership role, personnel will be required to complete a three step process:

Step 2: Upon receipt of the LAPS Authorization form, OSC personnel will email two forms to each board member and school leader(s):

- **LDOE Office of School Choice Service Code Form**-form providing instructions and designated service code to schedule the background check appointment. Payment will be issued through the Identogo portal.
- **Disqualifying Offenses**-an informational guide to be retained by board members and school leader(s) that details which offenses would preclude participation as a board member or school leader.



Background Check Procedure

Upon appointment to the board or hired in a leadership role, personnel will be required to complete a three step process:

Step 3: Board members and school leader(s) will use the **LDOE Office of School Choice Service Code Form** instructions to schedule an appointment with IdentoGo and have fingerprinting completed.

- The Criminal History Record Information will be sent directly to OSC through a secure portal.



DCFS CANS (ACT 409) Clearance Procedure

In addition to the background check, a review through the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Child Abuse and Neglect Clearance System (CANS) is required for newly appointed board members or personnel hired in a leadership role.

There is no fee for the ACT 409 associated clearance requests submitted via CANS.



DCFS CANS (ACT 409) Clearance Procedure

Upon appointment to the board or hired in a leadership role, personnel will be required to complete a four step process:

Step 1: The OSC Director of Accountability will email Form-B to the charter school board and school leader(s) in need of clearance.

Step 2: Personnel in need of clearance will complete Form-B and submit completed form, along with a copy of that individual's photo ID to charters@la.gov.



DCFS CANS (ACT 409) Clearance Procedure

Upon appointment to the board or hired in a leadership role, personnel will be required to complete a four step process:

Step 3: OSC Staff will upload the individual's photo ID and completed Form-B to the DCFS CANS system.

Step 4: DCFS CANS Clearance Unit will complete the clearance. Results will be emailed to individual by OSC Staff.



Teacher Leader Summit 2026





Teacher Leader Summit 2026

Big Ideas Start Here

Teacher Leader Summit 2026 will take place May 26-28 at the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. TLS 2026 celebrates the dedication and leadership of Louisiana educators. Together, we will spark new thinking, share what works, and shape what's next.

Registration Details

Early Bird Registration

- February 9 to March 15
- Rate: \$249

Regular Registration

- March 16 to April 12 (or when capacity is reached)
- Rate: \$299

Please contact ldoeevents@la.gov with questions.



Questions

For further inquiries, please reach out to charters@la.gov

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Upcoming BESE-Authorized Charter Monthly Call

April 9, at 9:00 am

