



**Louisiana State University at Eunice
Strategic Planning Committee**

P.O. Box 1129 ■ Eunice, LA 70535
Phone (337) 550-1433 ■ Fax (337) 550-1479

Meeting Minutes

Date: November 3, 2025

Meeting Attendance

Name and Title	Status
Ms. Kristie Broussard Leger, Dean, Div of HSBT & Public Protection & Safety	
Ms. Rachelle Brown, Instructor, Communications, Faculty Senate Chairperson	Present
Ms. Melonie Ceaser, Interim Director of Facility Services and Safety Coordinator	On Zoom
Mr. Juan Darta, Assistant Director, Strategic Communications	
Mr. Audwin Donatto, Associate Vice Chancellor of Business Affairs	
Ms. Amanda Dunlap, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, Department Chair, Mathematics	Present
Ms. Alisha Fontenot, Director of Dual Enrollment & LSUE Academy	Present
Dr. Billy Fontenot, Interim Dean, Division of Arts and Sciences	Present
Ms. Courtney Fruge, HR Manager, Chair of Staff Senate	Present
Ms. Jamie Funk, Manager – Office of Business Affairs	Present
Ms. Ashley Green, Clinical Coordinator of Radiologic Technology	Present
Mr. Stephen Heyward, Director of Information Technology	WorkDay
Ms. Cassie Jobe Ganuchea, Executive Director of Library & Student Support Services	
Ms. Carey Lawson, Associate VC of University Advancement & Exec Dir of the LSUE Foundation	In BR
Ms. Felicia "Nikki" May, Assoc Prof of Business Admin, Depart Chair for Business Technology	Present
Dr. Douglas Narby, Special Assistant to the Chancellor, Associate Professor of Psychology	Present
Mr. Gary Reeves, Instructor of Communications	Present
Mr. Luke Ruppert, President, Student Government Association	Present
Mr. Donnie Thibodeaux, Dean of Enrollment Management	Present
Mr. Travis Webb, Director of Strategic Communication	Present
Mr. Jeff Willis, Director of Athletics	Present
Dr. Nancee Sorenson, Chancellor (Ex Officio)	In BR
Dr. Charles Stewart, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost (Ex Officio)	In BR
Dr. Paul Fowler, Executive Director for Institutional Effectiveness and Accreditation (Ex Officio)	Present

- I. Approve the meeting minutes from October 20, 2025. Items that need to be amended in the meeting minutes prior to approval – both in Item II.
 - a. The number of partnerships is 20; is this over one year or five years? Five years

- b. Who is this objective assigned to? Fowler needs to know this so it can be placed in the correct department in the online planning system. This was assigned to the Chancellor's Office.

Rachelle Brown motioned to accept the minutes of October 20, 2025, as amended. Amanda Dunlap seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed without dissent.

- II. Mission Statement: Once approved by the Board of Supervisors, Dr. Fowler will file the substantive change with SACSCOC. There is a fee, and a prospectus discussing everything from impacts on academics to athletics and finances (and fiscal stability) will need to be written. There is a provision on whether the change in the mission statement is editorial. In that case, it is not submitted to SACSCOC.

The mission statement was sent to the Board by Charles Stewart just prior to the deadline.

Question: Does the committee believe the change is editorial? Why? The committee mentioned that they believed the changes were editorial and not substantive. Some of the reasons were:

- a. The previous mission statement was from 2003 and was not all that relevant to 2025.
- b. The highest degree offered will remain the associate degree.
- c. The plan seeks to offer additional partnerships to add degree programs to provide more opportunities for students.

- III. Updated strategic planning document (on screen at meeting)

Fowler noted what he had discussed with the Chancellor and that the strategic plan would not be a lengthy word document, but somewhat like the flyer that was shown to the committee. The purpose of the actual document would be marketing and communication to the public.

A comment was made about the wording of strategic goals 1 and 2 – they were almost identical.

- IV. Academic Planning (as time permits)

- a. Programs approved by the Board of Regents
 - i. Certificate of Applied Science, Paraprofessional education
 - ii. Certificate of Technical Studies, Payroll Administrator
 - iii. Certificate of Technical Studies, Business Entrepreneurship
 - iv. Career and Technical Certificate, Basic Management
- b. LSU Board of Supervisors meeting minutes search results
- c. Other program development
 - i. "Low hanging fruit"
 - ii. Long Term

Item a was presented to the committee for their information. Items b and c were postponed as Charles Stewart was in Baton Rouge for the LSU Board of Supervisors meeting.

V. Adjournment

Amanda Dunlap made the motion to adjourn, and Jamie Funk seconded it. There was no dissent.