LETA FULL BOARD MEETING

♦December 15, 2016♦ 12:00 Noon ♦

LPB Board Room♦ 7733 Perkins Road ♦Baton Rouge, LA

**Members Present:** Chair Gwen Carter, Wayne Berry, Father Carter, Lee Meredith, Julie Cherry, Barbara DeCuir, Glenn Kinsey, Jada Lewis, Dr. William Weldon, Kathy Kliebert, new members Valencia Burton, Eartha Cross, Nikki Godfrey

**Members Absent:** Deano Thornton, Chris Goudeau, Scott Richard, Dan Hare, Gwen Guillotte, David Bondy

**Guest:** Steve Hawkland

**Employees Present:**  Beth Courtney, Christina Melton, Clay Fourrier, Joanne Gaudet, Carol Manship

**Call to Order:** Gwen Carter, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM.

**Introduction of New Members:** Chair Gwen Carter introduced the new members – Valencia Burton (Governor’s Designee), Eartha Cross (At-Large), and Nikki Godfrey (Board of Regents)

**Oath of Office:** Chair Gwen Carter introduced Steve Hawkland from the Secretary of State’s office to administer the Oaths of Office to the new and returning members.

**Swearing In:** Steve Hawkland administered the Oaths to Valencia Burton, Eartha Cross, Nikki Godfrey, Gwen Carter, Julie Cherry, and Kathy Kliebert.

**Approval of Minutes:** Gwen Carter called for motion to accept the October 13, 2016 meeting minutes. Dr. Weldon moved and Barbara DeCuir seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer Report:** Dr. Weldon presented the Financial Report. See attached report.

**Friends Report:** Beth Courtney gave the Friends financial report. (see attached)

 **Underwriting:** See attached report

**President’s Report:** Beth Courtney reported that on Jan. 16, 2017, LPB will launch PBS 24/7 Kids Channel on LPB 2. To that end, we are asking viewers to let us know via an online survey, what programming they would like to see in place of the children’s programming that will be coming off LPB 1.

Beth talked about going before the House Appropriations Committee to speak the FY17 budget and the need for maintenance monies. She also told the members of the Committee about LPB’s trip to Banks Elementary to distribute school supplies along with the PBS Tablets that are pre-loaded with games, videos, educational programming geared to 3 and 4 year olds.

**Production Report:** Clay mentioned the upcoming “Performance at the Mansion” on Dec. 20 with Zachary Richard

**Adjournment:** Gwen Carter asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Julie Cherry made the motion and Barbara DeCuir seconded. The motion carried.

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Submitted by: Carol Manship