LETA EXECUTIVE & FINANCE BOARD MEETING

♦January 13, 2022♦ 12:00 PM ♦

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

ZOOM Conference (COVID – 19)

**Members Present:** Valencia Burton, Julie Cherry, Conrad Comeaux, Sonny Cranch, Eartha Cross, Dr. Tina Holland, Kathy Kliebert, and Chris Wegmann,

**Guest Speaker:** Chris Pinell of Pinell & Martinez, CPA

**Employees Present:**  Beth Courtney, C.C Copeland, Kimberly Ducote, Marlesha Ross, Kathy Scherer, and John Tooraen.

**Call to Order:** Conrad Comeaux called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM.

**Approval of minutes:** Dr. Tina Holland asked for minutes from the 11-10-21 Exec and Finance meeting to be approved. A motion was made by Valencia Burton and seconded by Chris Wegmann. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Julie Cherry gave the Financial Report. Chris Wegmann made a motion to approve the financial report. Valencia Burton seconded. Motion carried.

**Audit Review:** Chris Pinell reviewed the audit which had no findings. Chris Wegmann made a motion to approve the audit. Julie Cherry seconded. Motion carried.

**Friends Report:** Kathy Scherer gave the Friends Report with updates on recent fundraising activities including plans for the Louisiana Legends Gala and raffle results to date.

**President’s Report:** Beth Courtney acknowledged that former Friends Chair, Bob Emmert, suggested quarterly raffles, which have been very successful. LPB will be making our supplemental funding request to the state. C.C Copeland detailed our request. He also let the Board know of upcoming LPB activities including a virtual preview and discussion around Ken Burns’ Muhammad Ali documentary.

**Chairman’s Report:** Conrad Comeaux acknowledged that the full board was to have already discussed Acting Director considerations for C.C and that will be a priority. The 2nd Congressional District and Board of Regents board vacancies were discussed. Kathy Kliebert will be ending her term and Board service in July of 2022. She will assist by recommending someone for the position.

**Other Business:** NETAConsulting has been chosen to search for the President & CEO of LPB. The Foundation will execute the contract and work with NETA Consulting throughout the process. Sonny recommended that the LETA board work with LPB staff to issue a press release announcing the search as soon as the contract is signed.

**Adjournment:** Conrad Comeaux adjourned the meeting at 12:58 PM.

Minutes submitted by Marlesha Ross and Kathy Scherer