



PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public that the Louisiana Public Defender Board will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 2019, at the Goodwood Library, 7711 Goodwood Boulevard, Baton Rouge Louisiana.



LOUISIANA PUBLIC DEFENDER BOARD

Tuesday, June 11, 2019
East Baton Rouge Parish Main Library
7711 Goodwood Boulevard
Baton Rouge, LA 70806
1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Comments by Chairman, Frank Holthaus
2. Adoption of the Agenda* pgs. 291-293
3. Call for Public Comment¹
4. Adoption the Minutes, May 9, 2019* **Tab 1**, pgs. 294-300
5. Executive Session²
6. State Public Defender **Tab 2**
 - a. Resignation of James T. Dixon, Jr. pg. 301
 - b. Senate Resolution, "Jay Dixon Day" pgs. 302-303
 - c. Appointment of an Interim SPD*
 - d. Personnel Working Group
 - e. Statutory Qualifications and Duties of the State Public Defender pgs. 304-305
La. R. S. 15:150 and La. R.S. 15:152
7. Budgetary and Fiscal **Tab 3**
 - a. Financial Report through April 30, 2019* pgs. 306-310
 - b. FY19
 - i. Solvency Projections-informational pg. 311
 - ii. Exigency Requests*
 1. District 15 (Acadia, Lafayette and Vermilion Parishes) \$ 175,737
Staff Recommendation - \$0- pg. 312-313
 2. District 35 (Grant Parish), \$8,000
Staff Recommendation - \$8,000 pg. 314-315
 3. District 41 (Orleans Parish)
Staff Recommendation - \$121,000 pgs. 316-320

¹ Public Comments shall be limited to items on the duly noticed agenda pursuant to open meeting laws.

² The Board may vote to go into executive session pursuant to La. R.S. 42:16 and 42:17 (formerly La. R.S. 42:6 and 42:6.1), by a two-thirds vote of the members present. The executive session is limited to matters allowed to be exempted from public discussion pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17, including strategy sessions with respect to litigation and prospective litigation after formal demand. In accordance with La. R.S. 42:19(A)(b)(iii), the Board may discuss the following: *Joseph Allen et al v. John Bel Edwards*, et al, Docket: C655079, Section 27, 19th JDC, Parish of East Baton Rouge.

- c. Final FY19 DAF Disbursement* pg. 321
After exigency needs of are considered, Staff recommendation is to distribute all remaining Fy19 DAF pro rata, to all districts following the original FY19 distribution formula. The chart in the materials is a demonstration of the methodology and not a recommendation.
 - d. FY19 501(c)3 Contract* pgs. 322-325
 - i. Capital Defense Project of Southeast Louisiana
 - e. Authority to Disburse FY19 Year End Funds*
Because the next meeting of the Board will be in the next fiscal year, staff is requesting authority to disburse any remaining FY19 funds to the districts as deemed necessary.
 - f. FY20 – HB105 - Informational pg. 326
 - g. FY2020 CINC* pgs. 327
Proposed CINC disbursement to the districts based on estimated FY20 caseloads using May 1 2018 – Apr 20 2019 case counts.
 - h. FY2020 DAF – One Million Residual Disbursement* pgs. 328-330
*The Board approved the Method 14 consensus DAF distribution plan at the May 9 meeting. That plan results in an additional \$1M residual monies for the Budget Committee to disburse statewide, as needed. Staff will present a recommendation to disburse **a portion** of those funds at this time to cover funding needs by a large number of districts through July of 2020, and to reserve the balance for disbursal at a later date.*
 - i. FY20 501(c) Contract Amendments* pg. 331
The Board approved 501(c)3 contract amounts at the May 9 meeting in order that staff could meet state contract deadlines with the understanding that amendments to those amounts would be sought. Increase requests are to the capital contracts only.
 - j. District 17 Salary Ratification* pg. 332
The Board approved Ms. Andrea Stentz for the district defender position at the May 9, 2019 meeting. The current annual salary for the position is set at \$76,000; however, District 17 falls within Tier 2 with District 3 (Lincoln and Union Parishes) and District 5 (Franklin, Richland and W. Carroll Parishes). Those two districts are managed by LPDB’s two most recent hires, Mr. Rick Candler and Mr. John Albert Ellis, respectively, both of whom are paid an annual salary of \$90,000.
8. District Issues
- a. District Defender – District 25 - Informational
The selection committee is interviewing applicants for the position on Monday, Jun 3, 2019.
9. Legislative Session, 2019 - informational
10. Division Reports - Informational **Tab 4**
- a. Capital pgs. 333-341
 - b. Juvenile Strategic Plan pgs. 342-343

11. Announcements
12. Next Meeting*
13. Adjournment*