

MEETING MINUTES

LOUISIANA ASSESSORS' RETIREMENT BOARD OF THE LOUISIANA ASSESSORS' ASSOCIATION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2020

10:30 A.M.

**CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, PREMIER 1 ROOM
4728 CONSTITUTION AVE., BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70808**

A meeting of the Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Board was held Monday, December 7, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Premier 1 Room, 4728 Constitution Ave., Baton Rouge Louisiana 70808. The following members were present: President Wendy C. Aguiard, Vice President Tab Troxler, Treasurer Lance Futch and Members Lee Brown, Richard Earl, Irby Gamble, Glenda Gaspard, Louis Hebert, Charlie Henington, Phyllis Mendoza, Jimbo Stevenson, Glenn Waguespack and Erroll Williams. Absent were members Rhyn Duplechain, Rick Ducote, Senator Price and Representative Hollis.

Following the roll call, prayer, Pledge of Allegiance and public comment period wherein no members of the public spoke, the first item for discussion on the Agenda was the approval of the minutes from the October 27, 2020 meeting. A motion was made by Jimbo Stevenson and seconded by Louis Hebert, all approved, and the motion to approve the minutes, passed.

A report was provided by the Retirement system attorney, Ms. Denise Akers on her firm's opinion of the transfer of funds from the Retirement Fund to the Association as allocation of the monthly lobbyist expense. LA R. S. 24:51 defines 'lobbyist' and 'lobbying' and since the Retirement Fund is a state agency, Ms. Aker's advice is that the Fund should not enter into an agreement to pay a part of the lobbying contract. Charlie Henington submitted a motion that LARF not allocate \$200 to the Association, for this purpose. The motion was seconded by Glenn Waguespack and all were in favor and the motion carried.

Ms. Akers provided a brief review of a recent case, The Downtown Developmental District versus City of Orleans. Her findings were that the decision in this particular case, does not have any impact on our Retirement System and the collection of Ad Valorem taxes.

There being no further business to come before the Retirement Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Charlie Henington, seconded by Phyllis Mendoza and with no objections the meeting was adjourned.