LETA FULL BOARD MEETING

♦October 11, 2018♦ 12:00 PM ♦

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

**Members Present:** Chair Kathy Kliebert, Eartha Cross, Dr. Tina Holland, Conrad Comeaux, Chris Weggmann, Jada Lewis, Julie Cherry, Rae Vasquez, Gigi Carter, Nancy Harrelson, and Valencia Burton (Sydni Dunn by phone)

**Members Absent:** Donna Ewing, Doreen Brasseaux, Nikki Godfrey

**Employees Present:**  Beth Courtney, Joanne Gaudet, Clay Fourrier, Jeanne Smith, John Tooraen, Nancy Tooraen, and Carol Manship

**Call to Order:** Valencia Burton, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:07 PM.

**Introductions:** Valencia Burton introduced new board members, Chris Wegmann and Rae Vasquez.

**Resolutions:** Valencia Burton read four (4) resolutions. The first one honored Wayne O. Berry, a board member who passed away (see attached) and the other three (3) were in recognition of board members who had resigned from the board, Scott Richard, Gwen Guillotte, and Lee Wheeler (see attached). Valencia Burton asked for a motion to accept the resolutions. Chris Wegmann moved and Conrad Comeaux seconded. Motion passed.

**Financial Report:** Joanne Gaudet gave the Financial Report. (See attached) Valencia Burton asked for a motion to approve the report. Julie Cherry moved and Nancy Harrelson seconded. Motion passed.

Joanne Gaudet then gave a report on the audit. (See attached) The audit was clean. Conrad Comeaux asked if the auditors did everything the Legislative Auditors’ new rules now require. Beth Courtney said we would make sure that was so. Valencia Burton asked for a motion to accept the audit. Julie Cherry moved and Dr. Tina Holland seconded. Motion passed.

 **Chairman’s Report:** Valencia Burton brought to the attention of the board three (3) resolutions requiring board approval due to the fact that there was not a quorum at the August Full Board meeting. One was the annual Diversity in the Workplace resolution required by FCC (see attached), one was a resolution to update the authorization for Beth Courtney, the Executive Director, to enter into and sign contracts and other routine documents on behalf of LETA (see attached), and one a resolution authorizing LETA to ask the Foundation for $1,400,000 in anticipation of a funding shortfall for FY 20180-19. (See attached) Conrad Comeaux moved to approve all three (3) resolutions and Chris Wegmann seconded. Motion passed.

**Friends Report:** Rae Vasquez gave the Friends Report. The Friends of LPB is striving to grow membership and increase their board participation. She then gave the Financial report. (See attached). Valencia Burton asked for a motion to approve. Conrad Comeaux moved and Rae Vasquez seconded. Motion passed.

**President’s Report:** Beth Courtney asked John Tooraen, director of IT Department, to explain what we call the LPB Bubble page (see attached) which is a breakdown of viewer data across all digital platforms. John then showed the board members the new LPB website under development. There were some suggestions from some board members and John said he would incorporate them into the website.

Beth Courtney asked Nancy Toorean to give an update on the Ready to Learn grant. LPB has received a $175,000 grant to support early learning in the 70802 zip code in STEM and literacy for children ages 2 to 8. (See attached handouts)

Clay Fourrier gave an update on “Louisiana: The State We’re In”.

Jeanne Smith gave the Underwriting report (See attached).

Beth Courtney asked the Vice-Chairman to go into Executive Session for personnel matters at which point the staff left the meeting. Conrad Comeaux made a motion to go into Executive Session and Nancy Harrelson seconded. Motion passed. The Executive Session was held. Conrad Comeaux made a motion to adjourn and Julie Cherry seconded. Motion passed. The session adjourned at 1:25 PM

**Adjournment:** Valencia Burton adjourned the Full Board meeting at 1:30 PM.