LETA FULL BOARD MEETING

♦August 8, 2019♦ 12:00 PM ♦

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

**Members Present:** Vice-Chair Valencia Burton, Dr. Tina Holland, Chris Wegmann, Nancy Harrelson, Valencia Burton, David Tatman, Jada Lewis, Nikki Godfrey, Julie Cherry, Eartha Cross, Gigi Carter and Conrad Comeaux

**Members Absent:** Rae Vasquez, Sydni Dunn

**Employees Present:**  Beth Courtney, Joanne Gaudet, Clay Fourrier, Terri Crockett, Christina Melton, Jeanne Smith, and Carol Manship

**Guest:** Emma Reid

**Call to Order:** Valencia Burton called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM.

**Approve minutes:** Minutes of December 13, 2018, February 14, 2019, and June 6, 2019 were asked to be approved. Motion was made by David Tatman and seconded by Nancy Harrelson. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Conrad Comeaux made a motion to approve the Financial Report from April 9, 2019 meeting. Chris Wegmann seconded. Motion carried

Joanne Gaudet gave the Financial Report (see attached). Conrad made motion to approve Financial Report, Chris Wegmann seconded. Motion carried

Conrad Comeaux read resolution (see attached) about LETA making a formal request of the Foundation for $1.3 million dollars to cover shortfall for FY 19-20. Conrad Comeaux made motion to approve, Chris Wegmann seconded. Motion carried.

Conrad Comeaux suggested that in the future resolutions be numbered.

At this point, Vice-Chair Valencia Burton took the floor and read a resolution regarding the retirement of Joanne Gaudet, Director of Business Services. She then asked for unanimous consent for the passage of the motion. Motion carried.

**Friends Report:** Terri Crockett gave the Friends Report. She then gave the Financial report. (See attached).

Jada Lewis suggested that Friends consider doing a Halloween event as a safe place for kids to go trick or treating.

Conrad Comeaux talked about a Colorado public radio pledge spot with a matching program with their Foundation that he thought might work here.

**President’s Report:** Beth Courtney asked Vice-Chair Valencia Burton to read the remaining resolutions. She read the Diversity resolution (see attached) and asked for a motion. Julie Cherry moved, Chris Wegmann seconded, and the motion carried.

Valencia Burton read the Resolution giving Beth Courtney the authority to sign contracts (see attached) and asked for motion. Tina Holland moved and Conrad Comeaux seconded, and the motion carried.

Beth talked about Rep. Carter’s constitutional amendment #445 that will be on the ballot this fall with some money for LPB allotted in it. She said we will send a paragraph explaining 445 to board members.

Christina Melton talked about Ready to Learn in 70802. We have 150 families enrolled so far and hope for more. In our “Bright By Text” program, we have 300 families engaged and working hard to have a statewide program ready soon.

Our guest, Emma Reid, showed a five minute clip of the film “In the Blind” on which she has been working about duck hunting, duck hunters, and the Louisiana ecosystem.

Beth Courtney talked about the situation with Governor Kathleen Blanco and what part LPB will play in the coverage of her funeral service.

Clay Fourrier gave the Production report.

**Adjournment:** Valencia Burton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:12 PM. Conrad Comeaux moved, Chris Wegmann seconded, motion carried.