**MINUTES OF THE LA EXECUTIVE BOARD ON AGING (LEBA) MEETING**

**GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF ELDERLY AFFAIRS**

**525 Florida St., 4th Floor-Room 427, 10:00 AM Baton Rouge, LA**

**June 08, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Quarterly Meeting of the Louisiana Executive Board on Aging (LEBA) was called to order at 10:06 AM by Leslie Keen, LEBA Chairman; with Cheri Crain serving as Secretary, on a conference call via Zoom.

Pledge of Allegiance: Ricco Thomas

Invocation: Ms. Mona F. Gobert-Cravins

**ROLL CALL**

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| MEMBERS PRESENT |  | MEMBERS ABSENT |
| Mr. Willie Lewis |  | Mr. Noah Aguillard |
| Ms. Blanche Wilks |  | Mr. Beauregard “Bud: Torres |
| Mr. Huey Beverly |  | Mr. Terry Courville |
| Mr. Rico Thomas |  | Ms. Grace Garon |
| Ms. Ann Keene |  | Mr. Donald Mallet |
| Ms. Leslie Louviere-Keen |  |  |
| Ms. Worlita Williams |  |  |
| Ms. Mona F. Gobert-Cravins |  |  |
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**GUESTS:** Council on Aging Directors; Area Agencies on Aging Directors, other members of the public

**GOEA STAFF:**

Shirley Merrick, Director, Cheri Crain, Secretary, Michelle Guillory, Compliance and Planning/EPS Program Manager 3, Kayla Doyle Program Manager 1A

**LESLIE LOUVIERE-KEEN, LEBA CHAIRMAN**

LEBA Chairman Leslie Louviere-Keen declared a quorum was present with (8) members in attendance.

**LESLIE KEEN, LEBA CHAIRMAN**

The Board considered and approved the meeting minutes from March 9, 2021. Motion to Approve: Blanche Wilks Seconded: Rico Thomas

**SHIRLEY MERRICK EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:** See attached Executive Director’s Report.

**LACOADA**: Darlene Schexnayder spoke regarding the LACOADA Legislative Breakfast and conference which was held on April 26-28, 2021 was a success. LACOADA is working on a July conference to be held in Lafayette. Ms. Schexnayder spoke about HB-1 passing, HB-91 and HB-488 not getting out of Committee and HB-498 is in concurrence today June 8, 2021.

**LANA**: Angele Authemont spoke regarding LANA Fall Conference will be held on September 28th thru September 30th at Paragon in Marksville. Save the date will be sent out. A shuttle will be provided for those members that don’t want to walk to the conference rooms.

**COMMENTS:** Howard Rogers with New Orleans Council on Aging spoke about concerns to a Nursing home resident for 7 years being contacted by LDH to have him moved to a facility to be on his own. Needs information if this is actually something the LDH is pursuing. Directed Howard to contact the State Ombudsman, Rosa Walton. Mr. Rodgers also wanted to know about any information regarding a study on long-term care. Shirley Merrick will look into the failed SR-94.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Quarterly Board Meeting of the Executive Board on Aging will be held on September 14, 2021 at 10:00 AM, via Zoom or face-to face, will be determined at a later date.

**ADJOURN**: Motion to Adjourn: Ricco Thomas Seconded: Blanche Wilks. Meeting was adjourned at 10:56 am.

Prepared by Cheri Crain, Manager Compliance & Planning, Governor’s Office of Elderly Affairs