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**MINUTES OF THE LA EXECUTIVE BOARD ON AGING (LEBA) MEETING
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ELDERLY AFFAIRS
602 North 5th Street, 4th Floor
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Wednesday December 8, 2021 10:00 AM
Galvez Building – Pensacola Conference Room**

CALL TO ORDER

The Quarterly Meeting of the Louisiana Executive Board on Aging (LEBA) was called to order at 10:12 AM by Ms. Leslie Keen, LEBA Chairman; with Ms. Cheri Crain serving as Secretary, at the Galvez Building, 602 North 5th Street, Baton Rouge, LA, in the Pensacola Conference Room.

Pledge of Allegiance: Ms. Leslie Keen
Invocation: Mr. Huey Beverly

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Johnny Berthelot
Ms. Blanche Wilks
Mr. Huey Beverly
Mr. Gerard Landry
Ms. Ann Keene
Ms. Leslie Louviere-Keen
Mr. Donald Mallet
Ms. Emily Tilley
Ms. Heather Prejean
Mr. Charles "Buddy" Pugh

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Terry Courville
Mr. Willie Lewis
Ms. Worlita Williams
Mr. Rico Thomas

GUESTS: Council on Aging Directors – Mr. Tommie Gordon and Mr. Mike Rome

GOEA STAFF:

Ms. Shirley Merrick, Director, Ms. Cheri Crain, Secretary, Mrs. Amanda Smith, GOEA General Counsel, Mrs. Michelle Guillory, Compliance and Planning/EPS Program Manager 3, Mrs. Kayla Doyle Program Manager 1A

LESLIE LOUVIERE-KEEN, LEBA CHAIRMAN

LEBA Chairman Ms. Leslie Louviere-Keen declared a quorum was present with (10) members in attendance.

LESLIE KEEN, LEBA CHAIRMAN

The Board considered, amended and approved the meeting minutes from October 5, 2021.

MOTION: Mr. Donald Mallet moved and it was seconded Mr. Charles “Buddy” Pugh that the October 5, 2021 minutes be approved as amended. Motion carried.

SHIRLEY MERRICK EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT: Executive Director’s Report. Ms. Merrick stated that a copy was in each member’s meeting packet and emailed. Ms. Merrick reviewed the report. She asked that the board add Ms. Worlita Williams, representing PSC5 to the reappointments by the Governor to the board.

2021 ANNUAL REPORT: Ms. Keen asked Ms. Merrick to present the annual report. Ms. Merrick stated that the annual report records the services provided to the 60+ population and those with adult onset disabilities for the period beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021. She thanked Ms. Crain for compiling the data and producing the report. Ms. Merrick also indicated that the report distributed to the board was a draft and should not be copied or distributed to anyone.

MOTION: Ms. Ann Keene moved and seconded by Ms. Emily Tilley that the 2021 Annual Report be approved as presented. Motion carried. The original published agenda remains unchanged.

LACOADA: Mr. Mike Rome discussed the need to conduct a mini assessment of the meal services because the need has increased for delivery of meals. Mr. Mike Rome reminded everyone of the upcoming Louisiana Association of Councils on Aging Directors Association (LACOADA) meeting December 16, 2021 at 11 a.m., immediately following the LANA conference at the Paragon in Marksville, LA. He invited all of the new Board members. Mr. Mike Rome discussed the upcoming session and the possible bills in regards to transportation using Uber and Lift.

LANA: Ms. Angele Authement wasn’t able to make the meeting; however, Mr. Mike Rome spoke on her behalf and reminded everyone about the Louisiana Aging Network Association (LANA) Fall Conference will be held December 14th thru December 16th at Paragon in Marksville.

SCHEDULE 2022 QUARTERLY MEETINGS: The board discussed possible meeting dates.

MOTION: Mr. Pugh moved and Ms. Wilks seconded that the board meetings for 2022 will be held:

- Wednesday, March 9, 2022 – 11 a.m.
- Wednesday, June 15, 2022 – 11 a.m.
- Wednesday, September 14, 2022 – 11 a.m.
- Wednesday, December 8, 2022 – 11 a.m.

Motion carried.

ADJOURN: Motion to Adjourn: Mr. Charles “Buddy” Pugh Seconded: Ms. Blanche Wilks.
Meeting was adjourned at 10:58 am.

Ms. Amanda Smith conducted the Ethics Training for board members immediately after the regular meeting.

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