



Louisiana Rehabilitation Council

P.O. Box 91297
 Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9297

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 22nd, 2023 at 8:00AM CT

Louisiana Workforce Commission
1001 North 23rd Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802
4th Floor Conference Room

Present	Marvin Rush, Laura Nata, Alexis Young, Yakima Black, Lynn Stevens, and Megan Thompson
Absent	
General Public	Gay Young and Donna Reno
Liaison	Fred Pape
Call to Order	8:07am Call meeting to order. Laura motions to pass the January 2023 Executive Committee Minutes. Alexis seconds the motion.
Old Business	LRC Membership-Brian, Alexis, Marvin are rolling off in September. We need to select three additional members for the future. Gay, Dina, and Paul are no longer a part of the committee, as their term has expired. Fred will send out a flyer to VR Counselors about openings on the council to ensure we have majority of the board as individuals with disabilities. Yakima motioned that we will move forward with Elizabeth Fussell as the business representative (previously Dina Perkins), Cody Rabalais as an individual with a disability (previously Gay Young), Roszella Viltz as the advocate (previously Paul Genco), and Kathleen Funderburk as a recipient (previously Brian Wood). Alexis seconded the motion. Motion passed. We hope to get two additional applicants with disabilities through the email communications that Fred sends out. Laura N. said that her son may be interested in applying.
New Business	<p>Officer Elections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yakima motions to recommend the following for 2023-2024 Officers: Lynn Stevens as the Chair, Laura Nata as the Vice Chair, Yakima Black as the Eligibility and Planning Lead, Brian Patchett as Member at Large, Ashley Volion as the Employment Lead, and Nicole Poiencot as the Transition Lead. Laura N. seconded the motion. Motion carries. <p>Satisfaction Survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add a question about being interested in serving on the council in the future--Fred will create a draft and share with us via email--The survey will be done via SurveyMonkey. We will keep section 5 to ensure people had an opportunity



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	<p>to explain their responses in detail. The goal is to have the final draft by August 1.</p> <p>Absenteeism/Membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jamar Ennis, Michelle Ned, and Suzanne Lentz have been absent 3 or more times. <p>July Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• July 27th will be the next meeting.
Other Business	
Adjourn	9:29am Megan motions to close the meeting and Lynn seconds the motion.



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Members Present	Yakima Black, Stephen Carrier, Warren Chauvin, Rikki David, Jamar Ennis, Laura Nata, Brian Patchett, Donna Reno, Marvin Rush, Laura Stazio, Lynn Stevens, Megan Thompson, Ashley Volion, Brian Wood, Nicole Poiencot, and Alexis Young
Members Absent	Suzanne Lentz, Susan Nelson, Melissa Bayham, Michelle Ned
Liaison	Fred Pape
Guests Present	Lynsey Hebert (captionist), Aubrielle and Ramin Young (Alexis' children), Paul Genco
Call to Order	9:50am We have quorum. Council Introductions. Yakima motions to accept the January 2023 minutes and Lynn seconds the motions.
Presentation	Yakima shared information about LATAN, which leads assistive technology efforts in Louisiana. It is federally funded, but a nonprofit. The Department of Health is their lead agency. LATAN works to ensure those who need supports and/or devices.
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Executive Comm: It is recommended that the following be suggested as 2023-2024 Officers: Lynn Stevens as the Chair, Laura Nata as the Vice Chair, Yakima Black as the Eligibility and Planning Lead, Brian Patchett as Member at Large, Ashley Volion as the Employment Lead, and Nicole Poiencot as the Transition Lead. Laura Nata nominated Donna Reno as the Transition Lead and Megan Thompson seconded the motion. Alexis motioned that Jamar be the Secretary and MEGAN definitely seconded the motion. Yakima motioned that Lynn Stevens serve as the Chair, Laura Nata serve as the Vice Chair, Yakima Black serve as the Eligibility and Planning Lead, Brian Patchett serve as Member at Large, and Ashley Volion serve as the Employment Lead and Warren seconded the motion. Motion passes.LRC Membership: During the Executive Meetings, a motion was passed to suggest that the following people be invited to the



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council: Elizabeth Fussell as the business representative (previously Dina Perkins), Cody Rabalais as an individual with a disability (previously Gay Young), Roszella Viltz as the advocate (previously Paul Genco), and Kathleen Funderburk as a recipient (currently held by Brian Wood). The motion carries.

Public
Comments

None

New
Business

- By-law Changes- Add Melissa Bayham as a permanent member. Brian P. moves for LRS Director to be added as a permanent member. Alexis seconded the motion.
- Consumer Survey Review- Fred is incorporating Executive Committee feedback into edits. The survey will go out to LRS users August 1. A question will be included to see if applicants are interested in being on the council. Council members will offer feedback via email to Fred by 6/30/23.
- Absenteeism- Jamar Ennis (3), Michelle Ned (5), and Suzanne Lentz (4) have been absent 3 or more times.
- Budget for LRC- Has been the same for the last 3 years, \$30,000. The budget includes funding for LRC meetings, travel, hotels, and conferences. Brian Wood motions to keep the budget the same and Laura N. seconded the motion. Motion carries.
- Future Meetings: July 27, 2023 (Hampton Inn), October 26, 2023 (Hampton Inn), and January 25, 2024

Public
Comment

None

LRS
Director's
Report

Melissa is absent.

Adjourn

11:41pm Alexis moves to end the meeting and Warren seconded the motion. The meeting ended.