

**VOLUNTEER LOUISIANA COMMISSION
PROVISIONAL MINUTES**

Wednesday, December 13, 2023
10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
In Person Meeting

Commissioners Attending Voting Members Karen Burks Kellie Duhon Matthew Fairbrother Sarah Floyd Suzanne Harris Matthew Laborde Paul Pratt Patricia Prudhomme Gerren Sias DeRon Talley Travis Tharp Kyle Wedberg Commissioners Absent Voting Members Stefanny Alecon Lee Jeter Africa Price	Ex-Officio Members Present n/a Ex-Officio Members Absent John Bel Edwards, Governor Billy Nungesser, Lt. Governor Katherine Krehbiel, CNCS Staff Attending Jacob Brumfield Heather Mazeitis-Fontenot Judd Jeansonne Breanna Jenkins Lori Pilley Kristi Richardson Amanda Smith Darren Smith
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Call to Order

Chair Kellie Duhon called the meeting to order at 10:09 A.M. Roll call was conducted and a quorum was declared.

Staff member Heather Mazeitis-Fontenot facilitated an ice-breaker activity.

Minutes

The September Minutes were approved as corrected with a motion by Kyle Wedberg and a second by Gerren Sias. The September Financial Report was approved with a motion by Paul Pratt and a second by Matthew LaBorde.

Communication Updates

Staff member Darren Smith gave an update about the branding and efforts at increasing social media engagement with the public. He shared the new logos and distributed new swag items (mug, pins, etc.) to the commissioners.

Chair Report

Kellie Duhon presented the chair's report. The 2022 Executive Director's evaluation has been completed. Working on the 2023 Executive Director evaluation. She shared updates for bylaw changes and encouraged everyone to read the bylaws. She reminded commissioners to complete all trainings before Dec. 31. She thanked Kyle Wedberg for his many years of service to the commission. She celebrates the progress of the board and staff.

The bylaw changes were approved with a motion by Kyle Wedberg and a second by Gerren Sias.

Executive Director Report

Judd gave a report about the AmeriCorps Symposium and explained the value of the networking that occurs at this event. He attended the 30th Anniversary Celebration of AmeriCorps in Little Rock, AR. President Bill Clinton was in attendance and was very engaged and accessible during the celebration.

Jacob shared information about work of supporting applicants. Lori Pilley shared information about the number of volunteers they have trained and how that work continues to grow across the state, particularly in Monroe. She also shared the progress made on each of the benchmarks with explanations for each.

The Volunteer Louisiana Calendar was discussed. Commissioners were encouraged to participate as their schedules allow.

Commissioner Education

Two groups shared more about their work.

Makayla Mitchell and Ju White of City Year New Orleans made a presentation about the work they do daily with students during school and after school. Cheyenne Lewis, the Impact Manager was also in attendance.

Luella Provenza and Bobby Williams of UP2US made a presentation about the work they are doing to support the community through after school sports.

Committee Reports

Karen Burks made a presentation for the AmeriCorps Committee. The FY24 AmeriCorps applications for competitive consideration were approved with a motion from Matthew LaBorde and a second by Deron Talley.

Adjournment

Kellie Duhon adjourned the meeting at 1:42 P.M.