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**Broadband for Everyone in Louisiana Commission Meeting**

10:00am – 11:00am, October 20, 2022  
Claiborne Building  
1201 N 3rd St, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

**MEETING MINUTES**

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>
<b>WELCOME REMARKS</b>	Monique Boulet, CEO of the Acadiana Planning Commission and BEL Commission Chairwoman, welcomed attendees and gave a brief introduction to the meeting.
<b>UPDATES FROM CONNECT LA</b>	Veneeth Iyengar, executive director for the state of Louisiana's broadband efforts (also known as ConnectLa), provided the following updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approximately \$170 million out of the available \$176 million of the GUMBO program funds have been committed.</li></ul>
<b>PRESENTATION: KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO PUBLIC POLICY CENTER</b>	Dr. Stephen Barnes and Dr. Anna Osland of the Kathleen Babineaux Blanco Public Policy Center facilitated a presentation on the Louisiana Statewide Digital Equity Plan and the outreach efforts of the LAPDD Broadband Outreach Committee.
<b>OPEN DISCUSSION</b>	General discussion about statewide broadband activities was held between meeting attendees.

**ATTENDANCE RECORD**

<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<p><b><u>Committee Members in Attendance</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Janet Britton, LA Telecommunications Association (LTA)</li><li>2. Patrick Witty, Designee of the Secretary of Louisiana Economic Development</li><li>3. Matthew Wood, Designee of Labor Nominated by the AFL-CIO</li><li>4. Daryl Deshotel, Designee of the Chairman of Louisiana Legislative Rural Caucus</li><li>5. Roderick Scott, Designee to the Delta Regional Authority</li><li>6. Monique Boulet, APC, BEL Commission Chairwoman</li><li>7. Kim Hunter Reed, Designee of the Commissioner of Higher Education</li><li>8. Chad Winchester, Designee of LA Dept. Transportation &amp; Development</li><li>9. Lauren Chauvin (Proxy for Kristine Lagasse, Internet &amp; Television Association (LCTA))</li><li>10. Richard Howze, Designee of Commissioner of Administration</li></ol> <p><b><u>Others Present</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. David Lehmen, ConnectLa</li><li>2. Thomas Tyler, ConnectLa</li><li>3. Alex Johnson, NTIA – Federal Program Officer</li></ol>
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