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Broadband for Everyone in Louisiana Commission Meeting

9:30am – 11:00am, June 23, 2022

Claiborne Building

1201 N 3rd St, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

MEETING MINUTES

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION
WELCOME REMARKS	Monique Boulet, CEO of the Acadiana Planning Commission and BEL Commission Chairwoman, welcomed attendees and gave a brief introduction to the meeting.
COMMITTEE INTRODUCTIONS	Introductions were held amongst committee members and guests.
UPDATES FROM CONNECT LA	Veneeth Iyengar, executive director for the state of Louisiana's broadband efforts (also known as ConnectLa), provided updates on the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LA State Broadband Grant Program (GUMBO)• Broadband Legislative Updates• BEAD and Digital Equity Plan• Statewide Planning Process
COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND FEEDBACK	General discussion about statewide broadband activities was held between meeting attendees.
PUBLIC COMMENT	There was no public comment.

ATTENDANCE RECORD

ATTENDEES	<p><u>Committee Members in Attendance</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Janet Britton, LA Telecommunications Association (LTA)2. Patrick Witty, Designee of the Secretary of Louisiana Economic Development3. Matthew Wood, Designee of Labor Nominated by the AFL-CIO4. Daryl Deshotel, Designee of the Chairman of Louisiana Legislative Rural Caucus5. Monique Boulet, APC, BEL Commission Chairwoman6. Chad Winchester, Designee of LA Dept. Transportation & Development7. Lauren Chauvin (Proxy for Kristine Lagasse, Internet & Television Association (LCTA))8. Richard Howze, Designee of Commissioner of Administration9. Brandon Frey, Public Service Commission10. Robby Miller, LA Police Jury Association11. Daryn Bovard (Proxy for Jody R. Montelaro, Electrical Utility Representative)12. Duane Cowart (Proxy for April Brumfield, Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association)13. Ava Dejoie, Representative of Louisiana Workforce Commission)
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14. Sen. Beth Mizell, Designee of the Senate President
15. Earl Thornton, Designee of the Commissioner of Agriculture
16. Rep. Christopher Turner, Designee of the Chairman of Louisiana Legislative Rural Caucus

Others Present

1. Glen Howie, ConnectLa
2. Veneeth Iyengar, ConnectLa
3. Susannah Craig, Louisiana Board of Regents
4. Rebecca Kelly, Louisiana Board of Regents
5. Rhett Covington – LA Department of Corrections
6. Dr. Anna Osland, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco Public Policy Center
7. Dr. Stephen Barnes, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco Public Policy Center
8. Kade Jones, APC