

Louisiana Children's Trust Fund
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2025

ATTENDANTS

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Shallan Jones for Brittany Cochran, Department of Education
Franchesca Hamilton-Acker, Louisiana Bar Association

STAFF

Ursula Anderson, Executive Director
Michele M. Rabalais, Executive Secretary

CALL TO ORDER:

Franchesca Hamilton-Acker, CTF Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Michele M. Rabalais, Executive Assistant, called the roll.

WELCOME:

Franchesca Hamilton-Acker, CTF Board Chair, welcomed Board Members and guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA:

Quorum not present.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Executive Director presented the Financial Report, and copies were distributed to Board Members.
The Executive Director reported that payments have begun to be processed. Discussion followed.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

Franchesca Hamilton-Acker, Board Chair, presented the Chairman’s Report. The report included the following:

- Discussed LCTF Campaigns: Know Before You Go, Put the Phone Down, Swim Awareness/Swim Safety and Look Before You Lock. Discussion included the following:
 - What more can we do? How can LCTF Board Members spread the word and share materials.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Ursula Anderson, Executive Director, presented the Executive Director’s report. Ms. Anderson reported the following:

- Attended Council on the Status of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, Children’s Cabinet and Children’s Cabinet Advisory Board Meeting(s)
- Attended Solutions Summit
- Participated in a CBCAP Interview
- Participated in a radio Interview
- Released the new campaign entitled “Put the Phone Down”
- Coffee and Conversations continue.
- In the process of collaborating with Youth Summit to be held in 2026
- Conducting site visits with LCTF grantees

Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS:

DECLINED FUNDING:

The LCTF Executive Director informed the Board that she had received notice from Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans and JFR Monroe who informed the Executive Director that they would not be able to perform the proposed services with the amount awarded.

CBCAP GRANT AWARD AMOUNT 2025-26:

The LCTF Executive Director informed the Board that she had received notice from CBCAP and that LCTF received an award of \$698,793 which is an increase over previous years.

PUT THE PHONE DOWN STATEWIDE CAMPAIGN:

OLD BUSINESS:

FIVE YEAR STATE PLAN:

The Executive Director informed the Board that the 2025-2030 State Plan is complete and will be released shortly.

CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

The latest LCTF campaign “Put the Phone Down” was released in August. LCTF continues with past campaigns Know Before You Go, Swim Awareness/Swim Safety and Look Before You Lock

APPLICATION PORTAL:

The Executive Director informed Board Members that she will be meeting with LSU SREC, and that the application portal will open the end of December, early January.

BOARD VACANCY:

It was reported that there are currently four vacancies on the CTF Board. The Executive Director will continue to work with Boards and Commissions to fill these vacancies.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: December 4th, 12:00-2:00 p.m.
Location: TBA