

LOUISIANA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION AUTHORITY
EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

◆September 11, 2025◆ 12:00 PM ◆ LPB Board Room
◆7733 Perkins Road◆ Baton Rouge, LA

Members Present: Chris Wegmann, Tracie Woods, Sharon Reine, Sonny Cranch, and Dan Hare.

Members Absent: Conrad Comeaux and Dr. Laura Lindsay.

Employees Present: Clarence "C.C." Copeland, Matt Tessier, Kim Ducote, Kathy Scherer, and Angela Bessix.

Others Present: Victor Howell.

Call to Order: Chris Wegmann, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. There were no public comments.

Resolution for Dorothea Wilson: Dan Hare, Secretary, read a resolution honoring Dorothea Celeste Wilson, anchor for Louisiana Public Broadcasting. After several technical amendments were suggested, a motion to adopt the resolution as amended was made by Chris Wegmann and seconded by Sharon Reine. With all in favor the motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Dan Hare, Secretary, presented the minutes of the Executive and Finance Committee of May 8, 2025. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Chris Wegmann and seconded by Sonny Cranch. With all in favor the motion passed.

Financial Report: Sonny Cranch, Treasurer, presented the LETA financial report. A motion was made to approve the LETA financial report by Tracie Woods and was seconded by Dan Hare. With all in favor the motion passed.

Friends Report: Dan Hare presented the following report for Friends of LPB (FLPB) on behalf of FLPB Chairman Bo Harris:

- Power On Generator Raffle – current revenue is \$67,400, a 16% increase year over year.
- Friends of LPB Annual Meeting is tonight from 6:00p to 8:30p.
- Save the date: LPB/Friends holiday party is Thursday, December 4 from 6:00p to 9:00p at LSU Burden Museum and Gardens.

Deputy Director's Report: Matt Tessier, LPB Deputy Director, gave the following update:

- In the wake of the Congressional rescissions package, which stripped federal funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, we are keeping our eye on other avenues for potential funding restoration.
- Matt informed the board that reminders and instructions for required ethics and sexual harassment training will be forthcoming.
- The full board will have a new member, Taft Kleinpeter, appointed by the Louisiana School Boards Association. Mr. Kleinpeter replaces David Tatman.
- There are a few upcoming Ziggy live events that are part of our CPB-funded Ziggy pilot expansion:

- Monroe: Saturday, September 27th 1:00-2:00 PM (Ouachita Public Library)
- New Roads: Wednesday, October 8th 4:30-5:30 PM (Centre for the Arts)
- Lafayette: Saturday, October 11th 10:30-11:30 AM (Acadiana Center for the Arts)
- Matt gave an update on enrollment figures for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Enrollment is currently at 36,000.

President's Report: C.C Copeland, LPB President and CEO, reported on the following:

- KLTM project in Monroe is scheduled to go into its full construction phase on October 20, 2025. We are awaiting our UHF side-mount antenna.
- Working on LETA's state budget, which will be due next month.
- Received the salvage title for the vehicle that was wrecked.
- Game Notes, LPB's weekly football pre-game and post-game show, is going very well. C.C yielded the floor to Game Notes host Victor Howell to brief the committee on the new program.

Chairman's Report: Chris Wegmann, Chairman, gave the following report:

- Next full LETA board meeting is October 9, 2025, and it will be a remote meeting under R.S. 42:17.2.
- Chris Wegmann thanked Vice Chair Tracie Woods for covering for him at the August meeting.
- The Officer Nominating Committee will be announced at the October board meeting.
- Next LETA Exec and Finance Committee meeting is November 13, 2025.

Other Business: Kathy Scherer encouraged the members to go see the LPB exhibit at the Jones Creek Library in Baton Rouge. Tracie Woods mentioned the upcoming screening and community engagement event for *Becoming Thurgood Marshall*, which will take place at the Southern University Law Center.

Adjournment: Chris Wegmann adjourned the meeting at 12:52 PM.

Submitted by Angela Bessix and Matt Tessier