

LOUISIANA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION AUTHORITY
EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

◆November 13, 2025◆ 12:00 PM ◆ LPB Board Room
◆7733 Perkins Road◆ Baton Rouge, LA

Members Present: Chris Wegmann, Conrad Comeaux, Sonny Cranch, Dan Hare, Tracie Woods, Sharon Reine, and Dr. Laura Lindsay.

Employees Present: Clarence "C.C." Copeland, Terri Crockett, Matt Tessier, Kim Ducote, Kathy Scherer, Angela Bessix, and Trace Purvis (Zoom).

Others Present: Howard White, Chairman, Friends of LPB (FLPB).

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

Approval of Minutes: Dan Hare, Secretary, presented the minutes of the Executive and Finance Committee of September 11, 2025. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dan Hare and was seconded by Sonny Cranch. With all in favor, the motion passed.

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

Friends of LPB Report: Howard White, FLPB Chairman, presented the report for Friends of LPB:

- Win the wheels Raffle runs October 15, 2025 – January 14, 2026.
- FLPB holiday party is Thursday, December 4, from 6:00p to 9:00p at the LSU Burden Museum and Gardens.
- FLPB is partnering with the LSU Burden Museum & Garden for a fun family event on December 5 – ***A Very Merry Christmas with Curious George and Santa Claus!***

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

- Special Legislative Session ran from October 23rd through the 29th, with nothing directly impacting LETA. Still, we monitored legislation relating to election dates for several constitutional amendments that could affect LETA as a state agency.
- Sexual harassment and ethics training need to be completed by December 31, 2025.

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

- After 43 days, the federal shutdown is over. We are monitoring the Labor-HHS Education bill, which could be sent to the Senate next week, as it could serve as a vehicle for some restoration of federal public broadcasting funds.
- The FY26–27 LETA state budget, which was due at the end of October, has been submitted to the state budget office. LETA's budget request will include \$5,663,098 in acquisitions and \$575,000 in major repairs.
- Our Senior Budget Analyst from the Senate Finance Committee paid a site visit to LPB headquarters to discuss the agency's needs.
- *Louisiana: The State We're In* now has two new anchors: Christina Jensen and Johnny Atkinson; additionally, Paul Wise has joined the LPB team as our new editor.
- Recently, I met with the Louisiana Supreme Court Historical Society and Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice John Weimer to discuss the potential development of a documentary on the Supreme Court building in New Orleans. The historical society pledged financial support for the project.
- PBS granted LPB special permission to premiere Ken Burns' *The American Revolution* series at the Old State Capitol at 6:00p on November 16, 2025.

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

- Chris Wegmann, Chairman, gave a report of the Officer Nominating Committee, which made the following LETA board officer nominations:
 - Tracie Woods, Chair
 - Dan Hare, Vice Chair
 - Sonny Cranch, Secretary; and
 - Dr. Laura Lindsay, Treasurer
- New officers, if approved by the full board in the December meeting, would take office January 1, 2026.
- The next full LETA board meeting is December 11, 2025; the Chairman declared it to be an electronic meeting in accordance with R.S. 42:17.2.
- The next LETA Executive and Finance Committee meeting is January 8, 2026.

Other Business: C.C Copeland reminded the committee that the LPB Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held on November 20, 2025 at noon.

Adjournment: Chris Wegmann adjourned the meeting at 12:35 PM.

Submitted by Angela Bessix and Matt Tessier