

LOUISIANA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

♦January 8, 2026♦ 12:00 PM ♦ LPB Board Room

♦7733 Perkins Road♦ Baton Rouge, LA

MINUTES

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

Employees Absent: Conrad Comeaux and Sharon Reine.

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

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

Call to Order: Tracie Woods, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Ms. Woods asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

Approval of Minutes: Sonny Cranch, Secretary, presented the minutes of the Executive and Finance Committee of November 13, 2025. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Laura Lindsay and was seconded by Chris Wegmann. With all in favor, the motion passed.

Financial Report: Dr. Laura Lindsay, Treasurer, presented the LETA financial report. A motion to approve the LETA financial report was made by Chris Wegmann and was seconded by Sonny Cranch. 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 car raffle shows flat growth year over year.
- LPB's Antiques Appraisal Event is Saturday, February 7, 2026.
- 2026 class of Louisiana Legends are: Charles Alexander, Richard Lipsey, Dr. Calvin Mackie, Judy Perry Martinez, Thomas Ryder, and Hunt Slonem.

Litigation Report:

- Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(A)(2), upon unanimous roll call vote, the committee entered into executive session at 12:24pm to discuss pending litigation. Matt Tessier, Deputy Director and in-house counsel briefed the committee regarding the case *Maxwell Olson and Global Weather Productions, LLC v. Louisiana Educational Television Authority dba Louisiana Public Broadcasting; United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana; Case# 3:25-cv-00914-RLB*. The committee voted to exit executive session at 12:49p.

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

- The Corporation for Public Broadcasting dissolved in light of the \$1.1 billion in federal funds rescinded by Congress from public media.
- Arkansas is the first member station to drop its PBS affiliation, rebranding as Arkansas TV on July 1. The state will lose access to PBS programming, including PBS Kids and Masterpiece.
- The 2026 legislative session runs March 9th through June 1st.
- Received a preliminary version of LETA's state budget from the DOA; if unchanged, the outlook appears favorable.
- Engineers will be hanging the new antenna in Monroe at KLTM next week.

Chairman's Report: Tracie Woods, Chairperson, gave the following report:

- The next full LETA board meeting is February 12, 2026
- The next LETA Executive and Finance Committee meeting is March 12, 2026.

Other Business: There was no other business.

Adjournment: Tracie Woods adjourned the meeting at 1:04 PM.

Submitted by Angela Bessix and Matt Tessier