

LETA EXEC AND FINANCE MEETING

◆ November 10, 2021 ◆ 12:00 PM ◆ Via Zoom ◆

Members Present: Valencia Burton, Conrad Comeaux, Eartha Cross, Dr. Tina Holland, and Chris Wegmann

Members Absent: Julie Cherry and Kathy Kliebert

Guests Present: Cathy Seymour

Employees Present: C.C Copeland, Kim Ducote, Marlesha Ross, Kathy Scherer, and John Tooraen.

Call to Order: Valencia Burton, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM.

Approve minutes: Conrad Comeaux asked that the minutes from the LETA full Board meeting from 10-14-21 be revised with the resolution language removed since the resolution will be archived with October meeting materials as a separate document. Valencia Burton will ask that these revised minutes be approved at the next full Board meeting on 12/9/21.

Financial Report: Chris Wegmann, Treasurer, presented the Financial Reports for LETA and FELPB. Valencia Burton asked for a motion to approve the Financial Report. A motion was made by Conrad Comeaux and seconded by Tina Holland. Motion carried.

Friends Report: Cathy Seymour, FLPB Chair, gave the Friends of LPB report that included financial highlights for the month.

President's Report: Deputy Director C.C Copeland reported on the status of LPB funding requests to the state. He also reported on upcoming event and program highlights: This Saturday, November 13 from noon – 3PM, LPB and the Friends of the Capitol Park Museum will host a free screening of LPB's digital-first series *Safe Haven: Louisiana's Green Book*. This event is held in conjunction with the Smithsonian traveling exhibit, "The Negro Motorist Green Book," now on display at the museum. The Green Book was a guide that made travel possible for African Americans during the Jim Crow era. On Monday, November 15, LPB in partnership with the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana Foundation, present *The Angel Award*, a one-hour special honoring everyday Louisianans doing extraordinary good for children. LPB will once again record *Christmas at the Mansion*, an annual event hosted by the Governor and First Lady. This year, the featured musical guest is the Preservation Hall Jazz Band. The program will be broadcast on LPB in December. The Baton Rouge Press Club will be honoring Beth on Thursday, November 18 at 5PM at the Burden Visitor Information & Conference Center.

Other Business: Valencia asked the LETA Board to consider next steps for filling the vacancies on the Board. The Executive and Finance Committee asked Kimberly for clarification on the composition of the Executive Committee. Kimberly will provide the by-laws that detail this information. The Executive and Finance Committee will serve as the LETA Search Committee and will meet next Wednesday, November 18. The Search Committee will define the process for the search firm and will review and revise the Executive Director/President and CEO job description with input, as requested, from C.C and Kimberly. The search firm fees will be paid by the Foundation for Excellence in Louisiana Public Broadcasting. It was noted that the Executive Director position is an unclassified state position. The Search Committee requests information from HR Director, Megan Wright, about what rules/restrictions may apply to this position.

Conrad Comeaux made a motion to go into Executive Session with Executive and Finance Committee members and C.C Copeland. Chris Wegmann seconded. The motion carried. Tina Holland will take the Executive Session minutes.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

Minutes submitted by Marlesha Ross and Kathy Scherer.