LETA FULL BOARD MEETING ♦

August 8, 2024 ♦ 12:00 PM ♦ LPB Board Room

♦7733 Perkins Road♦ Baton Rouge, LA 70810

and

Via Electronic Means Pursuant to R.S. 42:17.2

**Members Present at Anchor Location:** Conrad Comeaux, Sonny Cranch, Christopher Wegmann, Dr. Tina Holland, Dr. Courtney Phillips, Sharon Reine, and Misty Wyble.

**Members Present via Teleconference:** Dr. Laura Lindsay, Dr. Saundra McGuire, Ted Beasley, Lance Harris, Jeffrey Thomas, and Tracie Woods.

**Members Absent:**

William Bradford, David Tatman, Elizabeth Crochet, Therese Nagem, and Dan Hare.

**Others Present:**

Erin Donnelly

**Employees Present:** Clarence “C.C” Copeland, Terri Crockett, Kimberly Ducote, Angela Bessix, Matt Tessier, Katy Stark, Donald “D.Ray!” Washington, Ryan Golden, Brett Glover, Trace Purvis, and Matt Hathcox.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chris Wegmann, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM and conducted a roll call vote to record attendance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Chris Wegmann, Chairman, asked for any public comment and there was none.

**RECOGNITION OF DIGITAL PRODUCTION TEAM:** The Board recognized the following employees of LPB’s Digital Production Department on their achievement of being awarded a Webby Award in the category of *People’s Voice Winner: Diversity Equity and Inclusion* for LPB’s work on *Ritual*: Donald “DRay!” Washington, Matt Hathcox, Ryan Golden, Emma Reid, and Avery White.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**: Dr. Tina Holland presented the minutes of the LETA full board meeting from June 13, 2024 on behalf of Dan Hare, Secretary, and asked that the minutes be approved. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Sonny Cranch and seconded by Sharon Reine. A roll call vote was conducted, and with all in favor, the motion passed.

**LETA Financial Update:** Conrad Comeaux presented the LETA financial report. A motion to approve the LETA financial report was made by Conrad Comeaux and seconded by Dr. Saundra McGuire. A roll call vote was conducted, and with all in favor, the motion passed.

**Friends of LPB Report:** Terri Crockett, Friends of LPB (FLPB) Executive Director, gave the FLPB report on behalf of Therese Nagem, FLPB Chair.

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Matt Tessier, Deputy Director, reported on the following:

* Matt provided a detailed update on electronic meetings, outlining the steps taken to enable the LETA Board to utilize the electronic meeting laws and noted that today’s meeting is the first electronic meeting that LETA has conducted under R.S. 42:17.2.
* Matt expressed his gratitude to Trace Purvis, LETA’s web director, for technical assistance throughout the process.
* Matt provided an update on Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library, noting that the number of children benefiting from the program has increased from 19,000 to 26,000 since LETA has become the state program sponsor.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

* LETA has now completed installation of WLPB (Baton Rouge)’s new top mount antenna and KLPB (Lafayette)’s new side mount antenna.
* C.C. gave an update on the LPB building roofing project.
* C.C. informed the Board that he was recently presented an award from New Light Missionary Baptist Church for his contributions to the community. The Board congratulated C.C. on his achievement.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:**

* Chris Wegmann, Chairman, presented the board with a resolution increasing the annual compensation of LPB CEO/President, Clarence “C.C” Copeland, by 5% bringing his annual salary to $211,702.40, with his $400 per paycheck vehicle stipend remaining unchanged. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Chris Wegmann and was seconded by Dr. Courtney Phillips. A roll call vote was conducted, and with all in favor, the motion passed.
* The next Executive and Finance Committee meeting will be September 12, 2024, and the next Full LETA Board meeting will be October 10, 2024.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

There was no other business.

**Adjournment:** Chris Wegmann made a motion to adjourn and Sonny Cranch seconded at 1:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Angela Bessix and Matt Tessier