

Louisiana Rehabilitation Council

P.O. Box 91297 Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, June 9, 2025 at 1:31 PM CT

Affiliated Blind of Louisiana 409 West St. Mary Street Lafayette, LA 70506

Members Present: Brian Patchett, Donna Reno

Guests in Attendance: Courtney Ryland (Liaison)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:31 PM.

Executive Session: Donna motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss membership applications received. Brian seconded for approval. Donna motioned to recommend Tiffany Anthony, Lisa Jackson-Wardlaw, and Phil Templet for membership, and to keep other applications on file for consideration. Brian seconded the motion for approval.

Adjourn: The Executive Committee meeting was unanimously adjourned at 1:44 PM.



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General Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, June 9, 2025 at 2:00 PM CT

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Members Present: Stephen Carrier, Rikki David, Hope Day, Sherri Houin, Kelly Monroe, Brian Patchett,

Bambi Polotzola, Donna Reno, Robyn Rushing, Megan Thompson

Members Absent: Melissa Bayham, Timothy Cornelius, Jeannie Doiron, Amanda Nottingham, Nicole

Poiencot, Tina Roper, Myron Wright

Guests in Attendance: Courtney Ryland (Liaison)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:11 PM.

The Nomination Committee gave verbal recommendation of officers which were previously provided to members. Council members who were recommended were given the opportunity to accept their nomination. The following members accepted nominations for LRC Officer appointments:

Brian Patchett Chair
Rikki David Vice Chair
Megan Thompson Secretary

Hope Day Member-at-Large

Kelly Monroe Legislative Committee Chair

Robyn Rushing Community Outreach Committee Chair

Timothy Cornelius Community Rehabilitation Program Committee Chair

Robyn moved to elect the above referenced members for their selected offices, to conduct the Standing Committee meetings the afternoon prior to the General Committee meetings, and for all of these meetings to be conducted at anchor locations in Baton Rouge through October 2026. Rikki seconded the motion. No opposition, motion passed.

Kelly Monroe offered to host the Standing Committee meetings for July 2025 at the Arc of LA.

Several members asked Courtney to schedule a meeting with the LRS Director, Melissa Bayham, prior to the July quarterly meetings to discuss the proposed budget for the anticipated additional state funding.

Adjournment: The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 3:04 PM.