

# Minutes of the Regular Meeting Thursday, August 10, 2023 ~ 1:30 PM LAMPERS Building, First Floor Executive Conference Room 7722 Office Park Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA 70809

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Meeting ID: 939 5510 9963 Passcode: 663831

## MEMBERS & PROXIES PRESENT (P) / ABSENT (A):

Members: Dr. Janet Pope, LA School Board Executive Director Mike Ranatza, LA Sheriff's Association Executive Director John Gallagher, LA Municipal Association Executive Director Guy Cormier, Police Jury Association of Louisiana Executive Director Amanda Granier, LA School Board Association Appointee Shawn McManus, LA Sheriff's Association Appointee Kressy Krennerich, LA Municipal Association Appointee - Chairman Jeffery LaGrange, Police Jury Association of Louisiana Appointee - Vice Cha	A_ A A P_ P_ P_ airmanP_
, LA Sheriff's Association (Vacant) Romy Schofield-Samuel, LA Municipal AssociationI	P P A
STAFF PRESENT: Clarence Lymon, CPA, Executive DirectorI OTHERS PRESENT: Rick Mekdessie	<b>-</b> _

Andrew Kolb, LULSTB Executive Counsel

Darlene Allen, LATA Executive Director

Administrators participating via the Zoom Web Conferencing platform.

Each member of the Board received the following documents prior to the meeting:

- 1. Meeting Agenda 8/10/2023
- 2. Meeting Minutes 7/13/2023
- 3. Financial Statements 7/31/2023
- 4. FY 2024 YTD Budget through 7/31/2023
- 5. Bill Payments Month Ending 7/31/2023

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#### 1. Roll Call

Chairman Krennerich called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM. The secretary called the roll and a quorum (5 members / proxies or more) was established.

## 2. Adoption of the Agenda

ON MOTION OF Amanda Granier, SECONDED BY Jeffrey LaGrange, AND CARRIED, the Board voted to adopt the agenda of the August 10, 2023 meeting of the LA Uniform Local Sales Tax Board.

#### 3. Approval of the Minutes of the LA Uniform Local Sales Tax Board Held (Date)

ON MOTION OF Amanda Granier, SECONDED BY Romy Schofield-Samuel, AND CARRIED, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the meeting of the LA Uniform Local Sales Tax Board held July 13, 2023.

### 4. Remote Seller Commission Update

Ms. Roberie was not available to provide an update as the RSC was working to close out for the month of July.

#### 5. Executive Director's Report

# A. LULSTB Staffing Update

1. New staff member Attorney Dewanna R. Trask, Tax Research Analyst

## B. Act No. 375(2023)/(HB 558) Update – Single Filing and Remittance System

- 1. Meetings scheduled with Office of Technical Services (OTS)
- Uniform Electronic Local Return & Remittance Advisory Committee Continue to reach out to entities for interest in serving on the committee. Mr. Lymon has reached out to the LATA President to identify local tax collectors who are interested in serving on behalf of LATA.
- 3. Meeting scheduled to establish guidelines on the hold harmless provisions for data, look up tool, and protocol for maintaining the database going forward. The system does not allow for historical data. Taxpayers have to go to the LATA website or local / individual taxing jurisdictions websites to verify historical tax rate data. A decision has to be made about how much historical information and where the single repository may reside, either on the LULSTB website or to the local / individual taxing jurisdictions websites.

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- 4. Board Member Concerns:
  - Costs of programming and maintenance
  - Considerations for Taxwatch include rates for specific locations and also a transaction date to match the effective tax rate for that date. Rate history has been maintained and available on the Parish E-File database. How to incorporate into the look up tool.
  - Acts language "incumbent upon locals to provide information..."
  - Date look up through bulk look up

# C. Voluntary Disclosure Agreement – Proposed Amendment

- 1. Proposed changes were distributed at July meeting.
- 2. Definition of affiliate clarified.

ON MOTION OF Jeffrey LaGrange, SECONDED BY Shawn McManus, AND CARRIED, the Board voted to amend the Voluntary Disclosure Agreement, Section 4 and Question #4 on the website application.

## D. Tax Advisory Proposals Pursuant to PPM No. 50.3:

1. Rent for re-rent Exemption for Oilfield Equipment

ON MOTION OF Shawn McManus, SECONDED BY Jeffrey LaGrange, AND CARRIED, the Board voted to approve policy advice contingent upon further updates to the law and revisions the board.

- 2. Taxability of Magazines, Newspapers, and Periodicals Draft is not ready. Will be presented at the September meeting for consideration.
- 3. TPP Incorporated into an Immovable

ON MOTION OF Jeffrey LaGrange, SECONDED BY Neshelle Nogess, AND CARRIED, the Board voted to adopt policy regarding repairs to component parts, buildings and other structures.

**E.** Groceries/Meals Delivery Services Update – In the process of gathering information.

This is a common sales tax issue with the parishes and the Louisiana Department of Revenue. Spoke with Secretary and comptroller to collaborate and provide guidance. Also considering guidance proposed by the Remote Seller's Commission.

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# 6. Financial Reports

- Financial Statements
- Y-T-D Budget Review
- Bills Paid Review/Approval

ON MOTION OF Amanda Granier, SECONDED BY Shawn McManus, AND CARRIED, the Board voted to receive the financial reports and approve the bill payments for the month ending July 31, 2023.

## 7. Other Business

None

#### 8. Public Comment

None

#### **Adjournment**

ON MOTION OF Jeffrey LaGrange, SECONDED BY Neshelle Nogess, AND CARRIED, the Board voted to adjourn at 3:00 PM.

Neshelle S. Nogess, Secretary

Nobelle S. Nagus