



PUBLIC NOTICE – PUBLIC COMMENT- CERTIFICATION

Notice is hereby given to the public that the Louisiana Public Defender Board will meet at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, December 14, 2020, via video-conferencing pursuant to La. R. S. 42:17.1 (Act 302 of the 2020 Regular Session).

The meeting will be conducted via ZOOM software application. Zoom is publicly available through web and mobile device applications, and the information on gaining access can be gained at their website <https://zoom.us/> or at Zoom's download center.

The public is able to access the meeting via Zoom application by going to this address: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81563499900?pwd=MEFvUW80Y1VMR2FsaDhqBHVlcFhQdz09>
The Meeting ID Number is: 815 6349 9900. Instructions for calling into the meeting (without accessing the application) are found on the LPDB website at this link: <http://lpdb.la.gov/Meetings/Next%20Meetings>.

To pre-register for Public Comment, email Anne Gwin at agwin@lpdb.la.gov at least 2 hours in advance of the meeting. The Chair will have discretion to recognize public comment.



Certification

Pursuant to Proclamation Number JBE 2020-30, Governor John Bel Edwards, having declared COVID-19 to be a Public Health Emergency throughout the state of Louisiana, authorized boards and commissions and others to provide for attendance at public meetings via teleconference or video conference during the pendency of this emergency. As of July 24, 2020, this provision has expired and the legal framework of R.S. 42:17.1 (Act 302 of the 2020 Regular Session) is now operative law providing a public body to conduct a public meeting via electronic means pursuant to certification of the presiding officer. Therefore,

I, C. Frank Holthaus, Chairman of the Louisiana Public Defender Board, hereby certify:

1. That the agenda for the Board meeting is limited to one or more of the following:
 - a) Matters that are directly related to the LPDB response to the emergency and are critical to the health, safety, or welfare of the public;
 - b) Matters that if delayed will cause curtailment of vital public services or severe economic dislocation and hardship;
 - c) Matters that are critical to continuation of the business of the Louisiana Public Defender Board and cannot be postponed due to a legal requirement or other deadline that cannot be postponed or delayed.
2. The nature of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency continues to make an open meeting detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of the public;
3. That pursuant to La. R.S. 42:171 attendance shall be provided for and allowed via teleconference or video conference;
4. That all efforts shall be made to provide for observation and input by the public; and
5. That this certification shall be posted at the same time and in the same manner as the notice of meeting and agenda.

At Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 24 day of September 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Frank Holthaus", is written over a horizontal line.

C. Frank Holthaus, Chairman



LOUISIANA PUBLIC DEFENDER BOARD

Monday, December 14, 2020

12:00 p.m.

Zoom¹

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Passcode: 278235

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Comments by Chairman, Frank Holthaus
2. Adoption of the Agenda* pg. 396-397
3. Public Comment
4. Adoption of the October 8, 2020 Minutes* pgs. 398-403
5. Budget Committee Report and Recommendations
 - a. FY21 Contract Amendments* pg. 404
 - b. FY22 Budget Request, \$68,235,844* pgs.405-406
6. Policy Committee Report and Recommendations
 - a. Policy Recommendation – District Regionalization Pursuant to La. R.S. 15:159* pgs. 407-417
 - b. Public Defenders Running for Public Office
7. FY 21 Supplemental Funding for District Public Defender Office Building Purchases/Renovations* pgs. 418-430
8. Executive Session²*

¹ This meeting is being held via a ZOOM video-conference pursuant to La. R. S. 42:17.1 (Act 302 of the 2020 Regular Session)

² The Board may vote to go into executive session pursuant to La. R.S. 42:16 by a two-thirds vote of the members present. The executive session is limited to matters allowed to be exempted from public discussion pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17. Accordingly, the Board may discuss the following: *State v. Covington*, Docket: 2020-KK-00447; *Allen v Edwards*, 19th JDC Docket: 655079, Sec: 27; 2019 CA 0125; *Susan Henry Hebert v. LPDB*, 19th JDC, Docket: C-694429, Sec 27. Also exempted from public discussion pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17 are matters that include discussion of the character and professional competence of a person; however, such person(s) may require that such discussion be held at an open meeting pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(A)(1). The Board will be reinterviewing and discussing the qualifications of these candidates for the District Defender position in District 13 (Evangeline Parish): Ms. Trisha Ward, Mr. Anthony Dupre and Mr. Gilbert Aucoin. No final or binding action will be taken during executive session.

- 9. District Issues pg. 431
 - a. District Defender Selection and Salary Recommendation District 13 (Evangeline Parish)*
 - b. Interim District Defender Appointments and Salary Recommendations*
 - i. District 6 (E. Carroll, Madison and Tensas Parishes)
 - c. District 9 (Rapides Parish) – Contempt Issue*
 - d. ROS

- 10. Staff Reports
 - a. SPD
 - b. Capital pgs. 432-458
 - c. Juvenile pgs. 459
 - d. Training pgs. 460

- 11. Next Meeting

- 12. Announcements

- 13. Adjournment*