

**VOLUNTEER LOUISIANA COMMISSION
PROVISIONAL MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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701 NORTH FOURTH STREET

BATON ROUGE, LA 70802

Commissioners Attending

Voting Members

Karen Moss-Barnes – Vice Chair

Sandra Cavalier

Kellie Duhon

Carissa Graves

Leslie Hill

Gwen Hilliard - Secretary

Mitzi Hochheiser – Chair

Lee Jeter

Angela Jouett

Julie LaFleur - Treasurer

Patrick Lawler

Paul Pratt

Grant Shreiner

Ex-Officio Members

Lora Grady

CNCS State Office

Ex-Officio Members Absent

John Bel Edwards, Governor

Billy Nungesser, Lt. Governor

Commissioners Absent

Kristan Gordon

Ryan Haynie

Mark Vilar

Kyle Wedberg

Staff Attending:

Judd Jeansonne

Tammy Son

Stephanie Trahan

Jawonna Mason

Kori Chisham

Staff Absent:

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mitzi Hochheiser called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM. Introductions were made for Roll call and a quorum was declared.

Lora Grady, Interim State Director for CNCS, introduced herself.

MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed; two typos were noted. Grant Shreiner moved to approve the minutes with the corrections, Angela Jouett seconded the motion; motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Julie LaFleur presented the Treasurer's Report. Report included a funding stream overview, closure of the Volunteer Generation Fund, review of activity with State General Funds, Admin/Commission Support Grant, and the Commission Investment Fund. Question on

Administrative budget projection. Presented Competitive, Competitive-School Turn-around, Formula, and Fixed Award Grants. Question on Commission Investment Fund projection and on expenses by ReNew Schools. Question on Volunteer Generation Fund grant; it has been expended and closed. Paul Pratt made a motion to accept the report as presented, Patrick Lawler seconded the motion; motion passed.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Mitzi Hochheiser discussed a letter for the US House and Senate members thanking them for their support of National Service and reinforcing the need to fund CNCS. The letter will include the names of the Commissioners and Mitzi asked if anyone wanted to opt out, to let her know. Mitzi will send out an Executive Director evaluation and encouraged Commissioners to meet with their committees on a regular basis. Mitzi asked for Commissioners to check the website and send updated information if needed, and also mentioned a few Commissioners have missed three or more meetings. Discussion on AmeriCorps week events.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Leslie Hill reported that the annual report is complete, copies will be distributed. Leslie reiterated the importance of recruitment for the Commission, there are gaps in Commissioner representation from the Northeast and Central parts of the state.

AMERICORPS COMMITTEE

No report, will have the AmeriCorps Formula applicant presentations.

VOLUNTEERISM/DISASTER SERVICES COMMITTEE

Kellie Duhon reported that the committee reviewed nominations in January and February, then announced winners of the Champions of Service award on February 21st. Kellie reported that members have attended community events and also announced future National Service days.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Judd Jeansonne provided an update on the OIG audit and reported the Commission had zero cost findings. Judd mentioned the up-coming conferences, the ID Badge initiative and the disaster services legislation with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP). Question on if groups with GOHSEP will be labeled as volunteers and can their hours be counted with the state cost-share.

COMMISSIONER EDUCATION

Presentation of AmeriCorps Formula applicants; snapshot of programs provided in Commissioner Binders.

Continuation Applicants:

Boys & Girls Club of Acadiana
Boys & Girls Club of North Central Louisiana
Catholic Charities
Playworks

Recompete Applicants:

Boys & Girls Club of Greater Baton Rouge

Impact Lake Charles

Synergy, Education, and Environment of West Monroe (SEE West Monroe)

ShreveCorps

University of Louisiana at Lafayette AmeriCorps

New Applicant:

Preservation Alliance of New Orleans

Lora Grady with CNCS handed out information on the National Service Recognition Day and shared her email address, Lgrady@cns.gov.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35pm.