

VOLUNTEER LOUISIANA MINUTES

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

10:00 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

In Person Meeting

Louisiana State Library

Commissioners Attending Voting Members Kellie Duhon Matthew LaBorde Karen Burks Suzanne Harris Travis Tharp Brian Davis Scott Green Agnieszka Nance Tinicia Turner Matthew Fairbrother Paul Pratt DeRon Talley Patricia Prudhomme Leigh Hersey Kyle Wedberg Commissioners Absent Voting Members Africa Price Stefanny Alecon Heather Carpenter Micah Nicholas	Ex-Officio Members Present Katherine Krehbiel, CNCS Jeffery Wale Ex-Officio Members Absent Jeff Landry, Governor Billy Nungesser, Lt. Governor Staff Attending Jacob Brumfield Judd Jeansonne Breanna Jenkins Amanda Smith Stephnie Taylor-Stell Heather Mazeitis-Fontenot Lori Pilley
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Call to Order

Chair Kellie Duhon called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda items were approved with a motion by DeRon Talley and a second by Kyle Wedberg.

Chair's report

Kellie informed everyone about AmeriCorps Week, a time to promote AmeriCorps. Volunteer Commission is accepting applications for additional commissioners. She reminded commissioners to complete required financial disclosure form for the Board of Ethics.

Kellie gave a brief Million Meals for MLK report. There were 3.1 million total meals and a 12,500 total hours at five Louisiana regional food banks. There were virtual donations of over 1000 meals and pledges of additional volunteer hours. This was celebrated as a great volunteerism effort in Louisiana.

Kellie and Judd attended a Leadership Convening in Washington and provided a debrief of their activity and the people they talked with.

Executive Director report

Judd presented the new Annual Report document. Commissioners commented about the high-quality document. He reviewed highlights from the report.

Judd hired a new communications director, Samantha Hartman. She was introduced to commissioners at the beginning of the meeting.

Judd is going to recruit new commissioners.

Judd reported about the ASC Accelerator Report and the suggestions to improve Louisiana Volunteer Commission with their operations. The report is split into several sections: Talent Management, Operational Planning, Commission Reporting and Commission Reporting, External Affairs, and Resource Development, and Commitment, Grantmaking.

Judd and staff have been managing compliance with presidential executive orders. Activities have not been impacted; although, staff and program directors have been under additional stress.

Judd met with the legislative delegation in a recent trip to Washington, D.C. for the ASC Leadership Convening.

Commissioner Education

Presentations from grant applicants were conducted prior to the business of the commission.

College Beyond: a program designed to mentor eligible college students to increase the completion rate.

Feeding Louisiana: provide additional funding to help in each of the five regional food banks to provide strategic service to each one.

Louisiana Green Corps: participants will learn valuable skills in and environmental stewardship.

Tulane University Center for Public Service: connect service projects with student volunteerism to address homelessness.

Committees:

Each of the three committees, AmeriCorps, Volunteerism and Disaster Services, and Executive, met to create strategies and goals to guide the work of the commission.

Adjournment

Kelly Duhon adjourned the meeting at 2:03 with a motion from DeRon Talley and a second by Matt Fairbrother.