

VOLUNTEER LOUISIANA COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2024
10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
In Person Meeting
Food Bank of Central Louisiana

Commissioners Attending Voting Members Suzanne Harris Travis Tharp Brian Davis Kellie Duhon Scott Green Agnieszka Nance Micah Nicholas Tinicia Turner Matthew Fairbrother Africa Price Paul Pratt Heather Carpenter Karen Burks Commissioners Absent Voting Members DeRon Talley Matthew LaBorde Patricia Prudhomme Leigh Hersey Stefanny Alecon Kyle Wedberg	Ex-Officio Members Present None Ex-Officio Members Absent Jeff Landry, Governor Billy Nungesser, Lt. Governor Katherine Krehbiel, CNCS Jeffery Wale Staff Attending Jacob Brumfield Judd Jeansonne Breanna Jenkins Amanda Smith Stephnie Taylor-Stell Heather Mazeitis-Fontenot
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Commissioner Field Trip: The Food Bank of Central Louisiana gave the commissioners a tour of the facility. They explained the outdoor garden and classroom, the new contracts to serve seniors, the capital expansion projects, and the volunteerism that keeps the food bank process running smoothly. Commissioners served as volunteers to fill food boxes for distribution.

Call to Order

Chair Kellie Duhon called the meeting to order at 12:30 P.M.

Commissioner Education

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

Two AmeriCorp participants shared their personal stories. Forrest is a veteran who needed a place to serve after leaving the military. AmeriCorp helped fill a need for him in being able to serve others in need. Melissa works in the mobile pantry and shared how her work addresses food insecurity at the various sites on their delivery routes.

Consent Agenda

The October minutes and the financial report were approved as corrected with a motion by Matthew Fairbrother and a second by Paul Pratt.

Chair's report.

Kellie reminded commissioners to complete required trainings.

Kellie shared her enthusiasm for this volunteer commission role. She reminded commissioners about the Million Meals for MLK. She sent commissioners invites for Blue Cross work days in case they were interested in participating.

Executive director report

Judd reported about the ASC Strength Accelerator Visit on Dec. 3-5. They were able to learn from other commissioners and receive their feedback.

Commissioners asked questions about the Americorps Oversight Hearing in the National Update Section. Judd reported that there are good transition meetings happening following the election.

Lori gave reminders about the upcoming commissioner visits and the Champions of Service Awards Luncheon April 28. Several commissioners encouraged new commissioners to participate in attending and reviewing applications.

Adjournment

Kelly Duhon adjourned the meeting at 1:55 with a motion from Paul Jetter and a second by Travis Tharp.