

**VOLUNTEER LOUISIANA COMMISSION  
PROVISIONAL MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, September 16th, 2020

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

**Commissioners Attending**

**Voting Members**

Kellie Duhon-Treasurer

Sarah Mouton Floyd

Carissa Graves

Ryan Haynie

Mitzi Hochheiser

Lee Jeter-Vice Chair

Matthew Laborde

Julie Lafleur

Patrick Lawler-Secretary

Shedonna Martin-Mason

Grant Shreiner

Gerren Sias

DeRon Talley

Kyle Wedberg-Chair

**Ex-Officio Members**

**Ex-Officio Members Absent**

John Bel Edwards, Governor

Billy Nungesser, Lt. Governor

**Call to Order**

Chair Kyle Wedberg called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM. Roll call was conducted and a quorum was declared.

**Minutes**

Gerren Sias made the motion to approve the minutes and Mitzi Hochheiser seconded.

**Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report was presented. Some funds left over that were intended for CERT training will try to be carried over in order to cover disasters in FY 21. Covid 19 has impeded the drawdown of funds by grantees as well as the Commission.

**Chairs Report**

We will be doing the annual review of the Executive Director.

**Executive Director's Report**

**Commissioners Absent**

Amy Burris

Leslie Hill

Gwen Hilliard

Angela Jouett

Paul Pratt

Wendy Primeaux

Jay Blackmon Williams

**Staff Attending:**

Judd Jeansonne

Stephanie Trahan

Jawonna Mason

Kori Chisham

Amanda Smith

**Staff Absent:**

The Executive Director introduced two new staff, Emma Espenan and Jake Polansky. Volunteer Louisiana's regional CNCS office has started its transition. The CORPS Acts passage has been unlikely. Due to the recent storms the Volunteer Louisiana Disaster Donation Fund has seen an increase in funds.

### **Commissioner Education**

#### Hurricane Laura

- They have been able to use Social Media to direct potential Volunteers and Donors to the Volunteer Louisiana Website.
- The Lt. Governor filmed a PSA for Hurricane Laura relief efforts.
- Kori Chisam has been helping to manage the State VOAD system and Bluecross helped develop a flyer.
- Emma Espenan gave an overview of the data analytics of the commission website traffic analytics.
- The Executive Director visited Lake Charles with the Lieutenant Governor and met with relief organizations.
- Organizations are reporting that the Commissions Volunteers are bringing them more volunteers.

#### AmeriCorps Commission

- An update was given on grantees that are changing their programs or award amount and will require a grant amendment to their awards.
- An update was also given on grantees not changing their programs
- Staff has worked with grantees to adjust programs so they can be as effective as possible during Covid 19.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 pm.