

**VOLUNTEER LOUISIANA COMMISSION  
PROVISIONAL MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11TH, 2020

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

STATE LIBRARY OF LOUISIANA

701 NORTH FOURTH STREET

BATON ROUGE, LA 70802

**Commissioners Attending**

**Voting Members**

Sarah Floyd

Carissa Graves

Mitzi Hochheiser

Lee Jeter-Vice Chair

Angela Jouett

Matthew Laborde

Julie Lafleur

Patrick Lawler-Secretary

Shedonna Martin-Mason

Paul Pratt

Gerren Sias

Grant Shreiner

Kyle Wedberg-Chair

**Ex-Officio Members Absent**

John Bel Edwards, Governor

Billy Nungesser, Lt. Governor

Lora Grady, CNCS State Office

**Commissioners Absent**

Amy Burriss

Sandra Cavalier

Kellie Duhon-Treasurer

Ryan Haynie

Leslie Hill

Gwen Hilliard

Wendy Primeaux

DeRon Talley

Jay Blackmon Williams

**Staff Attending:**

Judd Jeansonne

Stephanie Trahan

Jawonna Mason

Amanda Smith

Kori Chisham

**Staff Absent:**

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 10:09am. Roll call was conducted and a quorum was declared.

Chair Kyle Wedberg presented the Governor's Commendation for AmeriCorps Week. Group pictures with AmeriCorps Alumni and board members were taken.

**Chairs Report**

Kyle Wedberg discussed attending the America's Service Commissions Convening in Washington, DC and Hill Day visits with Louisiana elected officials. Kyle asked Commissioners to consider supporting the Commission Sign-on Letter and ask US elected officials for their support

of the Education Award Tax Relief Act. Kyle mentioned that three elected officials from Louisiana are on the National Service caucus and stated more should be involved. Kyle also asked for Commissioners to submit their financial disclosure statements by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Executive Director's Report**

Judd Jeanson announced the 2020 Champions of Service Awards will be held on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Judd gave a staff hiring update and discussed coronavirus and continuity of operations plan, to include telework options. With regards to AmeriCorps, if programs are impacted by Coronavirus measures, AmeriCorps members will still be able to earn their living stipend. Discussion on disaster relief and the role of the commission as it relates to Coronavirus.

### **Minutes**

Two corrections were noted with the minutes as presented, one with regards to a motion and one with regards to the Executive Director's report. Shedonna Martin-Mason made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections and Paul Pratt seconded the motion.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Kyle Wedberg expressed his thanks to Kellie Duhon, Treasurer, and Jawonna Mason, Financial Officer, for working on an updated report format. Discussion on whether the financial report has to be approved or if just the report is accepted by the Commission without approval of numbers.

### **Commissioner Education**

AmeriCorps Formula applicants presented to the Commission. The following programs presented: American Youthworks, Boys & Girls Club Baton Rouge, Boys & Girls Club North Louisiana, Communities in Service, Impact Lake Charles, Louisiana Delta Service Corps, Louisiana Department of Veterans, Rebuilding Together New Orleans, SEE West Monroe, ShreveCorps, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Boys & Girls Club of Acadiana, Catholic Charities.

### **Volunteer Committee**

An update was given on the numbers of the Louisiana Volunteer Service Award and the Community Service Diploma Endorsement. For the Community Service Diploma Endorsement, a motion was made to change the BESE bulletin/policy language to remove the hourly grade requirements but to keep the total of a minimum of 80 hours of volunteer service by graduation. Matt Laborde made the motion and Gerren Sias seconded the motion.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20pm.