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LOUISIANA OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

— A PROGRAM OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS —

Minutes Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Advisory Board Meeting June 25, 2024

The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Advisory Board met on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at 10:08 a.m. in the Pensacola Room of the Galvez Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Cable called the meeting to order and the roll was called.

LOSFA Advisory Board Members Present

Dr. Amy Cable
Lindsay Carlino
MaryAnn Coleman
Mary-Katherine Hooper
Kristi Lawson
Bradley Meyers
Jamie Miller
Joe Salter

LOSFA Advisory Board Members Absent

Preston Castille
Emily Otken

Virtual Attendees

Andrew Granger
Maple Gaines **

*** Board Member could not attend in person, but joined virtually for informational purposes only.*

Staff Members Present

Monique Aron
Dr. Sujuan Boutté
Rhonda Bridevaux
Alice Brown
Brian Cook
Shayne Creppel
Connor Doucet
Shanna Estay
Tonya Evans
Chelsey Gallow-Hopkins
Brittany Lee
Robyn Lively
Ethan Mason
Destiny Morris
Deborah Paul
Tarrandon Pool
Kyleigh Quiroga
Patrick Roque
LaConga Scott
Kelly Steed-Merricks
Charnell Tademy
Bryan Tanner
Trudy Tietje
Terri Underwood
Vikas Yadav



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Eight members were present, which represented a quorum.

Under Introductions and Announcements, LOSFA introduced the newest members of the LOSFA Advisory Board and new employees, and it announced Alice T. Brown's retirement from LOSFA effective August 3, 2024.

On motion of Ms. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Meyers, the LOSFA Advisory Board approved the minutes from the April 17, 2024, meeting of the LOSFA Advisory Board.

Staff provided the Advisory Board members with updates on the following LOSFA programs: Louisiana's Saving Programs; College Access, Success, and Communications; Student Engagement; GO Grant; John R. Justice Program; GO Youth Challenge Program; MJ Foster Promise Program; and the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS). The Executive Director Update introduced LOSFA's newest units, the Audit Technical Assistance and the Research and Business Intelligence units. The Audit Technical Assistants presented on their recent questionnaire to the Louisiana Financial Aid Offices to help enhance LOSFA services and support to the institutions. The Research and Business Intelligent Unit presented on their functions and objectives.

Under New Business, it was proposed that the LOSFA Advisory Board consider rulemaking to implement Act 633 and Act 102 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Meyers, seconded by Ms. Carlino, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommend that the Louisiana Board of Regents authorize the Executive Director of LOSFA to publish a notice of intent to make these rules permanent.

It was proposed that the LOSFA Advisory Board consider rulemaking to amend Sections 301, 704, 804, 1203, and to delete Chapter 13.

On motion of Mr. Salter, seconded by Ms. Coleman, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommend that the Louisiana Board of Regents authorize the Executive Director of LOSFA to publish a notice of intent to make these rules permanent.

It was proposed that the Advisory Board consider the attached requests for exception to the TOPS regulatory provisions that require students to remain continuously enrolled and to earn the annual credit hours required during the academic year and to the M.J. Foster requirement that a student maintain continuous enrollment in school.

On motion of Ms. Lawson, and seconded by Ms. Hooper, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommended that the Louisiana Board of Regents approve the requests for Moatasim (1016785), Jocelynn (1086471), Ja'Lah (1092334), Kristian (1091592), Paul (973467), Shamiya (1114906), Kharlese (1111642), Skylar (990824), Franklin (1093814), Terry (1047074), and Miyah (1088350).

There being no further business, Mr. Salter made a motion to adjourn at 11:56 a.m., which was seconded by Ms. Hooper.