## LOSFA

**Minutes**

**Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Advisory Board**

**March 14, 2019**

The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Advisory Board met on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 11:17 am in the Oliver Pollock Conference Room of the Galvez Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chairman Maryann Coleman called the meeting to order and the roll was called.

**LOSFA Advisory Board Members Present**

**Present Staff Members**

MaryAnn Coleman Dr. Sujuan Boutté

Leslie Gilliland\* Rhonda Bridevaux Wendy Grubb Dr. Tireka Cobb

Kristi Lawson Brittany Francis

Brooks Powell Carol Fulco

Katraya Williams Brett Hunt

Robyn Lively

Torrie Lawson

Deborah Paul

Andrew Granger

**LOSFA Advisory Board Members Absent**

Amy Cable

Dr. Leroy Davis

Richard Davis, Jr

*\*Proxy for Raphael Curtis*

Sujuan Boutte, Ed.D.

Executive Director

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Six members were present, which did represent a quorum.

The LOSFA Advisory Board voted to amend the agenda to add an item under New Business.

**On motion of Ms. Grubb, seconded by Ms. Lawson, the LOSFA Advisory Board approved adding the item that considers rulemaking to amend the START Saving Program administrative rules to add interest rates to be applied to deposits and Earnings Enhancements in eligible START Saving Program accounts for the year ending December 31, 2018; and to amend the Louisiana START Saving Program Rules and the START K12 Program rules to delete the requirement that account owners provide their social security number and the beneficiary’s social security number when requesting a disbursement under New Business.**

**On motion of Ms. Grubb, seconded by Mr. Powell, the LOSFA Advisory Board approved the minutes from the January 10, 2019 meeting.**

Staff provided the Advisory Board members with updates on the following programs: START Saving Program, LOSFA Field Outreach for Statewide and Intensive Services, BESE Tuition Program for Teachers, Go Grant and LCTCS Go Grant Noncredit Pilot Program, John R. Justice Program, TOPS and GO Youth ChalleNGe Program.

Under Old Business, it was proposed that the Advisory Board consider publication of final rule to amend the Chafee Educational Training and Voucher Program administrative rules to implement new federal guidelines.

**On motion of Mr. Powell, seconded by Ms. Lawson, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommended that the Board of Regents authorize publication of the final rule.**

Under New Business, it was proposed that the Advisory Board consider recommending that Sections 301, 803, 1501, 1903, and 2103 of the Scholarship and Grant Program Rules be amended to update the definition of selective enrollment program, to remove references to program year, and to amend the types of requests for exception that may be considered by LOSFA staff.

**On motion of Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Powell, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommended that the Board of Regents approve the rulemaking to update the definition of selective enrollment program, to remove references to program year, and to amend the types of requests for exception that may be considered by LOSFA staff and 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 six (6) 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.

**On motion of Ms. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Powell, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommended that the Board of Regents approve the requests for Chelsea (740297), Albert (819602), Jordan (803542), Jeannie (639233), Trinity (780088), and Robert (796029).**

It was proposed that the Advisory Board consider rulemaking to amend the START Saving Program administrative rules to add interest rates to be applied to deposits and Earnings Enhancements in eligible START Saving Program accounts for the year ending December 31, 2018; and to amend the Louisiana START Saving Program Rules and the START K12 Program rules to delete the requirement that account owners provide their social security number and the beneficiary’s social security number when requesting a disbursement.

**On motion of Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. Gilliland, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommended that the Louisiana Tuition Trust Authority (LATTA) approve the rulemaking to amend the START Saving Program administrative rules to add interest rates to be applied to deposits and Earnings Enhancements in eligible START Saving Program accounts for the year ending December 31, 2018; and to amend the Louisiana START Saving Program Rules and the START K12 Program rules to delete the requirement that account owners provide their social security number and the beneficiary’s social security number when requesting a disbursement.**

There being no further business, Ms. Lawson made a motion to adjourn at 12:32 p.m. which was seconded by Ms. Williams.