**Minutes**

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

**June 7, 2018**

The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Advisory Board met on Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 10:36 a.m. in the Oliver Pollock Conference Room of the Galvez Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chairman Ann A. Smith called the meeting to order and the roll was called.

**LOSFA Advisory Board Members Present**

**Present Staff Members**

Amy Cable Dr. Sujuan Boutté Kevin Calbert\* Rhonda Bridevaux

MaryAnn Coleman Alice T. Brown

Richard Davis, Jr. Dr. Tireka Cobb

Ann A. Smith Kelvin Deloch

Carol Fulco

Brett Hunt

Robyn Lively

Deborah Paul

Gus Wales

Cory Wicker

**LOSFA Advisory Board Members Absent**

John Condos

Denise LaTour

Amy Marix

Michael Murphy

Carol Pool

Brooks Powell

\*Proxy for Ms. Shan Davis

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Executive Director

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Five members were present, which did not represent a quorum.

Ms. Smith called the meeting into Executive Committee in accordance with the agenda. Three members of the Executive Committee were present. Ms. Smith temporarily appointed Ms. Cable and Mr. Davis to the Executive Committee and a quorum was established.

**On motion of Ms. Coleman, seconded by Ms. Cable, the LOSFA Advisory Board approved the minutes from the May 3, 2018 meeting.**

Staff provided the Advisory Board members with updates on the following programs: START Saving Program, LA ABLE Program, LOSFA Field Outreach for Statewide and Intensive Services, Go Grant, John R. Justice Program and TOPS.

Under New Business, it was proposed that the Advisory Board consider rulemaking to implement Act 671 of the 2018 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature and to add course equivalents for TOPS and for TOPS Tech.

**On motion of Ms. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Calbert, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommend that the Board of Regents adopt the proposed amendments in emergency rules, authorize the Executive Director of LOSFA to publish notice of the emergency rules, and authorize the Executive Director to publish notice of intent to make these rules permanent.**

It was proposed that the Advisory Board consider rulemaking to implement Act 57 and Act 687, which creates START K-12, of the 2018 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

**On motion of Ms. Cable, seconded by Mr. Davis, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommend that the Louisiana Tuition Trust Authority adopt the proposed amendments in emergency rules, authorize the Executive Director of LOSFA to publish notice of the emergency rules, and authorize the Executive Director to publish notice of intent to make these rules permanent.**

It was proposed that the Advisory Board consider three (3) 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 Mr. Davis seconded by Mr. Calbert, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommends that the Board of Regents approve the requests for Kari (742521), Dayanaira (720390), and Jill (721495).**

It was proposed that the Advisory Board elect a new chairman beginning July 2018. Mr. Davis made a motion to nominate Ms. Coleman as the chairman of the LOSFA Advisory Board beginning July 2018. Ms. Cable seconded the motion and the motion passed with no objections.

There being no further business, Ms. Cable made a motion to adjourn at 11:41 a.m. and seconded by Mr. Davis.