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**Minutes**

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

**September 6, 2018**

The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Advisory Board met on Thursday, September 6, 2018 immediately following the Joint Meeting of the Louisiana ABLE Account Advisory Council and the Louisiana Advisory Board meeting 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**

Amy Cable Dr. Sujuan Boutté MaryAnn Coleman Rhonda Bridevaux

Richard Davis, Jr.\* Alice T. Brown

Shan Davis Sharon Chandler

Brooks Powell\* Dr. Tireka Cobb

Ann A. Smith Caleshia Clark

Kelvin Deloch

Brittany Francis

Carol Fulco

Brett Hunt

Robyn Lively

Deborah Paul

Gus Wales

Cory Wicker

**LOSFA Advisory Board Members Absent**

John Condos

Amy Marix

Michael Murphy

Carol Pool

*\*Joined via conference call*

**Guest Present**

Dr. Leroy Davis

Sujuan Boutté, Ed.D.

Executive Director

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

Mr. Davis and Mr. Powell joined via conference call and a quorum was established..

**On motion of Ms. Cable, seconded by Ms. Davis, the LOSFA Advisory Board approved the minutes from the August 9, 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 Old Business, it was proposed that the Advisory Board recommend that the Louisiana Tuition Trust Authority authorize publication of the final rule to amend Sections 107 and 311 of the START Saving Program Rules and that Chapter 7 be promulgated to implement Act 53 of the 2018 Regular Session of the Legislature. There was no discussion.

**On motion of Ms. Cable, seconded by Ms. Davis, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommended that the Louisiana Tuition Authority authorize publication of final rule.**

It was proposed that the Advisory Board recommend that the Board of Regents authorize publication of final rule to amend Sections 509, 703, 803, and 2113 of the Scholarship and Grant Program Rules to implement Act 671 of the 2018 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature and to add course equivalents to the TOPS Opportunity, Performance and Honors Awards core curriculum and to the TOPS Tech Core Curriculum.

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

Under New Business, it was proposed that the Advisory Board consider rulemaking to amend the Chafee Educational Training and Voucher Program administrative rules to implement new federal guidelines.

**On motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Cable, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommended that the Board of Regents authorize adoption of 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 Ms. Smith seconded by Ms. Cable, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommended that the Board of Regents approve the requests for Tayler (639894), Kelsie (759901), and Cody (702028).**

It was proposed that the Advisory Board consider two (2) requests for exception to the TOPS regulatory provision that requires a student to file the FAFSA no later than 120 days after the July 1 following the one year anniversary of his graduation from high school.

**On motion of Ms. Davis seconded by Ms. Smith, the LOSFA Advisory Board rejected the recommendation to deny the requests and recommended that the Board of Regents suspend the deadline it has set forth in the administrative rules under the circumstances presented by the students and approve the requests for Nicholas (853793) and Ross (855790).**

There being no further business, Ms. Davis made a motion to adjourn at 12:43 p.m. which was seconded by Ms. Smith.