## LOSFA

**Minutes**

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

**August 1, 2019**

The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Advisory Board met on Thursday, August 1, 2019 at 10:48 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**

Barrye Bailey\* Dr. Sujuan Boutté

Amy Cable Rhonda Bridevaux MaryAnn Coleman Alice Brown

Kristi Lawson Dr. Tireka Cobb Brooks Powell Kelvin Deloch

Shawn Williams Shanna Estay

Brittany Francis

Carol Fulco

Andrew Granger

Brett Hunt

Torrie Lawson

Robyn Lively

Deborah Paul

Gus Wales

**LOSFA Advisory Board Members Absent**

Dr. Leroy Davis

Wendy Grubb

Katraya Williams

*\*Proxy for Raphael Curtis*

Sujuan Boutte, Ed.D.

Executive Director

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Six members were present, which did represent a quorum.

**On motion of Ms. Lawson seconded by Ms. Cable, the LOSFA Advisory Board approved the minutes from the June 13, 2019 meeting.**

Staff provided the Advisory Board members with updates on the following programs: Louisiana Savings Programs, LOSFA Field Outreach for Statewide and Intensive Services, BESE Tuition Program for Teachers, Go Grant, John R. Justice Program, TOPS, and the GO-Youth ChalleNGe Program.

Under Old Business, it was proposed that the LOSFA Advisory Board consider recommending publication of final rule 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 delete the requirement that account owners include social security numbers on disbursement request forms for both the START Saving Program and the START K12 Saving Program.

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

It was proposed that the Advisory Board consider recommending publication of final rule to amend the Scholarship and Grant Program Rules 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. Cable, seconded by Mr. Powell, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommended that the Board of Regents authorize publication of the final rule.**

Under New Business, it was proposed that the LOSFA Advisory Board consider four (4) 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. Powell, seconded by Ms. Bailey, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommended that the Board of Regents approve the requests for Chelsea (740297), Mallorie (833119), Hailey (808414) and Fouziah (709720).**

There being no further business, Mr. Williams made a motion to adjourn at 12:13 p.m. which was seconded by Ms. Lawson.