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**Minutes**

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

**February 13, 2020**

The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Advisory Board met on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 10:38 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**

Dr. Amy Cable Dr. Sujuan Boutté

MaryAnn Coleman Rhonda Bridevaux

Wendy Grubb Alice Brown

Kristi Lawson Kelvin Deloch

Sharmain Lazard-Talbert Shanna Estay

Brooks Powell Brittany Francis

Shawn Williams Torrie Lawson

Robyn Lively

Deborah Paul

Terri Underwood

**LOSFA Advisory Board Members Absent**

Barrye Bailey

Dr. Leroy Davis

Sujuan Boutte, Ed.D.

Executive Director

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Seven members were present, which did represent a quorum.

**On motion of Mr. Powell, seconded by Mr. Williams, the LOSFA Advisory Board approved the minutes from the January 15, 2020 meeting of the Executive Committee of the LOSFA Advisory Board.**

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 New Business, it was proposedthat the Advisory Board consider rulemaking to amend Section 107 of the START Saving Program Rules to amend the definition of Qualified Higher Education Expenses to align the START Saving Program Rules with Internal Revenue Code Section 529, as amended by the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement (SECURE) Act and to amend Section 315 to add the applicable interest rates for the START Saving Program for the 2019 calendar year.

**On motion of Ms. Grubb seconded by Ms. Lawson, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommended that the Louisiana Tuition Trust Authority approve the rulemaking to amend Section 107 of the START Saving Program Rules to update the definition of Qualified Higher Education Expenses to align the START Saving Program Rules with Internal Revenue Code Section 529, as amended by the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement (SECURE) Act and to amend Section 315 to add the applicable interest rates for the START Saving Program for the 2019 calendar year.**

Under New Business, it was proposedthat 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.

**On motion of Ms. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Grubb, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommended that the Board of Regents approve the requests for Ashuanti (754940), Bear (841480), Tyrin (733250), Jillian (866276), Kamryn (868439), Kole (862960), Gloria (843239), and Tyrin (806688).**

There being no further business, Mr. Williams made a motion to adjourn at 11:49 a.m. which was seconded by Mr. Powell.