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Minutes
Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Advisory Board
August 18, 2020

LOSFA

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The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Advisory Board met on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 10:41 am via virtual platform due to COVID-19 restrictions implemented through Executive Order. Chair MaryAnn Coleman called the meeting to order and the roll was called.

LOSFA Advisory Board Members Present

Present

Barrye Bailey
 Dr. Amy Cable
 MaryAnn Coleman
 Stone Cox
 Dr. Leroy Davis
 Wendy Grubb
 Kristi Lawson
 Amy Marix**
 Michelle Phelps*

Staff Members

Dr. Sujuan Boutté
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 Brittany Francis
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 Robyn Lively
 Deborah Paul
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LOSFA Advisory Board Members Absent

Dr. Jim Henderson
 Sharmain Lazard-Talbert

**Proxy for Brooks Powell*

***Joined during Program Updates*

Nine members were present, which did represent a quorum.

On motion of Dr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Cable the LOSFA Advisory Board approved the minutes from the July 14, 2020 meeting of the LOSFA Advisory Board.

Staff provided the Advisory Board members with updates on the following programs: Louisiana Savings Programs, Public Information and Communications, LOSFA Field Outreach for 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 proposed that the Advisory Board consider 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. Grubb, seconded by Ms. Lawson, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommended that the Louisiana Board of Regents approve the requests for Varnecia (603117), Megan (754771), William (829264), Yvonne (833615), Alanna (726840), Haley (826679), and Harrison (859778).

It was proposed that the Advisory Board consider and act upon a request for exception to the deadline to provide documentation of initial TOPS eligibility no later than the January 15 following the student's final FAFSA deadline. LOSFA staff explained that it was necessary that it recommend denial of the request because the administrative rules do not provide for an exception to the applicable deadline. Staff further explained that the administering agency has the authority to provide an exception to the deadline it established in the administrative rules when circumstances warrant such an exception.

After discussion, on motion of Ms. Marix, seconded by Ms. Bailey, the LOSFA Advisory Board overruled staff recommendation for denial and approved the request for Morgan (871817).

There being no further business, Ms. Marix made a motion to adjourn at 11:31 a.m. which was seconded by Mr. Cox.