

CERTIFICATION OF INABILITY TO OPERATE DUE TO LACK OF IN-PERSON QUORUM

I certify, in accordance with Proclamation Nos. 117 JBE 2020 and 118 JBE 2020, issued by Governor John Bel Edwards on September 11, 2020, that the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Advisory Board, an Advisory Board to the Board of Regents, will be unable to operate—in particular it will be unable to meet its bylaw and quorum requirements—and will be unable to comply with its Open Meetings Law requirements, because of the orders in Proclamation No. 75 JBE 2020, Section 2 C, which states, “All state agencies, boards and commissions, and local political subdivisions of the state shall continue to provide for attendance at essential governmental meetings via teleconference or video conference and such attendance shall be allowed during the pendency of this emergency. All efforts shall be made to provide for observation and input by members of the public. Before any meeting conducted pursuant to this section, the state agency, boards and commission, or local political subdivision of the state shall first provide a written certification that it will otherwise be unable to operate due to quorum requirements. Such certification shall be posted at the same time and in the same manner as the agenda for the meeting. Nothing in this order shall be interpreted to waive any notice requirements.”

The Board’s September 17, 2020, meeting is essential for the LOSFA Advisory Board to fulfill its duties and responsibilities under Louisiana Revised Statutes 17:3021 et seq, including consideration of those matters relating to the student financial assistance programs, Section 529 College Savings Plan of the state and to provide technical advice and recommendations to the Board of Regents through LOSFA staff on such matters.

Pursuant to Section 2 of Proclamation No. 75 JBE 2020, the LOSFA Advisory Board will provide for attendance by the public at its essential meeting on September 17, 2020, via video or teleconference.

Considering the foregoing, and in accordance with Proclamation Nos.74 JBE 2020 and 75 JBE 2020, the LOSFA Advisory Board meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2020, at 10:30 a.m. will be held via video conference and in a manner that allows for observation and input by members of the public, as set forth in the Notice posted on September 14, 2020.

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Chairman of LOSFA Advisory Board