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Minutes

**Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Advisory Board
 September 17, 2020**

The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Advisory Board met on Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 10:40 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
 Wendy Grubb
 Kristi Lawson
 Sharmain Lazard-Talbert
 Amy Marix**
 Michelle Phelps*

Staff Members

Dr. Sujuan Boutté
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 Robyn Lively
 Deborah Paul
 Terri Underwood

LOSFA Advisory Board Members Absent

Dr. Leroy Davis
 Dr. Jim Henderson

**Proxy for Brooks Powell*

***Joined during Program Updates*

Nine members were present, which did represent a quorum.

On motion of Ms. Bailey, seconded by Ms. Grubb the LOSFA Advisory Board approved the minutes from the August 18, 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 LOSFA Advisory Board consider rulemaking to provide exceptions for TOPS, Rockefeller State Wildlife Scholarship, and GO Youth Challenge recipients who were affected by Hurricane Laura and to provide deferments for those students who are currently in repayment status for Rockefeller State Wildlife Scholarship Program Recipients and TOPS Teacher Recipients.

On motion of Ms. Grubb, seconded by Ms. Bailey the LOSFA Advisory Board recommended that the Louisiana Board of Regents adopt the rulemaking in emergency rules and authorize the Executive Director of LOSFA to publish a notice of intent to make the rules permanent.

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. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Bailey, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommended that the Louisiana Board of Regents approve the requests for Jinaki (763626), Larisha (897390), Paul (854294), Tristan (850152), Sloan (784780), Joshua (828829), Christian (837863), and Benjamin (838568).

There being no further business, Ms. Talbert made a motion to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. which was seconded by Mr. Cox.