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**Minutes**

**Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Advisory Board  
 November 5, 2020**

**LOSFA**

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The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Advisory Board met on Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 10:32 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  
 Kristi Lawson  
 Sharmain Lazard-Talbert  
 Amy Marix  
 Brooks Powell  
 Andrea Rye\*

**Staff Members**

Dr. Sujuan Boutté  
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**LOSFA Advisory Board Members Absent**

Stone Cox  
 Dr. Leroy Davis  
 Dr. Jim Henderson

*\*Proxy for Wendy Grubb*

*\*\*Joined during Program Updates*

Seven members were present, which did represent a quorum.

**On motion of Ms. Bailey, seconded by Ms. Marix the LOSFA Advisory Board approved the minutes from the September 17, 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 Old Business, it was proposed that the LOSFA Advisory Board consider publication of final rules to amend Sections 509, 703, 705, 803 and 805 of the Scholarship and Grant Program rules to implement the provisions of Act 225, Act 245, and Act 346 of the 2020 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

**On motion of Mr. Powell, seconded by Ms. Talbert, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommended that the Louisiana Board of Regents authorize publication of the final rule.**

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. Talbert seconded by Ms. Cable, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommended that the Louisiana Board of Regents approve the requests for Abdulhadi (830165), Simin (694610), Isabel (904676), Emilia (780427), Cody (842305), Julia (926770), Connor (896327), Julian (865847), Maggie (836183), Antonia (787213), Cassidy (919437), Cameron (865894), Audrey (790774), Charlotte (886163) and Cameron (798537).**

It was proposed that Advisory Board consider rulemaking to implement additional waivers and/or exceptions for students impacted by Hurricanes Laura, Hurricane Delta, or any other natural disaster occurring during the 2020-2021 Academic Year, and to extend the ACT testing deadline for 2020 high school graduates as provided for in Act 17 of the Second Extraordinary Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

**On motion of Ms. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Marix, 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 these rules permanent, including any extension of the rulemaking to include students who were living in or attending a postsecondary institution in any parishes included in a post-impact disaster declaration related to Hurricane Zeta.**

There being no further business, Ms. Marix made a motion to adjourn at 11:38 a.m. which was seconded by Mr. Powell.