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LOUISIANA OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

— A PROGRAM OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS —

Minutes

Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Advisory Board Meeting January 10, 2024

The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Advisory Board met on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 10:36 a.m. in the Oliver Pollock Room of the Galvez Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Cable called the meeting to order and the roll was called.

LOSFA Advisory Board Members Present

Dr. Amy Cable
Lindsay Carlino
Preston Castille
MaryAnn Coleman
Maple Gaines
Mary Katherine Hooper*
Kristi Lawson
Bradley Meyers
Aimee Thibodeaux

LOSFA Advisory Board Members Absent

David Payne

Staff Members Present

Dr. Sujuan Boutté
Rhonda Bridevaux
Alice Brown
Anna Breaux
Shayne Creppel
Dustin Graves
Ebony Holmes
Brett Hunt
Brittany Lee
Robyn Lively
LaVonya Malveaux
Parker Maness
Damien Papillion
Deborah Paul
Tarrandon Pool
Kyleigh Quiroga
Kristi Speir
Terri Underwood
Dellarisha Ventress
Brittany Lee

**Joined during Program Updates*

Virtual Attendees

Andrew Granger

Nine members were present, which represented a quorum. Under Introductions and



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Announcements, LOSFA introduced the staff members who recently joined the agency.

On motion of Ms. Coleman, seconded by Ms. Carlino, the LOSFA Advisory Board approved the minutes from the December 6, 2023 meeting of the LOSFA Advisory Board.

Staff provided the Advisory Board members with updates on the following LOSFA programs: Louisiana's Saving Programs; College Access, Success, and Communications; Student Engagement; GO Grant; John R. Justice Program; GO Youth ChalleNGe Program; MJ Foster Promise Program; and the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS). The Executive Director Update showcased LOSFA By the Numbers preliminary report for 2023 along with the LOSFA 2.0 Spotlight Feature, which focused on an automated process for Vendor Registration. The project involved internal collaboration across the Information Technology, Louisiana Saving Programs, and Fiscal/Audit Divisions, and external collaboration with management from the Office of Statewide Accounting and Reporting Policy (OSRAP). Ms. Hooper joined during Program Updates.

Under Old Business, it was proposed that the LOSFA Advisory Board consider publication of final rule to amend its Bylaws to implement Act 393 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

On motion of Ms. Carlino, seconded by Mr. Meyers, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommended that the Board of Regents authorize publication of the final rule.

Under New Business, it was proposed that the Advisory Board consider the request for exception to the TOPS statutory provision that requires a student to begin a home study program no later than the conclusion of the tenth grade.

On motion of Ms. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Thibodeaux, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommended that the Louisiana Board of Regents approve the request for Evan (1083823).

It was proposed that the Advisory Board consider the 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. Gaines, and seconded by Mr. Meyers, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommended that the Louisiana Board of Regents approve the requests for Zoe (1056965), Reese (932079), Robert (1058229), Caroline (1029399), Kieu-Nhi (1053214), and Bethany (951748).

There being no further business, Ms. Lawson made a motion to adjourn at 12:04 p.m., which was seconded by Ms. Gaines.