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Minutes

**Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Advisory Board
March 11, 2021**

The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Advisory Board met on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 10:30 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
Wendy Grubb
Kristi Lawson
Sharmain Lazard-Talbert
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Staff Members

Dr. Sujuan Boutté
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Deborah Paul
Terri Underwood

LOSFA Advisory Board Members Absent

Stone Cox
Dr. Leroy Davis
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****Joined during Program Updates**

Six members were present, which did represent a quorum.

On motion of Ms. Grubb, seconded by Ms. Lawson the LOSFA Advisory Board approved the minutes from the January 14, 2021 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.

Dr. Cable joined the meeting during Program Updates.

Under New Business, it was proposed that the LOSFA Advisory Board consider rulemaking to amend Section 315 of the START Saving Program rules to add the interest rates for the Principal Protection Plan and the Earnings Enhancement Fund for the 2020 calendar year.

On motion of Ms. Talbert, seconded by Dr. Cable, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommended that the Louisiana Tuition Trust Authority approve the rulemaking to amend Section 315 of the START Saving Program rules to add the applicable interest rates for the START Saving Program for the 2020 calendar year.

It was proposed that the Advisory Board consider rulemaking to implement provisions of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 that increase the Chafee Educational and Training Voucher (ETV) from \$5,000 to \$9,000.

On motion of Ms. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Grubb, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommended that the Louisiana Board of Regents authorize the Executive Director of LOSFA to publish a notice of intent to make these 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. Talbert, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommended that the Louisiana Board of Regents approve the requests for Emily (878966) and Michaela (846274).

There being no further business, Ms. Talbert made a motion to adjourn at 11:35 a.m. which was seconded by Ms. Lawson.