

**VOLUNTEER LOUISIANA COMMISSION
PROVISIONAL MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, June 8, 2016

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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701 NORTH FOURTH STREET
BATON ROUGE, LA 70802

Commissioners Attending:

Voting Members

Karen Moss Barnes – Sec.
Dr. Jennifer Falls
Kristan Gordon (arrived after Roll Call)
Gene Grabbe – Treas. (arrived after Roll Call)
Ryan Haynie (arrived after Roll Call)
Jenny Korner - Vice Chair.
Julie LaFleur
Kathy Lenard
Grant Shreiner

Ex-Officio Members

Vickie Schenk

Commissioner Absent

BJ Gallant
Robert Lancon
Ashley Mudd
William Stoudt
Fabian Tucker

Staff Attending:

Judd Jeansonne
Jawonna Mason
Stephanie Trahan
Nicholas Auck

Staff Absent:

None

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am by Vice Chair, Ms. Jenny Korner, in the absence of the Chair, Mr. William Stoudt. The Roll was called and six members were present. A quorum was not declared.

MINUTES

The Minutes were reviewed and no corrections were offered. Action was deferred until a quorum was reached.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms. Korner presented the Chair's Report which included thanking Ms. Fabian Tucker and Mr. Robert Lancon for their service on the Volunteer Louisiana Commission. It was also remembered that Mr. David Conner passed during the spring of 2016 and would have completed his sixth year as well. The Vice Chair thanked all Commissioners for completing their ethics training and report prior to the annual deadline. A brief discussion followed about the possible penalties and shared experiences of current and former Commissioners when completing these actions late.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Judd Jeansonne presented the Executive Director's Report which included a review of compliance issues noted at the SEE West Monroe and UL Lafayette AmeriCorps programs. The

CNCS Inspector General has issued findings for SEE West Monroe. UL Lafayette AmeriCorps had some timely reporting issues which have been resolved. A general discussion followed on the resolution of Education Awards “earned” by SEE West Monroe AmeriCorps Members who may not have met the requirements, and steps taken by the program to repay disallowed costs.

Mr. Jeansonne reviewed follow up activities to the January & February Check-in Visits, the several Commissioner Nominations which will be forwarded to the Lt. Governor for recommendation to the Governor for appointment, proposed By-Law changes that had been noticed for adoption but would be deferred to a future date, 2016 grant applications that have been submitted to the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) (2016 Volunteer Generation Fund) and Commission Investment Fund), and staff attendance at Conferences (CNCS Grantee Conference in March and National VOAD in May). Additionally, the calendar was reviewed for recent activities in April and May as well as upcoming activity dates.

Ms. Julie LaFleur asked for a review of the current status on the Volunteer Louisiana Foundation. Mr. Jeansonne reported that the Board consists basically of Cam Morton and needs to be rebuilt. Once the Board is rebuilt, they would be able to determine their direction.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Mr. Gene Grabbe (having arrived at 10:55 am) presented the Treasurer’s Report and answered questions that were offered. Action was deferred until a quorum was reached.

2016 AMERICORPS PORTFOLIO REPORT

Ms. Stephanie Trahan provided a review of the Competitive Awards that had been made by CNCS in May 2016.

Competitive Awards (from CNCS directly rather than State Formula)

City Year

Playworks

Project Homecoming

Boys & Girls Club of Southeast Louisiana

Communities in Schools GNO

RENEW Schools

Teach For America

She then provided an overview of the proposals under consideration for 2016 AmeriCorps Formula Funding in the following three categories (Continuation, Re-compete and New Applications).

For consideration by the Commission for Continuation funding:

Boys and Girls Club of Baton Rouge

Impact Lake Charles

LA Delta Service Corps

SEE West Monroe

ShrevCorps

UL Lafayette AmeriCorps

Up2Us

For consideration by the Commission for Re-compete funding:
Boys & Girls Club of North Central Louisiana

For consideration by the Commission as a New Formula applicant:
Career Compass
Catholic Charities of the Arch-Diocese of New Orleans

As quorum was not yet achieved, the Commission broke for lunch at 11:35 am.
Ms. Kristan Gordon arrived at 12:00 pm and quorum was achieved. Mr. Ryan Haynie arrived at 12:24 pm.

ACTION ITEMS

Quorum having been declared, the Vice Chair called for any motions for the consideration of the Commission. Mr. Grant Shreiner moved and was seconded by Ms. Karen Moss-Barnes to fund the Commission's Portfolio as recommended by the AmeriCorps Committee with Special Conditions as appropriate per sub-grantee; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Lenard moved and was seconded by Mr. Shreiner to approve the minutes as presented; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Moss-Barnes moved and Ms. Lenard seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented; motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Dr. Falls and seconded by Ms. Lenard that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed. The meeting ended at 12:36 pm.