

**VOLUNTEER LOUISIANA COMMISSION  
PROVISIONAL MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, September 19th, 2018

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

STATE LIBRARY OF LOUISIANA

701 NORTH FOURTH STREET

BATON ROUGE, LA 70802

**Commissioners Attending**

**Voting Members**

Karen Moss-Barnes – Vice Chair

Sandra Cavalier

Kellie Duhon

Ryan Haynie

Mitzi Hochheiser – Chair

Julie LaFleur - Treasurer

Patrick Lawler-Secretary

Paul Pratt

Wendy Primeaux

Grant Shreiner

Gerren Sias

Kyle Wedberg

Jay Blackmon-Williams

Sarah Mouton Floyd

**Ex-Officio Members**

Jillian Winters (for Lora Grady)

*CNCS State Office*

**Ex-Officio Members Absent**

John Bel Edwards, Governor

Billy Nungesser, Lt. Governor

**Commissioners Absent**

Carissa Graves

Leslie Hill

Angela Jouett

Lee Jeter

Gwen Hilliard

**Staff Attending:**

Judd Jeansonne

Tammy Son

Stephanie Trahan

Jawonna Mason

Kori Chisham

**Staff Absent:**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mitzi Hochheiser at 11:07. New commissioners were introduced.

**COMMISSIONER EDUCATION**

Kori Chisham announced that the Commission received Volunteer Generation Fund grant award from CNCS. The award will be used to target a disaster volunteer initiative in three phases. The first phase will focus on recruitment through social media, videos for training, and set assets in place. The second phase will focus on creating a central and supplementing GOSHEP donation system. The third phase will focus on training employees through their workplace for recovery work. The award will also be used to hire someone to assist with the role out of this program.

Kyle Wedberg spoke about the CNCS Listening Tour stop in New Orleans with the new CNCS CEO Barbara Stewart. She made a good impression. CNCS is trying to streamline processes to make them more efficient. Judd Jeansonne gave the background of her appearance as well as New Orleans being named a top 10 place for national service in Louisiana.

Kellie Duhon and Julie LaFleur talked about their site visit to the Boys and Girls club of Acadiana. They had a great talk with their AmeriCorps Members. Overall it was a great visit.

Ryan Haynie talked about his visit with Judd Jeansonne and Carissa Graves to the Baton Rouge Boys and Girls Club. Overall it was a great visit

## **MINUTES**

Ryan Haynie moved to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded by Paul Pratt and approved.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Julie LaFleur presented the Treasurer's Report. Report included a funding stream overview, review of activity with Volunteer Generation Fund, State General Funds, Commission Support Grant, and the Commission Investment Fund. There was discussion about aligning grant cycles and hiring a consultant.

Paul Pratt made a motion to approve the report as presented. Kyle Wedberg seconded the Motion

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Mitzi Hochheiser presented the Chair's report. Committee assignments were given out as well as roles. The budget was discussed as well as staff development. The Executive Directors evaluation was discussed and presented.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Judd Jeansonne reported that they are creating new policies as well as systems, and are also working on Building legislative champions. The Department of Veterans Affairs as well as Life of a single Mom were both awarded planning grants. Leftover State General fund was not approved by Department of Administration for Volunteer Study and \$10,000 set aside for ID badges will not be used.

Barbara Stewart CNCS listening tour was productive. She is focused on streamlining and branding. Reducing background check cost was also discussed. Judd Jeansonne and Kori

Chisham traveled to Washington, DC to meet with Congressional staff. Rep Higgins was interested in connecting VLC with a Community Center in St. Mary Parish. Rep. Abraham was interested in Lee Jeter's Lake Providence Project

#### **AMERICORPS COMMITTEE**

There are no updates. FY 19 applications will be released soon.

#### **VOLUNTEERISM/DISASTER SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Kellie Duhon talked about promoting the volunteer awards as well as diploma endorsements. The committee set a goal of 1000 Volunteer Service Awards and a 50 percent increase in Community Service Diploma Endorsements from last year.

A goal of 100 nominations for the Champions of Service Award was set.

#### **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

The new commissioners were approved by the Governor. The Governor, Lt. Governor, and Governance Committee were extremely efficient in moving through the process

#### **Executive Committee**

The Executive Director's evaluation was discussed and presented to the commission. A strategic planning day planned for January was discussed

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm.