

**VOLUNTEER LOUISIANA COMMISSION  
PROVISIONAL MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, July 12th, 2019

10:00 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

Kellie Duhon

Carissa Graves

Ryan Haynie

Leslie Hill

Gwen Hilliard

Lee Jeter

Julie Lafleur-Treasurer

Patrick Lawler-Secretary

Sarah Mouton-Floyd

Paul Pratt

Wendy Primeaux

Gerren Sias

Kyle Wedberg

Jay Blackmon Williams

**Ex-Officio Members**

Lora Grady

*CNCS State Office*

**Ex-Officio Members Absent**

John Bel Edwards, Governor

Billy Nungesser, Lt. Governor

**Commissioners Absent**

Sandra Cavalier

Mitzi Hochheiser-Chair

Angela Jouett

Grant Shreiner

**Staff Attending:**

Judd Jeansonne

Tammy Son

Stephanie Trahan

Jawonna Mason

Tisha McKinney

**Staff Absent:**

Kori Chisham

Amanda Smith

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Karen Moss-Barnes called the meeting to order at 10:20 AM. Roll call was conducted and a quorum was declared.

**MINUTES**

Jay Blackmon Williams made a motion to approve minutes from the March Meeting and Gwen Hilliard seconded. Motion passed without objection.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

There was a remaining balance of \$82,890 in State General Funds. The Commission Support Grant had \$134,816 remaining. The Commission Investment Fund (CIF) had a remaining balance of \$179,174. A no cost extension was given for the CIF. The Volunteer Generation Fund had

\$179,243 remaining. Kellie Duhon motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report and Jay Blackmon Williams seconded. Motion passed without objection.

#### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

The calendar of events was presented. The CERT Trainings are going well and training is being expanded to North Louisiana through business and Emergency Response Associations. Commissioners will be notified via email of upcoming CERT Trainings.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The staff has started to address gap between ground work and strategic plan. The Gala report showed that the event broke even. There was discussion of moving Gala to every 5 years and doing smaller events in non-Gala years. The staff attended America's Service Commissions Conference which allowed facetime with Chester Stewart, National AmeriCorps Director, and Barbara Stewart, CNCS CEO. The state CNCS office will close by the end of July. There is a new AmeriCorps Alums partnership.

#### **COMMISSIONER EDUCATION**

Presentation by Needserv, a non-Profit organization that works in disaster response and recovery.

#### **VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE**

The committee gave an update of their activities. Kellie Duhon gave a brief overview of the LANO Connects Program.

#### **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Karen Moss Barnes rolled off the commission. She was thanked for her service. The committee introduced a new Commission evaluation and a link to the survey for commissioners to complete. The Committee also presented a slate of new officers for consideration: Chair Kyle Wedberg, Vice-Chair Lee Jeter, Treasurer Kellie Duhon, Secretary Patrick Lawler. Gerren Sias made a motion to approve the slate, and Ryan Haynie seconded. Motion passed without objection.

#### **AMERICORPS COMMITTEE**

The Committee presented its funding recommendations for AmeriCorps State Formula application. Kyle Wedberg made a motioned to approve the recommendations and Leslie Hill seconded. Motion passed without objection.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:27pm.