LETA FULL BOARD MEETING

♦June 30, 2016♦ 12:00 Noon ♦

LPB Board Room♦ 7733 Perkins Road ♦Baton Rouge, LA

**Members Present:** Chair Gwen Carter, Wayne Berry, Barbara DeCuir, Barry Landry, Jada Lewis, Scott Richard, Chris Goudeau, Lee Meredith, Gwen Guillotte, Julie Cherry, Kath Kliebert

**Members Absent:** Fr. Carter, Donna Ewing, Glenn Kinsey, Deano Thornton, and David Bondy

**Employees Present:**  Beth Courtney, Clay Fourrier, Joanne Gaudet, Jeanne Smith, and Carol Manship

**Call to Order:** Gwen Carter, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:** Gwen Carter called for motion to accept the April 14, 2016 meeting minutes. Dr. Weldon moved and Chris Goudeau seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer Report:** Dr. William Weldon presented the current LETA Financial Report. See attached report. Joanne Gaudet explained that we have a 45 day close to the end of FY 16. We have 60 employees and 10 vacancies. Julie Cherry made a motion to accept the financial report and Chris Goudeau seconded. Motion carried. Joanne then talked about the proposed FY 17 budget. She stated that we will be in much the same situation that we were in last fiscal year in that LETA will have to ask FELPB for 1.5 million dollars to cover operating expenses.

**Resolutions:** Beth explained the resolution from LETA asking FELPB for 1.5 million dollars to cover operating expenses for FY 17. (see attached resolution) Gwen Carter, Chair, asked for a motion to approve the resolution. Dr. Weldon moved and Chris Goudeau seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Beth explained the second resolution. It is a resolution required by Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) stating that LPB’s Human Resources Department follows and meets certain requirements in hiring diversity. Gwen Carter, Chair, asked for a motion to approve the resolution. Chris Goudeau moved and Dr. Weldon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Friends Report:** Beth Courtney gave the Friends financial report. See attached report. She stated the Legends gala was the most successful ever. There followed a discussion about proposed Legends for 2017 and ballots were handed out.

**President’s Report:** Beth Courtney spoke about the Strategic Plan (see attached report). One change made in it was to restate one of LPB’s goals to maintain and enhance Louisiana’s role as a nationally recognized leader in emerging television and educational technologies with expanded use of technology in various platforms of social media, the Internet, broadband, and satellite to reach all levels of viewers on all types of devices in order to educate, entertain, and inform.

Beth mentioned PBS Kids Channel, a 24/7 service that will allow kids programming and interactive gaming. We are still in the planning stages of how this will work for us – we will need flexibility with how we use it.

She spoke about a possible partnership with BREC and LPB for summer camps next year with us providing curriculum and other assistance.

**Underwriting:** See attached report

**Programming Report:** See attached report

**Production Report:** Clay told the board about the PBS Online Film Festival which features two films made by Louisianans and encouraged them to vote for these films.

**Adjournment:** Gwen Carter asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kathy Kliebert made the motion and Julie Cherry seconded. The motion carried.

With no further business meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Submitted by: Carol Manship