



**Central La Human Services District – Board Meeting Minutes**  
**5411 Coliseum Blvd, Alexandria, LA**  
**Thursday, March 7, 2024**

**Members Present:** Jennifer Lofton (Avoyelles Parish); Shirley Washington (Catahoula); Kathy Scarborough, (Grant); Michelle Breland (LaSalle); Darrell Rodriguez (Rapides); Dr. Linda Nichols (Vernon); Desirae Bruce (Winn Parish); Dr. Charles King (At-Large/Rapides); Laura Jolly (At-Large/Rapides Parish) ; Doug Ryland (At-Large Rapides Parish)

**Members Absent:** Dr. Brenda Moore, (Concordia)

**Guests:** Rebecca Craig (Executive Director); Amanda Stalsby (CFO), Nancy Perret; Cayce McDaniel (Deputy Director)

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION / ACTION
<b>Call to Order/Quorum</b>	Desirae Bruce, Chair called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m. 10 of the 11 board members were present personally.
<b>Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Darrell Rodriguez led the prayer and Desirae Bruce led Pledge of Allegiance.
<b>Read and Approve March 2024 Meeting Agenda</b>	Dr. Nichols, Secretary, read the agenda aloud. Darrell Rodriguez/ Dr. King moved/seconded to accept the March 2024 agenda. Motion carried.
<b>Solicit Public Comment Requests</b>	No public comments request submitted.
<b>Consent Agenda</b>	
February 2024 Board Meeting minutes	Kathy Scarborough/Shirley Washington moved/seconded approval of February 2024 minutes. Members received minutes prior to the meeting. Approved with no changes. Motion carried.
<b>District Reports</b>	
Financial Report	Amanda Stalsby reviewed the revenue and expenditures financial report with the Board and fielded questions. Dr. King/Linda Nichols moved/seconded to accept the financial report as presented. Motion carried.
ED Monthly Report	Rebecca Craig read her monthly Executive Director report to the board and public and fielded questions.
<b>Policy Reviews</b>	No policy reviews for the month of March.

<b>Questions/Comments as Solicited</b>	No questions or comments received.
<b>Board Business</b>	
Executive Session	Desirae Bruce, Chair made a motion to enter executive session to complete the ED Performance Evaluation. Laura Jolly/Dr. Linda Nichols moved/seconded to enter executive session at 12:58 p.m. Motion carried.  Dr. Linda Nichols, Evaluation Committee Chair, presented the committee report to the Board. Discussion held. Kathy Scarborough/Darrell Rodriguez moved/seconded to accept the report as presented. Motion carried. Though the committee heartily agrees that Ms. Craig is deserving of a raise, due to potential forthcoming budget cuts, and Mrs. Craigs stated concerns the board unanimously agrees with committee recommendation of no salary increase for this year.
Adjourn- Executive Session	Darrell Rodriguez/Shirley Washington moved/seconded to adjourn executive session. Executive Session was adjourned at 1:19 p.m.
<b>NEXT MONTH</b> Board Business	<p><b>A.</b> Policy Reviews – Executive Limits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• II.H. Compensation and Benefits – Rebecca Craig</li> <li>• II.K. Community Relationships – Rebecca Craig</li> </ul> <p><b>B.</b> Board Development/Training –Contracts</p> <p><b>C.</b> Tier 2.1 – Covering Calendar Year 2022 due by May 15<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><b>D.</b> Annual Ethics training to be completed by the May meeting.</p>
<b>Announcements</b>	Next Meeting: Thursday, April 4, 2024
<b>Adjournment</b>	Darrell Rodriguez/Laura Jolly moved/seconded adjournment at 1:22 p.m.; approved and motion carried.