LETA FULL BOARD MEETING

♦September 8, 2020,♦ 12:00 PM ♦

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

ZOOM Conference (COVID – 19)

**Members Present:** Dr. Tina Holland, Chris Wegmann, Eartha Cross, Sonny Cranch, Julie Cherry, Bo Harris, Conrad Comeaux, Tracie Woods, Dan Hare, Kathy Kliebert, Valencia Burton, Rob King, III, Nikki Godfrey, and Laura Lindsay

**Members Absent:** Dr. Belinda Davis, Richard Hartley, Nancy Harrelson, Ted Beasley, David Tatman

**Employees Present:**  Beth Courtney, Kim Ducote, Christina Melton, Clay Fourrier, C.C. Copeland, John Tooraen, and Carol Manship

**Call to Order:** Valencia Burton called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM.

**Approval of minutes:** Valencia Burton asked for minutes of 8-13-20 to be approved. Motion was made by Dr. Tina Holland and seconded by Sonny Cranch. Motion carried.

**Chairman’s Report:** Valencia Burton welcomed the new members, Robert E. King, III (4th CD) and Bo Harris (Chairman of Friends), both from Shreveport, as well as Ted Beasley (Dept. of Education) who was absent. Valencia also asked for a motion to thank Bob Emmert for his service to Friends and LETA. Motion was made by Julie Cherry and seconded by Kathy Kliebert. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Chris Wegmann gave the Financial Report (see attached). Chris Pinell gave the LETA Audit report and said it was a clean audit. (See attached; Audit was emailed to board members) Julie Cherry made a motion to approve the financial report. Chris Wegmann seconded. Motion carried.

**Friends Report:** Bo Harris gave the Friends Report (see attached). A question was raised as to whether board members can buy raffle tickets.

**President’s Report:** Clay Fourrier talked about the mayoral forum held here at LPB in conjunction with The Advocate. It was very successful for all concerned.

C.C. Copeland gave an update on the tower in Shreveport complete with photos of the equipment necessary and the tower parts. Barring weather and equipment delays, the tower should be up in a couple of weeks.

Christina Melton showed a “sizzle reel” – a preview of upcoming shows this season on PBS and LPB that spark interest in what we have to offer.

Kathy Kliebert took a moment to say that the Bridge Center with which she is involved is about ready to open and is hiring people.

**Adjournment:** Valencia Burton adjourned the meeting at 12:55 PM.