**MINUTES OF THE LA EXECUTIVE BOARD ON AGING (LEBA) MEETING**

**GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF ELDERLY AFFAIRS**

**525 Florida St., 4th Floor-Room 427, 11:00 PM Baton Rouge, LA**

**March 23, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regularly scheduled Quarterly Meeting of the Louisiana Executive Board on Aging (LEBA) was called to order at 11:00 AM by Harold Ritchie, LEBA Chairman; with Marilyn Randolph serving as Secretary, at the Governor’s Office of Elderly Affairs, 525 Florida 4th Floor Room 427 Baton Rouge LA 70801.

Invocation: Donald Mallet

Pledge of Allegiance: Willie Lewis

**ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT MEMBERS ABSENT**

Harold Ritchie June Williams Ethel Tabor Terry Courville

Willie Lewis Ricco Thomas

Donald Mallet Huey Beverly

Noah Aguillard

Blanche Wilks

Ann Keene

Grace Garon

Worlita Williams

Edward Walters

Mona Gorbert-Cravins

**GUEST:** Drusilla Henley, District Attorney for EBR Parish Elder Abuse Prosecutor

Council on Aging and Area Agencies on Aging Directors

**GOEA STAFF**:

Karen Ryder, GOEA Deputy Assistant Director; Marilyn Randolph, Secretary

**HAROLD RITCHIE, LEBA CHAIRMAN**

LEBA Chairman Harold Ritchie declared a quorum was present with (11) members in attendance. Mr. Ritchie made the motion to approve the Apr. 21, 2016 minutes as written. Motion: Harold Ritchie; 2nd Ann Keene- Motion carried. Mr. Ritchie made motion to approve the GOEA Executive Director’s Report. Motion: Ann Keene; Noah Aguillard 2nd.

**KAREN RYDER, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Karen Ryder announced that there will be $ 500,000 cuts to the Council on Aging centers. Mrs. Ryder encouraged members that Johnny Anderson will work to get the money back in the budget. Mrs. Ryder also announced that EPS will return to GOEA on July 1, 2017. She explained that there are 6,000 cases of abuse in the office and that 75% were elderly cases. She also announced that there will be budget hearings at the end of March. Mrs. Ryder introduced Ms. Drusilla Henley the Elder Abuse Prosecutor for East Baton Rouge Parish to the board. Ms. Henley explained that she will work closely with EPS and GOEA to make sure that the seniors are protected.

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Mr. Ritchie made a suggestion to the board to nominate Ms. Ann Keen as Vice President of the board. All were in favor. Mr. Willie Lewis made a motion to nominate Mr. Noah Aguillard as Secretary of the board. All were in favor.
* Becky Bergeron president for Louisiana Council on Aging Director’s Association (LACODA), announced that they will host a conference on May 16-17 with a booth in the capitol rotunda. They will also host a Senior Citizens day on May 18 advocating for senior programs and watching budget information. Ms. Bergeron invited LEBA members to attend.
* Lisa Derouen president of Louisiana Aging Network Association (LANA) explained that they will host a conference on May 16-17 in the capitol rotunda and that they will help out at the capitol.

**COMMENTS FROM MEMEBERS & GUESTS**

**NEXT MEETING**

LEBA’s second meeting for 2017 is scheduled for June 15, 2017 at the Governor’s Office of Elderly Affairs, 10:00 AM, 525 Florida, 4th Floor Room 427 Baton Rouge, LA 70801.

**ADJOURN**

Ann Keene: Motion to Adjourn, 2nd Harold Ritchie

Meeting Adjourned: 1:11 PM

Prepared by Marilyn Randolph, GOEA Administrative Coordinator 4/Secretary

**Handouts:** (1) LEBA Sign In Sheet, November 17, 2016

(2) LA Executive Board on Aging Member Listing Revised October 25, 2016

(3) LA Executive Board on Aging Agenda for Thursday, November 17, 2016

(4) Approved Minutes of the April 21, 2016 LA Executive Board on Aging Quarterly Meeting