



PUBLIC NOTICE – PUBLIC COMMENT

Notice is hereby given to the public that the Louisiana Public Defender Board will meet at **1:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 30, 2021** via video-conferencing pursuant to La. R. S. 42:17.1 (Act 302 of the 2020 Regular Session).

The meeting will be conducted via ZOOM software application. Zoom is publicly available through web and mobile device applications, and the information on gaining access can be gained at their website <https://zoom.us/> or at Zoom's download center.

The public is able to access the meeting via Zoom application by going to this address: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85451132063?pwd=WG0weVlKTjVqeVNzM290eXJydzdndz09>

The Meeting ID Number is 854 5113 2063. Instructions for calling into the meeting (without accessing the application) are found on the LPDB website at this link: <http://lpdb.la.gov/Meetings/Next%20Meetings>.

To pre-register for Public Comment email Anne Gwin at agwin@lpdb.la.gov at least 2 hours in advance of the meeting. The Chair will have discretion to recognize public comment.



Certification

R.S. 42:17.1, effective October 28, 2020, provides for a public body to conduct a public meeting via electronic means pursuant to certification of the presiding officer. Therefore,

I, Michael C. Ginart, Chairman of the Louisiana Public Defender Board, hereby certify:

1. That the agenda for the LPDB meeting is limited to one or more of the following:
 - a) Matters that are directly related to the LPDB response to the emergency and are critical to the health, safety, or welfare of the public;
 - b) Matters that if delayed will cause curtailment of vital public services or severe economic dislocation and hardship;
 - c) Matters that are critical to continuation of the business of the Louisiana Public Defender Board and cannot be postponed due to a legal requirement or other deadline that cannot be postponed or delayed.
2. The nature of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency continues to make an open meeting detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of the public.
3. That pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17.1 attendance shall be provided for and allowed via teleconference or videoconference;
4. That all efforts shall be made to provide for observation and input by the public; and
5. That this certification shall be posted at the same time and in the same manner as the notice of meeting and agenda.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael C. Ginart", is written over a horizontal line.

Michael C. Ginart, Chairman



LOUISIANA PUBLIC DEFENDER BOARD

Thursday, September 30, 2021

1:30 pm

Zoom¹

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Comments by Chairman, Michael C. “Mike” Ginart, Jr.
 - a. Welcome Board Member, Holly Howat
2. Adoption of the Agenda* pgs. 315-316
3. Public Comment
4. Minutes –July 15, 2021 Meeting* pgs. 317-321
5. Budget and Financial
 - a. Financial Report - informational
 - b. FY23 Budget Submittal – informational
6. Discussion of Mission Statement – Hiring and Complaint Procedures
7. District Issues
 - a. Post-Ida District Office Report pg. 322
 - b. “O” Level Funding Requests*
 - c. ROS Exit Protocol* pgs. 323-324
 - d. Site Visit Protocol - informational pgs. 325-337
 - e. District 1 (Caddo Parish) Salary* pgs. 338-342
 - f. Regionalization – discussion/informational pgs. 343-381
8. Policy – Database Compliance and Privilege* pg. 382
9. Board Committees/Working Groups*
10. Executive Session²*

¹ This meeting is being held via a Zoom video-conference pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17.1 (Act 302 of the 2020 Regular Session) and gubernatorial Proclamation 168 JBE 2021, *Extension of Emergency Provisions Due to COVID-19 Public Health Emergency*.

² The Board may vote to go into executive session pursuant to La. R.S. 42:16 and 42:17 (formerly La. R.S. 42:6 and 42:6.1), by a two-thirds vote of the members present. The executive session is limited to matters allowed to be exempted from public discussion pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17, including character and professional competence of a person; provided, however, such person(s) may require that such discussion be held at an open meeting pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(A)(1). No final or binding action will be taken during executive session. The board may discuss/interview the applicants/appointments for the district defender positions in District 21 (Livingston, St. Helena, Tangipahoa) and District 35 (Grant Parish).

11. District Defender Selection Committees pg. 383
 - a. District 21 (Livingston, St. Helena, Tangipahoa) – Recommendation to Hire and Set Salary *
 - b. District 35 (Grant Parish)- Recommendation to Hire and Set Salary*
 - c. District 2 (Bienville, Claiborne, Jackson Parishes)- Status
 - d. District 6 (E. Carroll, Madison, Tensas Parishes) - Status
 - e. District 11 (Sabine Parish) - Status
 - f. District 42 (Desoto Parish) - Status

12. Division Reports – informational
 - a. SPD
 - b. Training pg. 384
 - c. Database Compliance pgs. 385-388
 - d. Capital/Compliance pgs. 389-392
 - e. Juvenile pg. 393

13. Next Meeting: Thursday, December 16, 2021, 1:30 pm
Location to be determined.

14. Adjournment*