MEETING OF THE

**LOUISIANA TUITION TRUST AUTHORITY**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**DATE:** November 17, 2015

**TIME** 10:30 a.m.

**PLACE:** Louisiana Retirement Systems Building

 Mr. F. Travis Lavigne, Jr., Authority Chairman, called a meeting of the Louisiana Tuition Trust Authority to order at 10:38 a.m.

 The following members of the Authority were present:

 Mr. F. Travis Lavigne, Jr.

Dr. Toya Barnes-Teamer

Mr. Ken Bradford

Ms. Melanie Burke

Sen. Dan Claitor

Mr. James Garvey

Mr. Walter Guidry, Jr.

Mr. Benson Kinney

Mr. Jimmy Long

Ms. Amy Marix

Ms. Aisha Mirza

Mr. Winfred Sibille

Ms. Ann A. Smith

Mr. John Williams

 The following members were absent:

Mr. Scott Ballard

Mr. Raymond Brandt

Mr. Myron Lawson

Mr. Michael Murphy

Mr. Stephen Toups

Dr. Larry Tremblay

 Fourteen members were present which did represent a quorum.

The following staff members were present:

 Dr. Sujuan Boutté

 Ms. Rhonda Bridevaux

Ms. Alice Brown

Ms. Claire Caillier

Dr. Tireka Cobb

Ms. Gayle Daigle

Mr. Kelvin Deloch

Ms. Shanna Estay

Ms. Carol Fulco

 Mr. Jack Hart

Ms. Ebony Holmes

Ms. Robyn Lively

Ms. Stacy Oubre

Ms. Deborah Paul

Mr. Gus Wales

Mr. Marcus Warren

The following guest was present:

 Chris Sonnier

 Under Introductions and Announcements, Dr. Tireka Cobb introduced Ms. Claire Caillier. Dr. Cobb stated that Ms. Caillier graduated from Louisiana State University with a degree in Mass Communications. Ms. Caillier has been working with Field Outreach Services and Public Information Division and has mainly been working on the LOSFA Social Media sites.

The minutes of the July 14, 2015 meeting of the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Tuition Trust Authority were presented for review and approval. Mr. Williams made a motion for approval. Ms. Mirza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

 Mr. Lavigne offered a public comment period. There were no comments.

Under Program Updates, Mr. Wales, Director of Public Information and Communications, gave a START Outreach update. Mr. Wales reported on the START Field Services Outreach Report. Mr. Wales reported that there were nine START events for September and October which are mostly employee benefit fairs. Mr. Wales stated that preparations are underway for START end of the year deposits that are taken on premises on December 28th, 29th and 30th. Mr. Wales stated that account owners are encouraged to use the online deposit options.

Mr. Lavigne asked about statistical information in the packet comparing the START Saving Program to national 529 plans. Ms. Fulco responded that the information is from College Savings Plan Network and the only information available mid-year is the growth of the plans. Ms. Fulco stated that the growth comparison of the START plan to other national 529 plans is higher in all three categories and more information should be available at the end of 2015 to compare other categories.

 The first item under New Business was a proposal that the Authority consider the adoption of meeting dates for the period January through June 2016. Mr. Kinney made a motion to approve. Ms. Marix seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Dr. Barnes-Teamer made a motion to adjourn at 10:47 a.m. Mr. Kinney seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED:

 F. Travis Lavigne, Jr.

 Chairman