

Executive Committee Meeting

August 1, 2020

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

SUMMARY

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Members Present: Michael Billings, Randall Brown (Chair), Hyacinth McKee, Steven Nguyen, and Mary Tarver

Guests: Kim Basile, Kathleen Cannino, Katie Corkern, Corhonda Corley, Christy Cormier, Brenda Cosse, Liz Gary, Lynsey Hebert, Cindy Heying, Kelly Monroe, Bambi Polotzola, Laci Polotzola, Susan Riehn, Courtney Sullivan, Crystal White, and Rebecca White

Staff: Marilee Andrews, Brenton Andrus, Halie Belin, Shawn Fleming, Ebony Haven, Hannah Jenkins, and Courtney Ryland

MOTION PASSED. A motion to approve the [July 14, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting Summary](#) made by Steven Nguyen, seconded by Michael Billings, passed without objection, no abstentions.

MOTION PASSED. A motion by Dr. Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Michael Billings, to go into executive session for the discussion of personnel matters passed without objection, no abstentions.

MOTION PASSED. A motion by Mary Tarver, seconded by Steven Nguyen, to offer the position of interim Executive Director to Courtney Ryland effective August 10, 2020 at an annual salary level of \$80,000 passed without objection, no abstentions. Courtney Ryland accepted the position.

Committee members expressed support for an increase in Council staff pay due to increased responsibilities.

Randall Brown described the current status of seeking guidance on investigating the accusations against staff relative to Council motions passed in [October 2019](#) and [January 2020](#). Three letters were issued in January. A meeting occurred with the investigator from the Office of Inspector General on February 12, 2020. Hearings with the Board of Ethics scheduled to occur in April were postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- [Letter to Board of Ethics Requesting Investigation – January 28, 2020](#)
- [Letter to Louisiana Department of Health, Human Resources Requesting Investigation – January 28, 2020](#)
- [Letter to Office of Inspector General Requesting Investigation – January 28, 2020](#)

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MOTION PASSED. A motion by Mary Tarver, seconded by Mike Billings, to grant authority to the Executive Director and Chair to approve purchases for equipment or services necessary for Council members to access virtual Council meetings passed without objection, no abstentions.

MOTION PASSED. A motion to adjourn by Michael Billings, seconded by Steven Nguyen, passed without objection.

Dr. Mckee adjourned the meeting at 1:01 p.m.