Agenda

Louisiana Educational Television Authority

Thursday, February 12, 2026
12:00 Noon LPB Board Room
7733 Perkins Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70810
and
Via Electronic Means Pursuant to R.S. 42:17.2

1. **Call to Order** — **Tracie Woods, Chairperson**
2. **Public Comment** — **Tracie Woods, Chairperson**
3. **Introduction of New Staff** — **C.C. Copeland, CEO**
4. **Board Minutes** — **Sonny Cranch, Secretary**
   12/11/2025
5. **Financial Update** — **Dr. Laura Lindsay, Treasurer**
6. **Friends of LPB Update** — **Howard White, FLPB Chair**
7. **Litigation Report** — **Matt Tessier, Deputy Director**

   Discussion of *Maxwell Olson and Global Weather Productions, LLC v. Louisiana Educational Television Authority dba Louisiana Public Broadcasting*; United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana; Case# 3:25-cv-00914-RLB. **Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(A)(2), executive session may be required.**

8. **President's Report** — **C.C. Copeland, CEO**
9. **Chairman's Report** — **Tracie Woods, Chair**
   Future Meetings
   - **March 12, 2026 – Exec & Fin. Cmte**
   - **April 9, 2026 - Full LETA Board**
10. **Other Business** — **Tracie Woods, Chair**
11. **Adjournment**

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LOUISIANA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION AUTHORITY
FULL BOARD MEETING
December 11, 2025 ♦ 12:00 PM ♦ LPB Board Room
7733 Perkins Road ♦ Baton Rouge, LA 70810
and
Via Electronic Means Pursuant to R.S. 42:17.2

Members Physically Present: Chris Wegmann, Sonny Cranch, Dr. Saundra McGuire, Conrad Comeaux, Dr. Laura Lindsay, Misty Wyble, Taft Kleinpeter, Courtney Phillips, Tracie Woods, and Howard White (12:08p)

Via Teleconference: Sally Davis, Jeff Thomas, Erin Donelly, and Sharon Reine.

Members Absent: Elizabeth Crochet, Dan Hare, Lance Harris, Dr. Tina Holland, and William Bradford.

Staff Present: Clarence "C.C." Copeland, Kimberly Ducote, Angela Bessix, Matt Tessier, Christina Jensen, Johnny Atkinson, Don Ballard, Trace Purvis (Zoom) and Terri Crockett (Friends of LPB).

CALL TO ORDER: Chris Wegmann, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

Chris Wegmann ensured that all online attendees were able to see and hear the meeting clearly.

Chris Wegmann asked Sonny Cranch to conduct a roll call vote in Secretary Dan Hare's absence, with the following members confirming their attendance: Conrad Comeaux, Sonny Cranch, Sally Davis, Erin Donnelly, Taft Kleinpeter, Dr. Laura Lindsay, Dr. Saundra McGuire, Dr. Courtney Phillips, Sharon Reine, Jeff Thomas, Chris Wegmann, Tracie Woods, and Misty Wyble.

Howard White arrived at 12:08p.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chris Wegmann, Chair, inquired if any members of the public were online. There were none. Mr. Wegmann then asked if any public comments had been received online, and there were none. Chris Wegmann then asked if any member of the public attending had any public comment, and there were none.

STAFF INTRODUCTIONS: C.C formally introduced Christina Jensen and Johnny Atkinson, who joined LPB as anchors/reporters for *Louisiana: The State We're In*.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Sonny Cranch, Secretary, presented the minutes of the LETA full board meeting of October 9, 2025, and asked that the minutes be approved. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Laura Lindsay and was seconded by Conrad Comeaux. A roll call vote was taken, and with all in favor, the motion passed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Chris Wegmann, Chair, announced that the Nominating Committee of Lance Harris, Sharon Reine, William Bradford, and Dr. Saundra McGuire nominated the following board officers: Tracie Woods, Chairperson; Dan Hare, Vice Chair;

Sonny Cranch, Secretary; and Dr. Laura Lindsay, Treasurer. No additional nominations were made. A motion to elect the officers as presented was made by Conrad Comeaux and was seconded by Dr. Saundra McGuire. A roll call vote was taken, and with all in favor, the motion passed.

LETA FINANCIAL UPDATE: Sonny Cranch, Treasurer, presented the LETA financial update. A motion was made by Conrad Comeaux to approve the financial update and was seconded by Jeff Thomas. A roll call vote was taken, and with all in favor, the motion passed.

FRIENDS OF LPB REPORT: Howard White, Chair of Friends of LPB (FLPB), gave the FLPB report:

- Win the Wheels Car Raffle – current revenue is $47,550; drawing will be January 16, 2026.
- A Very Monkey Christmas with Curious George - 300 tickets were sold, raising $13,500.
- December Pledge Drive - current revenue is $15,405, with 278 pledges. On December 17, there will be a special pledge drop-in of *Michalopoulos: The Art of Celebration*, produced by WLAE.
- Friends of LPB's Antiques Appraisal Event will be held February 7, 2026.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Matt Tessier, Deputy Director, reported on the following:

- At the invitation of Peggy Feehan of CODOFIL, we attended a signing ceremony to memorialize an accord of cooperation between the Lt. Governor's Office and the Province of Ontario to foster economic, cultural, and educational ties in terms of francophone relations.
- Reminder that Ethics and Sexual Harassment Prevention Training classes must be completed by December 31.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: C.C. Copeland, LPB President and CEO, reported on the following:

- C.C. asked Don Ballard, with LPB Facility Services, to give an update on LPB's solar panel performance.
- LETA's FY26-27 state budget has been submitted; we are requesting $5,663,098 in acquisitions and $575,000 in major repairs.
- PBS stations nationwide continue to experience layoffs.
- WETA, producer of PBS NewsHour, will cancel PBS News Weekend.
- The 2026 APTS Summit, originally scheduled in DC, is moving from in-person to a virtual meeting due to public television budget cuts.
- WLAE won an Emmy for *Blue: The Life and Art of George Rodrigue*.
- WLAE will also receive funds from the Public Media Bridge Fund, which was established to assist public media stations following the rescission of federal funding by Congress.
- C.C. discussed a meeting of general managers of PBS member stations, in which a-la-carte programming was discussed to assist stations with their due's challenges, but PBS indicated a-la-carte programming will not be an option.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Chris Wegmann, Chair, gave the following report.

- Next LETA Executive and Finance Committee Meeting will be January 8, 2026.
- Next full board meeting will be February 12, 2026.
- Schedule of upcoming meetings for 2026 has been provided to members.
- Mr. Wegmann expressed his gratitude and appreciation for the opportunity to serve as LETA chair.

OTHER BUSINESS: The Board members expressed their gratitude and thanked Chris Wegmann for his service as Board Chair.

Adjournment: Chris Wegmann, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 1:12 PM.

Minutes prepared by Angela Bessix and Matt Tessier

LETA STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
AS OF: January 31, 2026

Month 7	PRIOR FISCAL YEAR ACTUAL TO-DATE FY25	CURRENT FISCAL YEAR ACTUAL TO-DATE FY26	CURRENT FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FY26	CURRENT FISCAL YEAR BALANCE FY26
REVENUE				
GENERAL FUND	$ 11,780,264	$ 8,783,955	$ 8,783,955	$ -
SELF GENERATED	$ 1,157,954	$ 1,233,730	$ 2,344,201	$ 1,110,471
INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS	$ 201,129	$ 93,075	$ 315,917	$ 222,842
STATUTORY DEDICATION-EEF	$ 75,000	$ 75,000	$ 75,000	$ -
STATUTORY DEDICATION-ILLA	$ 1,401,448	$ 1,401,448	$ 1,401,448	$ -
TOTAL REVENUE	$ 14,615,795	$ 11,587,208	$ 12,920,521	$ 1,333,313
EXPENDITURES				
PERSONNEL SERVICES	$ 3,908,282	$ 3,790,367	$ 7,050,727	$ 3,260,360
TRAVEL	$ -	$ -	$ 1,207	$ 1,207
OPERATING SERVICES	$ 1,084,638	$ 1,134,335	$ 1,958,202	$ 823,867
OPERATING SUPPLIES	$ 15,650	$ 37,469	$ 70,317	$ 32,848
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	$ 30,433	$ 18,540	$ 38,575	$ 20,035
OTHER CHARGES	$ 1,364,238	$ 748,834	$ 1,893,151	$ 1,144,317
ACQ & MAJOR REPAIRS	$ 520,793	$ 1,273,995	$ 1,498,818	$ 224,823
INTERAGENCY PAYMENTS	$ 361,097	$ 305,775	$ 409,524	$ 103,749
TOTAL EXPENSES	$7,285,131	$7,309,315	$ 12,920,521	$5,611,206

Friends of LPB
LETA Report
Thursday, February 12, 2026

- **LPB Antiques Appraisal Event**
  The Antiques Appraisal Event was a tremendous success, drawing more than 150 guests and creating an energetic, engaging atmosphere throughout the day. Attendees presented a wide range of unique and fascinating items, resulting in over 400 appraisals by expert appraisers. Strong attendance and enthusiastic participation made this a memorable and highly successful event.
  Final Revenue: $15,500

- **Win the Wheels Raffle**
  The winner of our Win the Wheels is Michael Ryan of Baton Rouge. Michael chose to take the $20k cash prize.
  Final revenue: $86,150

- **Dream Getaway Raffle**
  Our Dream Getaway Raffle to Lake Como officially launched this past weekend. The prize package includes a six-day, five-night stay in a two-bedroom lake-view apartment, along with:
  $5,000 Delta Airlines gift card
  Two-hour private boat tour of Lake Como
  Two-hour private walking tour of Bellagio

  Board members, LPB employees, Friends of LPB, and their immediate family members are not eligible to participate.
  Current raffle revenue: $9,150

- **Save The Date**
  LA 64 Premiere
  Tuesday, March 10
  Capitol Park Museum
  6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

  All board members are invited to attend the **premiere of *LA 64***. Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser will be in attendance, along with host Karen LeBlanc. Electronic invitations will be sent shortly.