



REGION VI HEAD START ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 2, 2021
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. –Mountain Time
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. –Central Time

Meeting Minutes

I. Opening Business Items

A. Call to Order/Greetings/Welcome – Gloria Lopez, President

Meeting was called to order by Gloria Lopez, President at 9:00 a.m. (MT); 10:00 a.m. (CT) virtually through zoom. She welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked them for their continual commitment.

B. Roll Call & Establish Quorum – Secretary

There wasn't a quorum present at this time. Voting agenda items were tabled until a quorum was established with the attendance of Weldon Beard @ 11:20 a.m. Crystal Pena volunteered to take the meeting minutes.

ATTENDANCE: (Member Crystal Pena) roll call:

AR: Jacqueline Burton, Jackie Govan, and Tequila Smith
LA: Rhonda Taylor & Kahree Wahid
NM: Gloria Lopez, Misty Pugmire, Crystal Pena, Olga Valenzuela-Zavala, Luis Quinones
OK: Kathy Castleberry, Paula Brown
TX: Alferma Giles, and Weldon Beard (arrived at end of meeting 11:20 am)

II. Approval of Agenda – Gloria Lopez, President

III. Approval of Minutes: February 7, 2020 & April 19, 2021 & July 21, 21 –Secretary

President Gloria Lopez will write a memo for the record for the February 7, 2020 meeting minutes since she was present at this meeting. Jackie Govan-Discussion on page 6 by-laws, attach by-laws to the nominating committee.

Kahree Wahid first motions to approve the agenda for August 2, 2021 and meeting minutes for February 7, 2020, April 19, 2021, and July 21, 2021, Jacqueline Burton seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Weldon Beard, Treasurer

Weldon Beard not present, Gloria Lopez commented unofficial report that Weldon should have received conference check from NM. Scholarship recipients should be receiving their check, don't believe money has left the account.

Weldon reported at end of meeting, still has not received check from NM and scholarship checks will be sent out today.

V. Standing Committee Reports – Committee Chairs

A. Audit/Budget/Finance –Weldon Beard -No report given

B. Scholarship/Awards/Recognition –Alferma Giles

Alferma Giles reported that she sent scholarship awardees to be posted on Region VI website. Stephanie Marie Zapata-Del Rio Texas, Bryan Bivens-, scholarships checks will be sent to institutions that recipients attend. All winners notified via email on July 26, 2021, one was notified through mail due to no email attach to application. Gloria Lopez and Kahree Wahid congratulated Alferma Giles for the excellent work on scholarship committee.

C. Communication/Public Relations –James Evans

Gloria Lopez commented referred back to by-laws and Vice-President is chair of the Communication/Public Relations which is James Evans. He is not present, no report given.

D. Policy & Procedures

Gloria reported no appointed chair to this committee and report not given.

E. By-Laws –Jackie Govan

Jackie Govan reported that the committee will meet on August 13, 2021 (meet every month on the second Friday). Jackie reported they will bring discussion items to the board. Will have report given in October's meeting.

VI. General Standard Reports ---Highlights Only

A. State Collaboration Reports (AR-LA-NM-OK-TX) – Collaboration Directors

Arkansas-Jackie Govan reported July's meeting report still stands and just want to add that we have an opportunity of receiving \$100,000 for fathering mentoring program from Arkansas workforce.

Louisiana- Kahree Wahid reported July's meeting report still stands, working on data, grants available for head start programs.

New Mexico-Olga Valenzuela-Zavala reported July's meeting still stands, wants to add continue to work with tribal programs across the state, and appointed to the ICC-Interagency Coordinating Council.

Oklahoma-Paula Brown reported July's meeting still stands and do not have any addition other than conference planning committee report.

Texas-Alferma Giles reported July's meeting still stands and wants to share that State of Texas received funds to help support homeless children. Will report next meeting how head start will benefit from the funding received.

B. State Advisory Reports – (AR-LA-NM-OK-TX) – State Presidents

Arkansas-Jana Bays not present no report given. Report combined with the collaboration report.

Louisiana-Rhonda Taylor reported concern with the Delta Variance, staff returning and many are getting infected with COVID.

New Mexico-Crystal Pena reported that outreach & recruitment video to help promote head start throughout the state. Collection of Data to report to NHSA, monthly survey will be sent to all head start grantees to collected data on current enrollment, staff vaccinations, staff vacancies and any other information that is current status of NM.

Oklahoma-Kathy Castleberry reported July's meetings still stands, wanted to add that COVID is a concern, hospital beds are completely full in Tulsa, OK. Concern with full enrollment, and parents concerned with sending their children.

Texas-No report given.

C. NHSA Report – NHSA Representatives

Gloria Lopez commented no report given, will have Yazmina Vinci and Tommy Sheridan presenting at conference. NHSA Board Packets will be sent to the website.

VII. Conference Planning Reports – Conference Chairs

A. 2021 Virtual Conference – Oklahoma -8/2/21-8/4/21 -Kathy Castleberry/Laurie Gassaway

Kathy Castleberry reported conference starts this afternoon at 3:00pm Central Time through Wednesday, thanked Laurie for all the work she has done for conference. Regional office received 8 free conference registrations. Will have report for next board meeting.

B. 2022 Conference – Arkansas -9/27/22-9/30/22 –Jana Bays/Jackie Govan

Jackie Govan reported Arkansas selected 2022 conference dates September 27, 2022-September 30, 2022. Thanked all board members for participating in selection of the theme at last meeting. Seeking locations for 2022 conference, once finalized will report in October.

VIII. Old Business No old business discussed at this time.

IX. New Business

A. Appointment of Nominating Committee for 2022 –Director, Staff, Parent, Friend

Gloria Lopez reported need to appoint nominating committee must include five members, work with Region VI board of interests of any individuals to commit as an officer. Will select NHSA representation at this time. Will meet and present any nominees at October's board meeting. Volunteers for committee: Luis Quinones-Friend, Paula Brown-Friend. Alferma asked if Gloria can email states due to limited participation on meeting.

B. Representation to Region VI Board from State Associations-

Gloria Lopez, President announced that the nominating committee will present nominees at October board meeting.

X. Announcements –

Next Meeting Scheduled –October 13, 2021 @ 10:00 am CT. No other announcements.

XI. Adjournment – President

President Lopez called for the meeting to be adjourned at 11:24 am CT.

Jackie Govan first motions to adjourn meeting at 11:24 am CT and Rhonda Taylor seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Crystal Pena, Region VI Board Member.