



Certification

Pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, the Governor declared a Public Health emergency in Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020 due to the COVID-19 outbreak in Louisiana. Additional measures are now necessary to further protect the health and safety of the public; therefore, in accordance with Proclamation Number JBE 2020-30, Section 4, I hereby certify:

- 1) That the Louisiana Public Defender Board (LPDB) has urgent issues upon which to act which require adherence to the Open Meetings Law, in particular, quorum requirements;
- 2) That given the expansion of the COVID-19 outbreak, the Louisiana Public Defender Board should not call a meeting in a public venue;
- 3) That, during the pendency of this emergency, 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 agenda for any LPDB meeting until further notice from the Governor.

At Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 24th day of March, 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Frank Holthaus", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and includes a long horizontal stroke at the end.

C. Frank Holthaus, Chairman