



PUBLIC NOTICE – PUBLIC COMMENT

Notice is hereby given to the public that the Budget Committee of the Louisiana Public Defender Board will meet at **1:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 4, 2021**, via video-conferencing pursuant to La. R. S. 42:17.1 (Act 302 of the 2020 Regular Session)

The meeting will be conducted via ZOOM software application. Zoom is publicly available through web and mobile device applications, and the information on gaining access can be gained at their website <https://zoom.us/> or at Zoom's download center.

The public is able to access the meeting via Zoom application by going to this address: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84337047003?pwd=QlhZUkRLTnc2UnZmVWtwb0NxQkxldz09>. The Meeting ID Number is 843 3704 7003. Instructions for calling into the meeting (without accessing the application) are found on the LPDB website at this link: <http://lpdb.la.gov/Meetings/Next%20Meetings>.

To pre-register for Public Comment, email Anne Gwin at agwin@lpdb.la.gov at least 2 hours in advance of the meeting. The Chair will have discretion to recognize public comment.

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Certification

R.S. 42:17.1, effective October 28, 2020, provides for a public body to conduct a public meeting via electronic means pursuant to certification of the presiding officer. Therefore,

I, C. Frank Holthaus, Chairman of the Louisiana Public Defender Board, hereby certify:

1. That the agenda for the LPDB meeting is limited to one or more of the following:
 - a) Matters that are directly related to the LPDB response to the emergency and are critical to the health, safety, or welfare of the public;
 - b) Matters that if delayed will cause curtailment of vital public services or severe economic dislocation and hardship;
 - c) Matters that are critical to continuation of the business of the Louisiana Public Defender Board and cannot be postponed due to a legal requirement or other deadline that cannot be postponed or delayed.
2. The nature of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency continues to make an open meeting detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of the public.
3. That pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17.1 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 notice of meeting and agenda.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Frank Holthaus", is written over a horizontal line.

C. Frank Holthaus, Chairman