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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