

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION'S
NGO APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
HELD ON THE 29TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022

The Caddo Parish NGO Appropriations Committee met in legal session on the above date, at 11:00 a.m., in the Government Plaza 1st Floor Conference Room, with Mr. Johnson, Chairman, presiding, and the following members in attendance: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Epperson, Hopkins, and Johnson (5). ABSENT: Commissioners Chavez, Gage-Watts, and Lazarus (3).

Mr. Hopkins gave the invocation, and Mr. Epperson led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEW BUSINESS

- *Review NGO Scoring Matrix and Make Recommendations For 2023 Budget*

Mr. Johnson wanted to know the exact budget amount. Mrs. Barnett responded \$600,000. Mr. Johnson said that the Committee has several NGOs to review and there is a budget of \$600,000 to recommend appropriations. Mr. Johnson said that each member has a sheet with the average scores and suggests that the Committee will review each entity from highest score to lowest score.

Salvation Army/Merkle Center of Hope

Mr. Johnson said that in 2022 they requested \$25,000 and their request for 2023 is \$25,000. Mr. Johnson said that they received the highest score.

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$25,000 for the Salvation Army/Merkle Center of Hope.*

Mr. Atkins commented that the top ranked entities could get appropriated their full requested amount and the lower ranked entities will get a lower percentage of their requested amount. Mrs. Barnett pointed out that Mrs. Jalisa Thomas included a suggested recommended appropriation amount based on each entity's score. Mrs. Barnett explained that if an entity scored 95-100 then the recommendation is for 95-100% of that entity's requested amount. Mrs. Barnett said that is it a suggestion to help the Committee with their recommendation. Mr. Hopkins commented that he scored according to Mrs. Thomas' recommended method as well. Mr. Hopkins explained that the Commission does not have that kind of money this year to appropriate double an agency's requested amount. Mrs. Thomas explained that the first column on the score sheet is a suggested appropriation based on the score and the second column shows the difference of the amount in the first column and the entity's appropriated amount in 2022. Mrs. Thomas further explained that any amount that is \$20,000 or less is highlighted in yellow to show that an entity's request is higher than the amount received last year.

At this time, Mr. Hopkin's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Epperson, Hopkins and, Johnson (5). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Chavez, Gage-Watts, and Lazarus (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Providence House

Mr. Johnson said that Providence House received an appropriation of \$20,000 in 2022 and suggested that Providence House receive a maximum \$20,000 for 2023 although the average score sheet suggestion is \$36,000.

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$20,000 for Providence House. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Epperson, Hopkins and, Johnson (5). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Chavez, Gage-Watts, and Lazarus (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mr. Burrell pointed out that the Committee is not following the recommended appropriation amount provided on the score sheet. Mr. Johnson said that the Committee has less funds compared to last year and Providence House's request has increased. Mr. Burrell said that there is an increase in request, but there was a mention of increase of services.

Mrs. Barnett pointed out that some Economic Development NGO requests were unintentionally included on the list. Mr. Burrell suggested to cross out the economic development requests to continue through the process. Mr. Atkins requested to know which entities were economic development. Mrs. Barnett responded that she is reprinting the sheet.

Robinson Rescue

Mr. Johnson said that Robinson Rescue was appropriated \$50,000 last year and the suggested appropriation based on the score sheet is \$54,000.

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$50,000 for Robinson Rescue.*

Mr. Johnson wanted to know if the \$50,000 includes a \$10,000 increase. Mrs. Bryant responded yes because the Parish is still implementing the spay neuter ordinance.

Mr. Johnson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Epperson, Hopkins and, Johnson (5). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Chavez, Gage-Watts, and Lazarus (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club

Mr. Johnson said that Salvation Army requested \$25,000, they were appropriated \$25,000 last year and that the score matrix recommends \$22,500.

It was **moved by Mr. Burrell**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$25,000 for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club.*

Substitute motion by Mr. Epperson, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$22,500 for the Salvation Army/Boys and Girls Club. Substitute motion carried by acclamation*, as shown by the following members in attendance: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins and, Johnson (6). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Lazarus (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mrs. Barnett mentioned that the new total with the economic development NGOs is \$735,000 for 2021. Mr. Johnson acknowledged that the amount is on one of the handouts.

Catholic Charities

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$18,000 for Catholic Charities. Motion carried by acclamation*, as shown by the following members in attendance: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins and, Johnson (6). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Lazarus (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Martin Luther King Health Center & Pharmacy

It was **moved by Mr. Burrell**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$18,000 for the Caddo Parks Grab & Go Feed Program. Motion carried by acclamation*, as shown by the following members in attendance: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins and, Johnson (6). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Lazarus (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Volunteers for Youth Justice

Mr. Johnson said that Volunteers for Youth Justice was appropriated \$20,000 last year and that the score matrix recommends \$40,000.

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$20,000 for Volunteers for Youth Justice. Motion carried by acclamation*, as shown by the following members in attendance: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins and, Johnson (6). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Lazarus (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Holy Angels

Mr. Johnson said that last year Holy Angels was appropriated \$15,000 and the score sheet suggests \$80,000.

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$15,000 for the Holy Angels.*

Substitute motion by Mr. Atkins, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$30,000 for the Holy Angels.*

Mr. Atkins lauded Holy Angels for the work that they do and for the tenure they operated.

Mr. Atkins' motion died due to the lack of a second.

At this time, Mr. Epperson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins and, Johnson (6). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Lazarus (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mr. Chavez wanted to know if there is a mechanism on the scoring that allocates a deduction in value for a requested amount. Mr. Chavez explained that he scored applications by appreciating applications that asked the same amount as the previous year and really appreciating applications that asked a low amount with a higher score. Mr. Atkins said that the yellow highlighted cells represent a difference in amount.

St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry

Mr. Johnson said that St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry was appropriated \$6,000 last year and requested \$8,000 for 2023. Mr. Johnson said that St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry suggested appropriation based on the score sheet is \$6,400.

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$6,000 for the St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry. Motion carried by acclamation*, as shown by the following members in attendance: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins and, Johnson (6). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Lazarus (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Shreveport Opera

Mr. Johnson said that Shreveport Opera was appropriated \$4,000 in 2020 and requested \$6,000. Mr. Johnson said that the score-based suggestion is \$1,400.

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$4,000 for the Shreveport Opera. Motion carried by acclamation*, as shown by the following members in attendance: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins and, Johnson (6). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Lazarus (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Inner City Entrepreneur Institute

Mr. Johnson said that Inner City Entrepreneur Institute was appropriated \$30,000 last year and they requested \$40,000. Mr. Johnson said that the score-based suggestion is \$36,000.

It was **moved by Mr. Burrell**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$30,000 for the Inner City Entrepreneur Institute. Motion carried by acclamation*, as shown by the following members in attendance: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins and, Johnson (6). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Lazarus (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Martin Luther King Community Development Center

Mr. Johnson said that the Martin Luther King Community Development Center was appropriated \$20,000 last year and they requested \$35,000. Mr. Johnson said that the score-based suggestion is \$28,000.

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$20,000 for Martin Luther King Community Development Center. Motion carried by acclamation*, as shown by the following members in attendance: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins and, Johnson (6). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Lazarus (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Bernstein Development

Mr. Johnson said that Bernstein Development was appropriated \$20,000 last year and they requested \$20,000. Mr. Johnson said that the score-based suggestion is \$16,000.

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$16,000 for Bernstein Development. Motion carried by acclamation*, as shown by the following members in attendance: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins and, Johnson (6). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Lazarus (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mr. Atkins commented that he was not aware of what the organization did until he read their application.

Steeple of Success Inc.

Mr. Johnson said that Steeple of Success Inc. was appropriated \$2,000 last year and they requested \$2,000. Mr. Johnson said that the score-based suggestion is \$1,600.

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$1,600 for Steeple Chase/Steeple of Success Inc.*

Substitute motion by Mr. Atkins, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$1,500 for Steeple Chase.*

Mr. Atkins withdrew his substitute motion.

At this time, Mr. Epperson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins and, Johnson (6). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Lazarus (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Shreveport Youth Boxing Club

Mr. Johnson said that Shreveport Youth Boxing Club was appropriated \$5,000 last year and they requested \$12,000. Mr. Johnson said that the score-based suggestion is \$9,600.

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$9,500 for Shreveport Youth Boxing Club.*

Mr. Epperson withdrew his motion.

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$5,000 for Shreveport Youth Boxing Club.*

Mr. Burrell commented that this organization helps remove rough children from the streets. Mr. Hopkins said that the organization teaches youth really good life lessons.

Substitute motion by Mr. Burrell, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$7,000 for Shreveport Youth Boxing Club.* Substitute motion carried, as shown by the following members in attendance: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins and, Johnson (6). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Lazarus (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Renzi Education & Art Center, Inc.

Mr. Johnson said that Renzi Education & Art Center, Inc. did not apply last year and their score-based suggestion is \$6,720.

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$6,000 for Renzi Education & Art Center, Inc.* Motion carried by acclamation, as shown by the following members in attendance: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins and, Johnson (6). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Lazarus (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Point of clarification by Mr. Atkins, that the Committee review appropriations if the total is over budget. Mrs. Thomas said that the Committee is on a good trend, but at the end there will be a need for adjustments.

Girl Scouts of Louisiana-Pines to the Gulf

Mr. Johnson said that Girl Scouts of LA-Pines to the Gulf was appropriated \$10,000 last year and they requested \$5,000. Mr. Johnson said that the score-based suggestion is \$4,000.

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$4,000 for Girl Scouts of Louisiana.* Motion carried by acclamation, as shown by the following members in attendance: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins and, Johnson (6). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Lazarus (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Common Ground Community, Inc.

Mr. Johnson said that Common Ground Community, Inc. was appropriated \$3,500 last year and they requested \$6,500. Mr. Johnson said that the score-based suggestion is \$5,200.

It was **moved by Mr. Burrell**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$4,000 for Common Ground Community, Inc.*

Substitute motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$3,500 for Common Ground Community, Inc.* Substitute motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins and, Johnson (6). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Lazarus (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Northwest Louisiana Community Development Corporation (CDC)

Mr. Johnson said that Northwest Louisiana CDC was appropriated \$20,000 last year and they requested \$50,000.

It was **moved by Mr. Burrell**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$20,000 for Northwest Louisiana CDC.*

Mr. Epperson wanted to know if Bishop Brandon is over this organization and whether the organization will still be operating although the Bishop is leaving. The Clerk responded that he is affiliated with this organization. Mrs. Bryant explained that Administration understands the organization will still be operational and that Bishop Brandon will return to visit.

At this time, Mr. Burrell's motion carried by acclamation, as shown by the following members in attendance: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins and, Johnson (6). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Lazarus (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

YWCA (Young Women's Christian Association) of Northwest Louisiana, Inc.

Mr. Johnson said that YWCA of Northwest Louisiana, Inc. was appropriated \$5,000 last year and they requested \$15,000. Mr. Johnson said that the score-based suggestion is \$12,000.

It was **moved by Mr. Burrell**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$5,000 for YWCA of Northwest Louisiana, Inc.* Motion carried by acclamation, as shown by the following members in attendance: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins and, Johnson (6). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Lazarus (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Social Justice Civic League, Inc.

Mr. Johnson said that Social Justice Civic League, Inc. was appropriated \$15,000 last year and they requested \$40,000. Mr. Johnson said that the score-based suggestion is \$30,000.

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$15,000 Social Justice Civic League, Inc.* Motion carried by acclamation, as shown by the following members in attendance: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins and, Johnson (6). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Lazarus (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Image Changers, Inc.

Mr. Johnson said that Image Changers, Inc. was appropriated \$20,000 last year and they requested \$30,000. Mr. Johnson said that the score-based suggestion is \$22,500.

It was **moved by Mr. Burrell**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$20,000 for Image Changers, Inc.* Motion carried by acclamation, as shown by the following members in attendance: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins and, Johnson (6). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Lazarus (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

T.E.A.M.S. Training, Education, and Meditation for Students

Mr. Johnson said that T.E.A.M.S. was appropriated \$10,000 last year and they requested \$25,000. Mr. Johnson said that the score-based suggestion is \$21,375.

It was **moved by Mr. Chavez**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$10,000 for T.E.A.M.S.* Motion carried by acclamation, as shown by the following members in attendance: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins and, Johnson (6). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Lazarus (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Theatre of the Performing Arts of Shreveport

It was **moved by Mr. Burrell**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$10,000 for Theatre of the Performing Arts of Shreveport.* Motion carried by acclamation, as shown by the following members in attendance: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins and, Johnson (6). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Lazarus (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Ivy Crown Community Services

Mr. Johnson said that Ivy Crown Community Services was appropriated \$5,000 last year and they requested \$10,000. Mr. Johnson said that the score-based suggestion is \$7,500.

It was **moved by Mr. Burrell**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$5,000 for Ivy Crown Community Services.* Motion carried by acclamation, as shown by the following members in attendance: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins and, Johnson (6). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Lazarus (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Dress for Success Shreveport-Bossier

Mr. Johnson said that Dress for Success Shreveport-Bossier was appropriated \$10,000 last year and they requested \$10,000. Mr. Johnson said that the score-based suggestion is \$7,500.

It was **moved by Mr. Burrell**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$7,000 for Dress for Success. Motion carried by acclamation*, as shown by the following members in attendance: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins and, Johnson (6). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Lazarus (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

United Way of Northwest Louisiana

Mr. Johnson said that United Way of Northwest Louisiana was appropriated \$100,000 last year and they requested \$100,000. Mr. Johnson said that the score-based suggestion is \$75,000.

Mr. Atkins wanted to know if the organization is a protected group. Mrs. Barnett said no. Mr. Hopkins said that the Parish is funding agencies that United Way is sending people to.

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$50,000 for United Way of Northwest Louisiana. Motion carried by acclamation*, as shown by the following members in attendance: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins and, Johnson (6). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Lazarus (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Youth Outreach Services

Mr. Johnson said that Youth Outreach Services was appropriated \$10,000 last year and they requested \$40,000. Mr. Johnson said that the score-based suggestion is \$20,000.

It was **moved by Mr. Burrell**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$10,000 for Youth Outreach Services. Motion carried by acclamation*, as shown by the following members in attendance: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins and, Johnson (6). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Lazarus (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mr. Chavez pointed out that the Committee is reaching organizations with a 'D' score and reminded the Committee to reduce the appropriation amount based on the previous year's appropriation.

Mr. Epperson wanted to know the total of appropriations made so far. Ms. Stephanie Rico responded that the total amount appropriated is \$439,100.

Southern University of Shreveport (SUSLA)

Mr. Johnson said that SUSLA was appropriated \$125,000 last year and they requested \$100,000. Mr. Johnson said that the score-based suggestion is \$50,000.

It was **moved by Mr. Burrell**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$50,000 for SUSLA. Motion carried by acclamation*, as shown by the following members in attendance: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins and, Johnson (6). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Lazarus (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Shreveport Regional Arts Council

Mr. Johnson said that Shreveport Regional Arts Council was appropriated \$47,000 last year and they requested \$25,000. Mr. Johnson said that the score-based suggestion is \$12,500.

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$12,000 for Shreveport Regional Arts Council. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Epperson, and, Johnson (4). NAYS: Commissioners Chavez and Hopkins (2). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Lazarus (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mr. Hopkins explained that he declined the motion because part of the organization's funding is used to chauffeur children from schools to local activities.

SISTERS International, Inc. "Restoration Crisis Center" (RCC)

Mr. Johnson said that SISTERS International, Inc. was appropriated \$15,000 last year and they requested \$33,000. Mr. Johnson said that the score-based suggestion is \$16,500.

It was **moved by Mr. Burrell**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$15,000 for SISTERS International, Inc. Motion carried by acclamation*, as shown by the following members in attendance: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins and, Johnson (6). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Lazarus (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

WEB DuBois Child Enrichment Center

Mr. Johnson said that WEB DuBois Child Enrichment Center was appropriated \$7,500 last

year and they requested \$12,500. Mr. Johnson said that the score-based suggestion is \$6,250.

It was **moved by Mr. Burrell**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$6,000 for WEB DuBois Child Enrichment Center. Motion carried by acclamation*, as shown by the following members in attendance: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins and, Johnson (6). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Lazarus (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Acadiana Legal Service Corporation dba Legal Aid of North Louisiana

Mr. Johnson said that Acadiana Legal Service Corporation was appropriated \$20,000 last year and they requested \$31,625. Mr. Johnson said that the score-based suggestion is \$15,813.

It was **moved by Mr. Burrell**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$15,000 for Acadiana Legal Service Corporation. Motion carried by acclamation*, as shown by the following members in attendance: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins and, Johnson (6). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Lazarus (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

North Louisiana Civil Rights Coalition

Mr. Johnson said that North Louisiana Civil Rights Coalition did not receive an appropriation last year and their score-based suggestion is \$5,000.

It was **moved by Mr. Burrell**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$5,000 for North Louisiana Civil Rights Coalition. Motion carried by acclamation*, as shown by the following members in attendance: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins and, Johnson (6). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Lazarus (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mr. Johnson wanted to know the updated total of appropriations. Mrs. Barnett responded \$542,100.

Oasis of Hope Louisiana

Mr. Johnson said that Oasis of Hope Louisiana was appropriated \$75,000 last year and they requested \$85,000. Mr. Johnson said that the score-based suggestion is \$62,500.

It was **moved by Mr. Burrell**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$10,000 for Oasis of Hope Louisiana.*

Mr. Burrell's motion died due to the lack of a second.

It was **moved by Mr. Chavez**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$5,000 for Oasis of Hope Louisiana. Motion carried by acclamation*, as shown by the following members in attendance: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins and, Johnson (6). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Lazarus (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Beta Alpha Calla Lilly Foundation

Mr. Johnson said that National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa was appropriated \$5,000 last year and they requested \$10,000. Mr. Johnson said that the score-based suggestion is \$5,000.

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$5,000 for National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa. Motion carried by acclamation*, as shown by the following members in attendance: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins and, Johnson (6). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Lazarus (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mr. Johnson requested for an update on the total appropriations. Mrs. Barnett responded \$552,100.

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *to amend the appropriation for Holy Angels from \$15,000 to \$25,000.*

Mr. Atkins withdrew his second.

Mr. Atkins commented that he appreciates the motion, but did not want to start a trend of changing recommendations.

It was **moved by Mr. Chavez**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *to forward to the full body the recommendations made by the NGO Appropriations Committee. Motion carried by acclamation*, as shown by the following members in attendance: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins and, Johnson (6). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Lazarus (2).

ABSTAIN: None (0).

At this time, there was no further discussion to come before the Committee, so the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.



Linda J. Montgomery
Administrative Specialist I