



## Lafayette City-Parish President's Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities

Monday, June 8, 2009  
Meeting Minutes

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**Board Members Present:** Laura Breaux; Jim Richard; Peggy Stelly; Marcelle Pradier;  
Deborah Aymond; Brad Walker  
**Guests in Attendance:** Mark Guillory; Melody Cooper; Charmaine Welborn  
**Staff Present:** Lou Anna Angelle

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1. Jim Richard called the meeting to order.
2. The May meeting minutes were approved.
3. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Lou Anna Angelle stated the only correspondence received was from Richard Phelps inquiring into a current phone number or email address for Nadine Dunbar who is no longer working for the Governor's Office of Disability Affairs.

#### 4. **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Leadership Training Update** – Laura Breaux told the committee that the sub-committee has decided to postpone the Leadership Training until August. The committee members discussed possible candidates as speakers for the event.

**Disability Job Fair** – Deborah Aymond informed the committee that the event will be held on October 21, 2009 at the Heymann Center, 9:00 – noon. The committee briefly discussed the event; and Deborah indicated that she will keep the committee updated.

**Thank you note to Dawn Melendez** – Lou Anna Angelle informed the committee that City- Parish President Joey Durel sent a letter to Ms. Melendez, thanking her for the Emergency Preparedness for Deaf-Blind Training. A copy of the letter was attached to the agenda.

#### 5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Laura Breaux's Appointment** – Governor Bobby Jindal appointed Laura Breaux to the Louisiana Rehabilitation Council. The Council serves to review, analyze, and evaluate the state's rehabilitation program. The committee requested that Ben Berthelot prepare a press release regarding Laura's appointment and her association with the Lafayette City-Parish President's Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities.

- Disabled Youths Sub-Committee** – Marcelle Pradier will chair this sub-committee with the help of Donielle Watkins and Michele Bienvenu, as motioned and approved by the committee. This committee will work on a resource pamphlet for disabled youths.
6. Deborah Aymond discussed the committee's 2009 Awards Presentation. She has indicated that she would like to start early on the recognition categories. More information will be given at next month's Meeting.
  7. Brad Walker provided the committee with information regarding the Beacon Club. More information can be obtained from the website: <http://www.louisiana.edu/Student/Organizations/BeaconClub/>
  8. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.
  9. The next meeting of the President's Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities is scheduled for **Monday, July 13, 2009, 11:30-12:30** in the **Council Briefing Room** on the first floor of Lafayette City Hall.