

Louisiana CURE Monthly Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 9, 2020

Participating via ZOOM (17): Checo Yancy, Dustin Latimer, Shametria Gonzales, Avis Henderson, Lyn Hakeem, Betty Carter, Michael Naquin, Kristen Antoine-Morse, James Self, William Gipson, Chester Self, Cammie Maturin, Jay Jackson, Kevin Harris, Carmonesia Hill, LaRita Munier, Kelly Garrett.

President Checo Yancy began the meeting requesting a moment of silence. He then mentioned a quick review of some of the bills that went through the regular session of the state legislature:

HB 173 (Passed), HB 344 (Passed), HB643 (Passed w/ Amendments), HB 729 (Passed) and SB 188 introduced by Sen. Bodi White blocking raises (Defeated)

Checo praised members who contacted legislators via phone, email, etc. since it was impractical to see and visit directly due to the corona pandemic. He specifically mentioned HB 643 concerning parole/probation reductions and its possible improvements in the criminal justice system.

Chester Self asked about when will the law about getting off of probation take affect which is August 1, 2020.

Kristen Antoine-Morse brought up "SAFE SPACE" concerning our Zoom meeting format and the responsibility we share as an organization. Kelly Garrett suggested that everyone not repeat what's mentioned at the meetings when it concerns individuals to help keep names of loved one's protected.

Kelly also spoke about the PARDON/PAROLE process and referred everyone to the Department of Corrections (DOC) website. Hearings are being held on ZOOM and information to "zoom-in" are on the DOC website. Parole Board hearings resume in July.

Michael Naquin, also a member of Louisiana Center for Children's Rights, spoke briefly about HB 173. Shametria Gonzales was working on information concerning expungements.

Before we concluded, new guest, Dustin Latimer, introduced himself and then the meeting ended with a moment of silence.

Respectfully submitted,



Jay Jackson
La. CURE Secretary