

Executive Orders

EXECUTIVE ORDER KBB 07-13

Re-Establishment of Louisiana Rebirth Panel

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. KBB 2006-8, issued February 16, 2006, created the Louisiana Rebirth Panel within the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism (hereafter "Department"), to establish an accountability review panel and/or a third-party performance and financial audit function (hereafter "Panel") that will design and implement a system to safeguard the proper use of culture, recreation and tourism funds;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 10 of Executive Order No. KBB 2006-8, the Panel expired on February 17, 2007;

WHEREAS, the lieutenant governor has requested the reestablishment of this independent accountability review panel with limited modifications;

NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO, Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The Louisiana Rebirth Accountability Panel (hereafter "Panel") is hereby reestablished within the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism;

SECTION 2: The duties of the Panel in the area of culture, recreation and tourism shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

A. Facilitate the achievements of the four (4) results specified in the plan:

1. Rebuild Louisiana to worldwide preeminence as a top tourist destination;
2. Make Louisiana's cultural economy the engine of economic and social rebirth;
3. Build better lives and livelihoods for all of Louisiana's people; and
4. Make Louisiana's recovery the standard for high performance, accountability, and ethical behavior.

B. Develop a work plan for the Panel;

C. Review all sources of funds to implement Louisiana Rebirth, including but not limited to, federal, state, and local funds, and funds from the Louisiana Cultural Economy Foundation;

D. Regularly review and report the results achieved from the expenditure of culture, recreation and tourism funds; and

E. Recommend changes in state legislation, procedures or practices to enhance the state as a top tourist destination.

SECTION 3: The Panel shall submit a written comprehensive report annually to the lieutenant governor, the president of the Louisiana State Senate, the speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives, and the public at-large on the issues set forth in Section 2 of this Order.

SECTION 4:

A. The Panel shall be composed of nine (9) members who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the lieutenant governor, as follows:

1. One (1) representative with expertise in public accounting standards, exhibited by a relationship with the General Accounting Standards Board;

2. One (1) representative with broad expertise in administering performance systems and accounting standards associated with the Government Finance Officers Association;

3. One (1) current or former federal auditor;

4. One (1) representative of the Louisiana Recovery Authority;

5. One (1) private sector business leader from outside the state of Louisiana;

6. One (1) current or former state official from outside the state of Louisiana;

7. One (1) current or former city official from outside the state of Louisiana; and

8. Two (2) at-large members.

SECTION 5: No member of the Panel shall be an employee of any level of Louisiana government. For the purposes of this Order only, a board member of the Louisiana Recovery Authority shall not be considered an employee of any level of Louisiana government.

SECTION 6: The chair of the Panel shall be appointed by the Lt. Governor from the membership of the Panel. All other officers, if any, shall be elected by the membership of the Panel.

SECTION 7: The Panel shall meet at regularly scheduled meetings and at the call of the chair.

SECTION 8: A. Panel members shall not receive compensation or a per diem for their service on the Panel.

Panel members who are employees or elected public officials of the state of Louisiana or a political subdivision thereof may seek reimbursement of travel expenses from their agency or department in accordance with PPM 49.

SECTION 9: Support staff, facilities, and resources for the Panel shall be provided by the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

SECTION 10: All departments, commissions, boards, offices, entities, agencies, and officers of the state of Louisiana, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Panel in implementing the provisions of this Order.

SECTION 11: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of

Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 31st day of May, 2007.

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Jay Dardenne
Secretary of State
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EXECUTIVE ORDER KBB 07-14

Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness
Advisory Council—Rescinds KBB 04-36 and KBB 05-01

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. KBB 2004-36, issued August 20, 2004, created the Homeland Security Advisory Council and Executive Order No. KBB 2005-01, issued January 4, 2005, expanded its membership;

WHEREAS, in an effort to broaden the scope of homeland security efforts in Louisiana, it is necessary to rescind the aforementioned Executive Orders and to establish a reconstituted and strengthened Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council;

WHEREAS, Louisiana is the gateway to the nation's heartland, the home of critically important marine, rail and air transportation infrastructure and national energy assets; its geographic location renders it extremely vulnerable to loss of life and property from severe weather events and a focus for national security;

WHEREAS, the ability to protect the citizens of the state of Louisiana from all hazards of emergencies and disasters, depends, in part, upon the adequacy of state and local community emergency preparedness and response capabilities, training, exercises, and equipment; and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve effective and efficient emergency preparedness, response, and recovery capabilities and capacities for all hazards of emergencies and disasters and to protect the security of the homeland, the best interests of the citizens of the state of Louisiana would be served by creating an advisory council to coordinate Louisiana's efforts in these critical areas;

NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO, Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The Homeland Security Advisory Council is hereby reconstituted as the Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council (hereafter "Council") to be organized within the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, Office of the Governor.

SECTION 2: The duties of the Council shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

A. Enhancing the homeland security and emergency preparedness programs of the state of Louisiana by linking state and local government efforts, and leveraging education, industry, and private sector initiatives;

B. Recommending policy and endorsing initiatives within all fields of expertise related to homeland security and emergency preparedness;

C. Identifying homeland security and emergency preparedness grants, and recommending updates and improvements to the state's emergency preparedness and homeland security strategy consistent with national and state policy and technological advances and innovations;

D. Providing a process for analyzing the state's assets and responding to opportunities;

E. Supporting national homeland security, emergency preparedness and defense objectives; and

F. Notifying and informing the governor, the state legislature and Louisiana's congressional delegation on all hazard initiatives requiring congressional action.

SECTION 3: On or before December 1, 2008, and each December 1 thereafter, the Council shall submit a written report to the governor, the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives regarding the duties set forth in Section 2 above.

SECTION 4: The Council shall be composed of the following ten (10) members:

A. Director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, or the director's designee;

B. Adjutant general of the Louisiana National Guard, or the adjutant general's designee;

C. Chair of the Senate Select Committee on Homeland Security, or the chair's designee;

D. Chair of the House Special Committee on Louisiana Homeland Security, or the chair's designee;

E. Secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, or the secretary's designee;

F. Superintendent of the Louisiana State Police, or the superintendent's designee;

G. Secretary of the Department of Social Services, or the secretary's designee;

H. Secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development, or the secretary's designee;

I. Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, or the secretary's designee;

J. Attorney general of Louisiana, or the attorney general's designee;

SECTION 5: The director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness or the director's designee shall serve as chair of the Council.

SECTION 6: The Council shall also be composed of subcommittees that will report to and be governed by the Council. Council members shall serve as ex-officio members of each subcommittee. The duties of the subcommittees shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

A. Providing advice on various fields of subject matter expertise, consistent with the direction of the Council; and

B. Making recommendations on homeland security and all hazards emergency preparedness challenges, threats and opportunities that effect Louisiana.

SECTION 7: The Council shall meet not later than June 30, 2007, and thereafter at regularly scheduled intervals, and at the call of the chair.

SECTION 8: Support staff, facilities, and resources for the Council shall be provided by the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

SECTION 9:

A. Council members shall not receive additional compensation or a per diem from the Office of the Governor for serving on the Council.

B. Council members who are employees or elected public officials of the state of Louisiana or a political subdivision thereof may seek reimbursement of travel expenses from their agency or department in accordance with PPM 49.

C. Council members who are also members of the Louisiana Legislature may seek a per diem from the Senate or House of Representatives, as appropriate, for their attendance.

SECTION 10: All departments, commissions, boards, offices, entities, agencies, and officers of the state of Louisiana, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Council in implementing the provisions of this Order.

SECTION 11: Executive Order No. KBB 2004-36 issued August 20, 2004, and Executive Order No. KBB

2005-01, issued January 4, 2005, are hereby terminated and rescinded.

SECTION 12: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 31st day of May, 2007.

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