Frequently Asked Questions

For applicants to the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authorities (SLFPA) September 17, 2013 Revision

Q: What "levee reform" legislation created the Southeast Flood Protection Authorities (SLFPA)

A: Act 1 of the 2006 First Extraordinary Session created two flood protections boards; the SLFPA- East and SLFPA- West. Constitutional Amendment #3 approved by 81% of the Louisiana voters on Sep 30, 2006 and legislation Act 43 is also significant parts of the levee reform legislation. (R.S. 38:330.1)

Q: How large are the boards and when did they first convene?

A: The <u>SLFPA-East</u> has 9 members and first convened in January 2007 The <u>SLFPA-West</u> has 7 members and first convened in February 2007

Q: Are Board Members compensated?

A: Board positions are unpaid however they receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with Louisiana regulations

Q: How does the selection process work?

A: Board member-

- a. Vacancies are announced publicly by the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA)
- b. Applications are submitted to CPRA and forwarded the nominating committee
- c. The committee votes to nominate a person(s) to a position on the board using a "qualification based process".
- d. The nominee(s) is submitted to the Governor for Appointment
- e. The Senate confirms the Appointment

Q: How long is the term in office?

A: Four years, members may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

Q: *How often do the Boards Meet?*

A: The boards meet monthly or as determined by needs of the Board. Members are allowed to participate via electronic conferencing however only members present may vote on an official action. Members are also assigned to committees which meet regularly as required.

Q: What legal obligations do Boards Members have?

A: As trustee and fiduciary of all public interests before the Authority, Board members are subject to the <u>Code of Governmental Ethics of Louisiana</u>

Q: Who are the members of the nominating committee?

A: The nominating committee members are made up of representatives from professional, academic and civic organizations specified in the legislation R.S. <u>38:330.1</u>c(2)(a) as amended by HR 796 of the 2009 Regular Session. Applicants may discuss their applications and qualifications with the nominating committee members as needed. A listing of the current nominating committee membership is maintained at the CPRA Office

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Q: May I serve on the Board if I am a State Employee?

A: No, State employees cannot serve on either board due to potential conflict of interest.

Q: Who are the current Board Members?

A: Current board membership is maintained by the Louisiana <u>CPRA</u>. Click on the following link to further information and to download a copy of the <u>Application</u>.

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