



## **PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

The Executive Committee of The Bridge Center for Hope will hold an Executive Committee meeting as shown below:

DATE: November 10, 2021

TIME: 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

LOCATION: Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82208955989?pwd=b1BTaDI3TWVHQ2RVQXpZaFA3UUtUUT09>

Meeting ID: 822 0895 5989

Passcode: 166403

Phone: 346-248-7799

**The public is invited to attend.**

Notice has been made of this meeting, through publication and via internet, to comply with the “Louisiana Open Meetings Law”.

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Charlotte Claiborne, Bridge Center for Hope  
Executive Director



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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3455 Florida Blvd (Conference Room)

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### AGENDA

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| I.    | CALL MEETING TO ORDER   | Murphy Paul         |
| II.   | PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS  | Murphy Paul         |
| III.  | MINUTES   | Murphy Paul         |
|       | A. For Action: Approval of Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held September 14, 2021 |                     |
| IV.   | FINANCE COMMITTEE   | Sharon Robinson     |
|       | A. For Information: Budget Review   |                     |
| V.    | COMMUNITY RELATIONS   | Charlotte Claiborne |
|       | A. For Information: Community Relations Update  |                     |
| VI.   | RI INTERNATIONAL  |                     |
|       | A. For Discussion: MCO Update   |                     |
|       | B. For Discussion: 2022 Program and Services  |                     |
| VII.  | UNFINISHED BUSINESS   | Murphy Paul         |
|       | A. For Information: Annual Training   |                     |
| VIII. | NEW BUSINESS  | Murphy Paul         |
| IX.   | ADJOURN   | Murphy Paul         |

**THE BRIDGE CENTER FOR HOPE, INC'S  
CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION JBE 2020-30**

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the Governor of the State of Louisiana declared a Public Health Emergency due to the threat posed to public safety by the COVID-19 outbreak;

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, the Governor issued Proclamation JBE 2020-30, entitled Additional Measures for COVID-19 Public Health Emergency;

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of Proclamation JBE 2020-30 was to provide, in part, for additional measures to help combat the spread of COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, Section Four of Proclamation JBE 2020-30 authorized attendance at public meetings via teleconference or video conference during the pendency of the emergency;

**WHEREAS**, Section Four of Proclamation JBE 2020-30 further mandated that, before invoking the authority of Section Four, a public entity is required to certify that it would be unable to operate due to quorum requirements;

**WHEREAS**, The Bridge Center for Hope, Inc. needs to conduct essential business;

**WHEREAS**, due to health and safety concerns and in order to comply with COVID-19 restrictions, The Bridge Center for Hope, Inc. is unable to obtain a quorum of the members to attend an in-person meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, The Bridge Center for Hope, Inc., therefore, needs to implement the authorization in Section Four of Proclamation JBE 2020-30;

**NOW THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority contained in Proclamation JBE 2020-30, the Executive Committee of the Bridge Center for Hope, Inc. hereby certifies on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021, that it is unable to obtain an in-person quorum for its meeting scheduled for November 10, due to the threat of COVID-19, and that, therefore, one or more of its members may participate in such meeting via teleconference or video conference. Additionally, all efforts will be made to provide for observation and input by members of the public. The meeting may be accessed at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82208955989?pwd=b1BTaDl3TWVHQ2RVQXpZaFA3UUtUUT09Meet>  
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Patrick Seiter, Board Chair



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

September 14, 2021

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88525702792?pwd=a1ZDNVpwUWlxUWY2NXFEVFRKaDdwUT09>

Meeting ID: 885 2570 2792

Passcode: 740195

Phone: 346-248-7799

**APPROVED**

### MINUTES

#### I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM. Executive Committee members who participated virtually were Vice-Chair Chief Murphy Paul, Sharon Robinson, and Lauren Crump. A quorum was determined.

Also participating was Charlotte Claiborne from the Bridge Center for Hope.

#### II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Chief Paul asked if any member of the public would like to comment on the agenda. After hearing no request for comment, Chief Paul proceeded with the agenda as written.

#### III. MINUTES

A. For Action: Approval of Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held July 13, 2021

Chief Paul reviewed the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on July 13, 2021. On a motion by Sharon Robinson and a second by Lauren Crump, the Executive Committee unanimously approved the Executive Committee meeting minutes held on July 13, 2021.

#### IV. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A. For Discussion: Board of Director Nominee

Chief Paul deferred to Charlotte Claiborne to give an update on the Nominating Committee. Ms. Claiborne reported that the Nominating Committee held a meeting on August 19, 2021, and agreed to recommend Dr. Tiffany Pitts Simpson as the next Director. Ms. Claiborne noted that Dr. Simpson comes highly endorsed by Michael Mitchell, has experience with juveniles and serves as the Executive Director for a nonprofit.

After due discussion, the Executive Committee agreed to the Nominating Committee recommendations. Ms. Claiborne also reported several existing Board members whose terms were ending on December 31, 2021. An email has been sent requesting reconsideration, and a board vacancy will be posted for 30 days if someone doesn't wish to be reconsidered.

V. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. For Discussion: 2021 Remaining Budget

Chief Paul deferred to Ms. Robinson to provide the update for the Finance Committee. Ms. Robinson provided an overview of the current budget and outlined where each contract remains for year ends.

VI. ACCOUNTABILITY AND QUALITY COMMITTEE

A. For Information: Accountability and Quality Committee Update

Chief Paul deferred to Ms. Claiborne to provide the update for the Accountability and Quality Committee. Ms. Claiborne reviewed the Bridge Center monthly's stats citing that the facility received 283 presentations and 270 admits. In addition, Ms. Claiborne reported that 131 entered the facility independently, and first responders escorted 139 with an average handle time of 3.5 minutes which is consistently below the projected average handle time of 5 to 7 minutes.

Ms. Claiborne reported that the Accountability and Quality Committee is scheduled to meet on September 17, 2021, to discuss the newly drafted Complaint and Incident Policies and review the revised Conflicts of Interest Policy that will be presented to the Directors at the next Board of Directors meeting scheduled for September 21, 2021.

VII. COMMUNITY RELATIONS

A. For Information: Community Relations Update

Chief Paul deferred to Ms. Claiborne to provide the update for the Community Relations Committee. Ms. Claiborne reported that the Bridge Center had been invited to participate in the NAMI walk scheduled for October 9, 2021, to which she would poll the Directors. Ms. Claiborne also reported that the Bridge Center served as a speaker at the Louisiana Veterans Affairs 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Suicide Prevention Summit and canvassed Opioid hot spots with the You're Not Alone project.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. For Information: Annual Training

Chief Paul asked if there was any unfinished business that required discussion. Ms. Claiborne reported that there were members who had yet to complete their annual training.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Chief Paul asked if there was any new business that required discussion. After hearing no comment, Chief Paul proceeded with the agenda as written.

X. ADJOURN

With no further business to discuss, and on a motion by Sharon Robinson and a second by Lauren Crump, the Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 1:04 PM.