

Broadband for Everyone in Louisiana Commission

This commission has four Executive Orders

JBE 19-15

JBE 19-20

JBE 20-6

JBE 22-11

State of Louisiana

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 19-15

BROADBAND FOR EVERYONE IN LOUISIANA COMMISSION

WHEREAS, universal access to broadband service for all Louisiana residents is a key competitive factor for economic development and quality of life in the new global marketplace;

WHEREAS, universal connectivity, particularly in rural areas, is needed for attracting new and expanding business and to facilitate education and training, health care and government services;

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana has adopted a statewide broadband plan with the goal of improving both the adoption and availability of broadband service for Louisiana residents by providing universal access to broadband service with minimum committed speed of 25 Megabits per second (Mbps) download and 3 Mbps upload, scalable to up to 100 Mbps download and 100 Mbps upload, for all Louisianans by 2029; and

WHEREAS, there exists a necessity to create a broadband commission to serve as the lead facilitator to collaborate with all sectors to successfully execute the statewide broadband plan while embracing all communities to encourage broadband adoption and availability.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, 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 Broadband for Everyone in Louisiana Commission is hereby created within the governor's office and shall consist of twenty-three members, including sixteen ex officio members and seven members appointed by the governor.

SECTION 2: The commission shall focus on the following two pillars:

- 1) **Adoption.** The commission shall encourage adoption of broadband services by:
 - a. Working with private broadband providers to identify and inventory all low-cost broadband programs currently offered by Internet service providers in Louisiana;
 - b. Publishing the available programs on the Governor's Office website and publicizing these programs in communications and events;
 - c. Developing a survey to identify areas of the state where broadband adoption rates fall below the state- or national-average;
 - d. Identifying communities without low-cost broadband programs and identifying potential partners to launch new programs where needed;
 - e. Working with private broadband providers, educational institutions, parish and municipal governments, non-profit organizations, and other stakeholders to identify barriers to adoption by individuals and families in Louisiana; and
 - f. Taking an inventory of best practices for adoption programs and identifying opportunities to use public and private resources to

encourage adoption programs that turn Louisiana households in to broadband households.

- 2) **Availability.** The commission shall encourage the expansion of broadband networks by:
- a. Identifying barriers restraining broadband deployment and propose solutions to the Governor on a quarterly basis;
 - b. Encouraging partnerships throughout Louisiana to maximize state and federal grant funding for broadband deployment;
 - c. Celebrating broadband build-outs throughout the state, including providers utilizing FCC, USDA, State Grant (where applicable), and other programs designed to accelerate broadband deployment;
 - d. Developing a survey for providers to ascertain barriers and opportunities to accelerate the construction of broadband;
 - e. Surveying governmental entities and existing providers on any buildings and/or assets in need of broadband services;
 - f. Researching and recommending the viability of local governments creating or expanding special assessment districts to assist in deploying broadband in unserved and underserved areas;
 - g. Leveraging available federal and state E-Rate funding opportunities, with the immediate goal of achieving 100% of Louisiana's school buildings and libraries gaining access to broadband services; and
 - h. Collecting, aggregating, and disseminating from the provider community best practices.

SECTION 3: The members of the Commission shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the governor and shall be comprised of up to twenty-three (23) members. Of the members appointed by the governor, one member shall be selected from each of the following:

- A. The Public Service Commission;
- B. A list of three nominees submitted by the Louisiana Municipal Association;
- C. A list of three nominees submitted by the Louisiana Police Jury Association;
- D. A list of three private sector individuals submitted by electric utility companies doing business within the state;
- E. A list of three private sector individuals submitted by the Internet and Television Association (LCTA);
- F. A list of three private sector individuals submitted by the Louisiana Telecommunications Association (LTA); and
- G. A list of three private sector individuals submitted by the Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association (CTIA).

SECTION 4: The appointed members of the commission shall represent the geographic, gender, and racial diversity of the state.

SECTION 5: Commission members shall not receive additional compensation or a *per diem* from the Office of the Governor for serving on the Commission.

Commission members who are an employee or an elected public official of the State of Louisiana or a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana may seek reimbursement of travel expenses, in accordance with PPM 49, from their employing and/or elected department, agency and/or office.

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

SECTION 6: The governor shall convene the first meeting of the commission and shall designate the chairman. The commission shall elect a vice-chairman and such other officers as it deems necessary.

- SECTION 7:** All members of the commission shall remain in office until their successors are appointed. All vacancies shall be filled in the same manner prescribed herein for the remainder of the unexpired term.
- SECTION 8:** The commission shall meet at least quarterly and at such other times upon the call of the chairman or a majority of the members.
- SECTION 9:** A quorum to transact business shall be a majority of the members of the commission.
- SECTION 10:** 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 the State of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 29th day of August, 2019.


GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE


SECRETARY OF STATE

EXECUTIVE ORDER

JBE 19-20

Broadband for Everyone in Louisiana Commission Amending Executive Order JBE 19-15

WHEREAS, the Broadband for Everyone in Louisiana Commission (hereafter "Commission") was established and created within the executive department, Office of the Governor through Executive Order Number JBE 19-15 on August 29, 2019;

WHEREAS, the Commission has been tasked with serving as the lead facilitator to collaborate with all sectors to successfully execute the statewide broadband plan while embracing all communities to encourage broadband adoption and availability; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend Executive Order Number 19-15.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, 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: Section 1 of the Executive Order Number JBE 19-15, issued on August 29, 2019, is hereby amended as follows:

The Broadband for Everyone in Louisiana Commission is hereby created within the governor's office and shall consist of twenty-three members, including fourteen ex-officio members and nine members appointed by the governor.

SECTION 2: Section 3 of the Executive Order Number JBE 19-15, issued on August 29, 2019, is hereby amended as follows:

There shall be twenty-three (23) members of the Commission. Nine members shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the governor. Of these nine members, two shall be at-large business executive members selected at the Governor's discretion and one member shall be selected from each of the following:

1. The Public Service Commission;
2. A list of three nominees submitted by the Louisiana Municipal Association;
3. A list of three nominees submitted by the Louisiana Police Jury Association;
4. A list of three private sector individuals submitted by electric utility companies doing business within the state;
5. A list of three private sector individuals submitted by the Internet and Television Association (LCTA);
6. A list of three private sector individuals submitted by the Louisiana Telecommunications Association (LTA); and
7. A list of three private sector individuals submitted by the Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association (CTIA).

The following 14 members shall serve as ex-officio members:

1. The president of the Louisiana State Senate, or his designee.
2. The speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives, or his designee.
3. The chairman of the Louisiana Rural Caucus, or his designee.
4. The commissioner of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, or his designee.
5. The secretary of state, or his designee.
6. The commissioner of administration, or his designee.
7. The director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, or his designee.
8. The secretary of Louisiana Economic Development, or his designee.
9. The superintendent of the Department of Education, or his designee.
10. The commissioner of higher education, or her designee.
11. The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, or her designee.
12. The secretary of the Louisiana Workforce Commission, or her designee.
13. The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, or his designee.
14. The governor's designee to the Delta Regional Authority.

SECTION 3: 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 the State of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 3rd day of December, 2019.

John Bel Edwards
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Kyle Ardoin
Secretary of State

State of Louisiana

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2020 - 6

BROADBAND FOR EVERYONE IN LOUISIANA COMMISSION AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 19-20

WHEREAS, the Broadband for Everyone in Louisiana Commission (hereafter "Commission") was established and created within the executive department, Office of the Governor through Executive Order Number JBE 19-15 on August 29, 2019;

WHEREAS, the Commission has been tasked with serving as the lead facilitator to collaborate with all sectors to successfully execute the statewide broadband plan while embracing all communities to encourage broadband adoption and availability;

WHEREAS, Executive Order Number JBE 19-20, issued on December 3, 2019, amended Executive Order Number JBE 19-15; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend Executive Order Number JBE 19-20.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, 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: Section 1 of the Executive Order Number JBE 19-20, issued on December 3, 2019, is hereby amended as follows:

The Broadband for Everyone in Louisiana Commission is hereby created within the governor's office and shall consist of twenty-five members, including fourteen ex-officio members and eleven members appointed by the governor.

SECTION 2: Section 3 of the Executive Order Number JBE 19-20, issued on December 3, 2019, is hereby amended as follows:

There shall be twenty-five (25) members of the Commission. Eleven members shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the governor. Of these eleven members, two shall be at-large business executive members selected at the Governor's discretion, one member shall be the Governor's Director of Rural Revitalization, and one member shall be selected from each of the following:

- A. The Public Service Commission;
- B. A list of three nominees submitted by the Louisiana Municipal Association;
- C. A list of three nominees submitted by the Louisiana Police Jury Association;
- D. A list of three private sector individuals submitted by electric utility companies doing business within the state;
- E. A list of three private sector individuals submitted by the Internet and Television Association (LCTA);
- F. A list of three private sector individuals submitted by the Louisiana Telecommunications Association (LTA); and
- G. A list of three private sector individuals submitted by the Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association (CTIA); and

- H. A list of three nominees submitted by the Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives (ALEC).

The following 14 members shall serve as ex-officio members:

- A. The president of the Louisiana State Senate, or his designee.
- B. The speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives, or his designee.
- C. The chairman of the Louisiana Rural Caucus, or his designee.
- D. The commissioner of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, or his designee.
- E. The secretary of state, or his designee.
- F. The commissioner of administration, or his designee.
- G. The director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, or his designee.
- H. The secretary of Louisiana Economic Development, or his designee.
- I. The superintendent of the Department of Education, or his designee.
- J. The commissioner of higher education, or her designee.
- K. The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, or her designee.
- L. The secretary of the Louisiana Workforce Commission, or her designee.
- M. The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, or his designee.
- N. The governor's designee to the Delta Regional Authority.

SECTION 3: 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 the State of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 2nd day of March, 2020.


GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE


SECRETARY OF STATE

State of Louisiana

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2022 - 11

BROADBAND FOR EVERYONE IN LOUISIANA COMMISSION AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2020 - 6

WHEREAS, the Broadband for Everyone in Louisiana Commission (hereafter "Commission") was established and created within the executive department, Office of the Governor through Executive Order Number JBE 19-15 on August 29, 2019;

WHEREAS, the Commission has been tasked with serving as the lead facilitator to collaborate with all sectors to successfully execute the statewide broadband plan while embracing all communities to encourage broadband adoption and availability;

WHEREAS, Executive Order Number JBE 19-20, issued on December 3, 2019, amended Executive Order Number JBE 19-15;

WHEREAS, Executive Order Number JBE 2020-6, issued on March 2, 2020, amended Executive Order Number JBE 19-20; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend Executive Order Number JBE 2020-6.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, 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: Section 1 of the Executive Order Number JBE 2020-6, issued on March 2, 2020, is hereby amended as follows:

The Broadband for Everyone in Louisiana Commission is hereby created within the governor's office and shall consist of twenty-six members, including fourteen ex-officio members and twelve members appointed by the governor.

SECTION 2: Section 3 of the Executive Order Number JBE 2020-6, issued on March 2, 2020, is hereby amended as follows:

There shall be twenty-six (26) members of the Commission. Twelve members shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the governor. Of these twelve members, two shall be at-large business executive members selected at the Governor's discretion, one member shall be the Governor's Director of Rural Revitalization, and one member shall be selected from each of the following:

- A. The Public Service Commission;
- B. A list of three nominees submitted by the Louisiana Municipal Association;
- C. A list of three nominees submitted by the Louisiana Police Jury Association;
- D. A list of three private sector individuals submitted by electric utility companies doing business within the state;
- E. A list of three private sector individuals submitted by the Internet and Television Association (LCTA);

- F. A list of three private sector individuals submitted by the Louisiana Telecommunications Association (LTA); and
- G. A list of three private sector individuals submitted by the Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association (CTIA); and
- H. A list of three nominees submitted by the Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives (ALEC).
- I. A representative of labor nominated by the AFL-CIO.

The following 14 members shall serve as ex-officio members:

- A. The president of the Louisiana State Senate, or his designee.
- B. The speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives, or his designee.
- C. The chairman of the Louisiana Rural Caucus, or his designee.
- D. The commissioner of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, or his designee.
- E. The secretary of state, or his designee.
- F. The commissioner of administration, or his designee.
- G. The director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, or his designee.
- H. The secretary of Louisiana Economic Development, or his designee.
- I. The superintendent of the Department of Education, or his designee.
- J. The commissioner of higher education, or her designee.
- K. The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, or her designee.
- L. The secretary of the Louisiana Workforce Commission, or her designee.
- M. The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, or his designee.
- N. The governor's designee to the Delta Regional Authority.

SECTION 3: 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 the State of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 6th day of April, 2022.


 GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE
 SECRETARY OF STATE


 SECRETARY OF STATE