

**LOUISIANA NENA CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 21, 2021**  
**BATON ROUGE, LA**

President Tyrell Morris called the meeting to order.

**Secretary/Treasurer's Report**

*Financial*

Linda Lavergne reported that the current membership is 211 and prior membership was approximately 221. NENA's checking account balance is \$63,001.29, which includes money received for the Symposium.

On a motion made by Jack Varnado, seconded by Richard McGuire the financial report was unanimously approved.

*Minutes*

On a motion made by Richard McGuire, seconded by Sean Spansel the minutes from the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

**New Business**

*Committee Reports: Louisiana Next Generation 9-1-1 Sub-Committee*

Richard McGuire informed members of the progress being made with the Department of Health and Hospitals on the transition of 9-8-8 to a suicide hotline which is set to go live July 2022. Mr. McGuire stated that the plan is still being put together and at this point funding is the biggest concern. Mr. McGuire then advised members that there will be plenty of opportunities to work together in the future including joint training between 9-8-8 call takers and 9-1-1 dispatchers so that there is a better understanding of what 9-8-8 does and what it's supposed to do. Mr. McGuire also advised that prior to July 2022, cell phones will be required to dial 10 digits. Mr. McGuire then informed members that he will have more information, including a draft of the plan at the next chapter meeting. Discussion followed.

*Committee Reports: Symposium Committee*

Linda Lavergne reported that the Symposium will be held April 25 – 27, 2022 at the Paragon Casino Resort in Marksville. Ms. Lavergne advised that the Symposium Committee is finalizing speakers and that an email will be sent out in the next few weeks with an agenda as well as information on how to reserve a room. Ms. Lavergne also asked that if anyone has any ideas for entertainment, training or potential speakers to contact any member of the Symposium Committee.

**Other Business**

Tyrell Morris informed members that NENA Leadership will be releasing its Diversity Inclusion Leadership course which is designed for leaders in 9-1-1 to learn how to work through and manage diversity inclusion topics and subject matter.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Kory Latiolais to adjourn, seconded by Debra Hopkins and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned.