LOUISIANA ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION COMMISSION (LEEC)

AUTHORITY/HISTORY

The Louisiana State Legislature established the Louisiana Environmental Education Commission with the 1993 Louisiana Environmental Education and Litter Reduction Act. The Governor appoints its 27 seats. It includes educators, representatives from small businesses, industry, local municipalities and state agencies, and environmental advocates.

MEMBERSHIP ROLES & STAFF

Chair: Jennifer Roberts

Chair-elect: Cole Ruckstuhl

Past-chair: Jessica Dixon

Secretary: Connie Conner

LDOE Staff: Venise Ortego and Thomas Gresham

Representing	Name	Work Title
BESE	Ronnie Morris	Engineer, ExxonMobil
Louisiana Board of Regents	Murt Conover	Associate Director of Education & Outreach Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium
Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry	Joey Breaux	Agricultural Environmental Specialist
Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation, Tourism	Jessica Dixon	Parks Program Consultant
Louisiana Department of Education	Breigh Rhodes	Director of Math, Science, and STEM
Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality	Denise Bennett	Deputy Secretary
Louisiana Department of Health	Justin Gremillion	Chief of Specialty Operation, Office of Public Health
Louisiana Department of Natural Resources	Robin Dufilho	Public Information Officer 1
Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries		
Environmental Advocacy 1/2	Brian Salvatore, Ph.D.	Professor & Dept. Chair, Dept. of Chemistry & Physics at LSU Shreveport
Environmental Advocacy 2/2	Pending	
Environmental Scientist	Dianne Lindstedt	Marine Education Coordinator, Louisiana Sea Grant College Program
Industry 1/2	Ashley G. Cain	Manager of Communications, LA Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association
Industry 2/2	Dean Blackett	Retired company owner
Louisiana Environmental Education Association (LEEA), Cong. Dist. 1	Dinah Maygarden	Education Program Manager, Pontchartrain Institute for Environmental Sciences at UNO
LEEA, Cong. Dist. 2	Jennifer Roberts	Biologist, USACE Regional Planning & Environmental Division South

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LEEA, Cong. Dist. 3	Cole Ruckstuhl	Computer Scientist, USGS
LEEA, Cong. Dist. 4	Connie Conner	Teacher, DeRidder High School
LEEA, Cong. Dist. 5	Christy Flynn	Teacher, South Grant Elementary
LEEA, Cong. Dist. 6	Brenda Nixon, Ph.D.	Environmental Science Specialist
LEEA, member at large	Heather Egger	Assistant Extension Agent, 4-H Plaquemines Parish
Louisiana Science Teachers Association	Pierre LaCaze	Vice-Principal, Rapides Parish
Local Government	Kelia Bingham	Watershed Coordinator, Acadiana Planning Commission
LSU AgCenter	Brian Gautreau	Youth Wetlands & Education Program Coordinator
Small Business	Kea Sherman	Attorney, Sherman Law Firm
Southern University AgCenter	Christopher Chappell, Ph.D.	Assistant Professor, Department of Urban Forestry
Governor's Office of Coastal Activities	Morgan Crutcher	Policy Advisor