

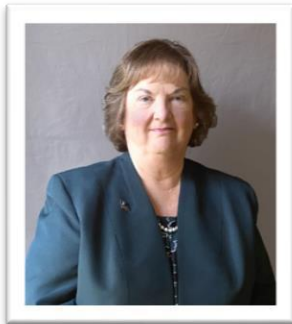


# 2021 LRTA SPRING MEETING AGENDA

**8:30 A.M.**

**President's Welcome**

*Janis Hernandez, LRTA President*



LRTA State President Janis Hernandez brings greetings to begin the 2021 Virtual Spring Meeting. All members who register for the meeting will receive the link to watch Mrs. Hernandez's welcome.

**9:00 A.M.**

**Association Member Benefits Advisors**



Representatives from the Association Member Benefits Advisors (AMBA) will discuss their most popular insurance products and how LRTA members can purchase these products. LRTA endorses AMBA to provide insurance products, such as dental and visions insurance. This is also a great opportunity to get to know the AMBA team. If you are interested or in need of insurance, join AMBA for this session. Please note: AMBA does not offer certain insurance products like medical insurance.

**10:00 A.M.**

**Executive Board Meeting**

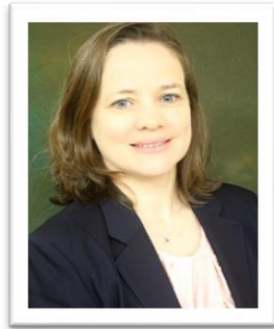
The LRTA Executive Board will meet via Zoom Webinar. Members who register to attend the Executive Board Meeting will be able to observe the meeting, but those observing CANNOT be seen or heard during the meeting. Due to limited space, the first 100 members who register for the Executive Board meeting will receive information for the meeting.

Business for the Executive Board meeting includes reviewing and approving the 2021-2022 operating budget for LRTA, introducing newly elected LRTA District Presidents and more.

**1:00 P.M.**

**Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana**

***Katherine Whitney, TRSL Director***

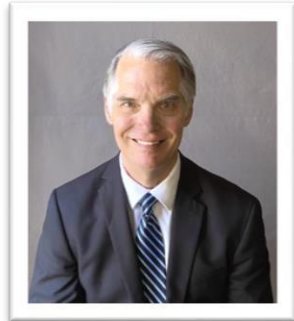


TRSL Director Katherine Whitney dives into the history of COLAs and how the criteria for funding COLAs have changed over the years. COLAs are not prefunded, and the money for funding COLAs comes from any excess investment earnings deposited into the Experience Account. She also discusses two resolutions passed during the 2020 Regular Legislative Session and the studies conducted on how to fund COLAs in the future as a result of the resolutions. Learn more about COLAs, how they are funded and some of the options for funding COLAs presented to the Joint Retirement Committee in this presentation.

**2:30 P.M.**

**Louisiana Retired Teachers Association**

***Rodney Watson and Clyde Hamner***



LRTA Executive Director Rodney Watson and LRTA State Legislative Chair and Second Vice-President Clyde Hamner discuss the impending Regular Louisiana Legislative Session for 2021. Mr. Watson and Mr. Hamner will focus on the legislative priorities LRTA will focus on this year, including Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs) for retirees in the most need, maintaining our current Defined Benefit plan and monitoring for tax reform legislation or constitutional conventions that could impact retirees' benefits (such as removing the state income tax exemption on retirement benefits). Join this session to learn more about what to expect during this legislative session!