

Terrebonne ARC
Programs Committee Meeting
Friday, May 8, 2026

April Giles, Chair, called the meeting **to order**, at 8:00 a.m. in TARC's Administration Building, Conference Room #3.

Upon roll call, the Programs Committee members recorded as present were: April Giles, Chair, Ronald Chaisson, James Goodwin, Lindsay Ocker, Tracy Schwab and Mike Allemand, President. Those absent was Larry Pete. A quorum was present. Staff present were: Mary L. Bisland, Patricia Chauvin, Erica Pellegrin, Tiffany Brunet, Deanna Zeringue and Danielle Domangue.

Mike Allemand entered the meeting at 8:05 a.m.

Mary L. Bisland and Erica Pellgrin presented information on developing a **New Prevocational Program** that would be designed to provide students who are preparing to graduate and exit the school system in discovering employment interest, identifying career interests, developing job skills, and establishing the support systems necessary to achieve successful and meaningful employment. The timeframe to develop the program will be approximately six months.

Tracy Schwab moved, seconded by Lindsay Ocker, to recommend to the Full Board, to approve the development of the prevocational program. Motion carried.

Tiffany Brunet presented the development of a new **Gift Department** featuring Mardi Gras items, with plans to launch an online store in the near future. The project will create employment opportunities for participants through duties such as packaging products, preparing orders for shipment, and delivering packages to the post office. Gift items will be available through the Café, Cajun Confections, and Grand Designs.

Ronald Chaisson moved, seconded by Lindsay Ocker, to recommend to the Full Board to, approve the development of the gift department. Motion carried.

Tiffany Brunet presented the information on **Baling** salvage clothing from the Cedar Chests that cannot be sold through the Thrift Store. These items would be prepared and sold as salvage merchandise, creating additional opportunities for participants through sorting, and baling. A second donation center would also be established at the same location. The cost of the implementation of this program is currently being researched.

Tracy Schwab moved, seconded by Ronald Chaisson, to recommend to the Full Board to, approve the baling savage concept. Motion carried.

Tracy Schwab moved, seconded by Lindsay Ocker, to **adjourn**. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Chauvin, Custodian of TARC records
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April Giles, Chair