



**Meeting of  
East Baton Rouge Redevelopment Authority  
Board of Commissioners**

<b>MINUTES</b>	<b>JANUARY 17, 2019</b>	<b>9:00 A.M.</b>	<b>620 FLORIDA STREET, STE. 110 70801</b>
<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	John Noland		
<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting		
<b>NOTE TAKER</b>	Tara Titone		
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<p><b>Attending Board Members:</b> John Noland, Chairman; Brian Haymon, Vice Chairman; Theodore Major, Secretary; Rodney Braxton</p> <p><b>Also attending:</b> Christopher Tyson, RDA President and CEO; Tara Titone, RDA Vice President; Matthew Johnson, RDA; Geno McLaughlin, RDA; Amanda Wells, Baker Donelson, RDA legal counsel; Councilwoman Barbara Freiberg, District 12; Jonathan Hill, Franklin Associates; Jacques Hawkins, 70805 community development interest; Tonya Wright, 70805 resident; Barbara King, 70805 resident; Timothy Boone, The Advocate; Sam Sanders, Mid City Redevelopment Alliance; Josh Dean, Mid City Redevelopment Alliance; Brian LaFleur, Lafleur Industries; Monique Robinson, Vital Resource Solutions</p>		
	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>		<b>JOHN NOLAND</b>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The meeting was called to order by Mr. Noland at <b>9:03 AM</b>		
	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>		<b>JOHN NOLAND</b>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The Board reviewed the minutes from the December 13, 2018 meeting and took no issue.		
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Mr. Major moved to approve the minutes, and Mr. Braxton seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.		
	<b>FINANCIAL REPORT</b>		<b>CHRISTOPHER TYSON</b>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Mr. Tyson provided the Board with the YTD Profit and Loss Actual vs. Budget, Program Statement of Activity and Cash Flow for the period ended December 31, 2018, and Monthly Cash Flow Projections. The Board took no issue. Mr. Tyson stated that he will bring an option of an interest-bearing account before the Board in February.		
	<b>CEO UPDATE</b>		<b>CHRISTOPHER TYSON</b>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Mr. Tyson introduced Geno McLaughlin, the RDA's newly-hired Community Engagement Specialist. The RDA has also hired Rebekah Strickland as its administrative assistant and is now up to a full-time staff of eight employees. Mr. Tyson introduced Alyssa Davis, Master's candidate at the Harvard Kennedy School, who has selected Baton Rouge and the Plank Road project as her thesis work and is visiting Baton Rouge to meet with Mayor Broome, the RDA and several community stakeholders to inform her project. The RDA will continue to work with Alyssa over the duration of her studies.</p> <p>Mr. Tyson presented to the Board a CEO 2018 Year-In-Review presentation featuring the RDA's most recent progress related to administrative matters, land banking and redevelopment, Electric Depot, Plank Road, Ardendale, and the administration of the CBDG and HOME community development grants.</p>		

	<p>Mr. Major asked for an update on the RDA’s adjudicated properties. Ms. Wells said the RDA is working on a solution to the title clearing issue and is considering creating an entity for holding property for the 10-year prescriptive period to then be able to quiet title. An update will be provided soon.</p> <p>Mr. Major stated that he would like the RDA to take a more introspective look into the RDA’s key learnings and major strengths and weaknesses. Mr. Tyson responded that the strategic visioning process would assist the RDA in creating and communicating some benchmarks moving forward. Mr. Major commended Sam Sanders for his work with the Mid City Redevelopment Alliance, and Mr. Tyson recognized Brian LaFleur and Sam Sanders as dedicated community development partners.</p>	
	<b>STRATEGIC DICUSSION</b>	<b>CHRISTOPHER TYSON</b>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Mr. Tyson stated that the RDA would be embarking on a 3-month strategic visioning process with a facilitator, Converge for Change, to examine the RDA’s core mission and values as the RDA embarks on its tenth year of operations.	
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	No new business.	
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	Mr. Tyson asked each member of the public to introduce themselves. No additional public comments.	
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	Mr. Noland adjourned the meeting at <b>10:26 AM</b>	

