



## Build Baton Rouge Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday, November 15, 2022

**Place:** East Baton Rouge Public Library, River Center Branch, 250 North Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70802

**Time:** 9:00 A.M.

### Minutes

**Attending Board Members:** Will Campbell, Treasurer; Susan Turner, Secretary; Charles Landry

**Also attending:** Tara Titone, BBR Interim President & CEO; Gretchen Siemers, Vice President of Policy and Planning; Jacques Hawkins, BBR Land Bank Coordinator; Tricia Prewitt, BBR Office Coordinator; Bobby Hamilton, JP Morgan Chase; Kismet Grey, Mid City Redevelopment Alliance; Jessica Knox, WVLA/WGMB

**Meeting Called by:** Rodney Braxton

**Type of Meeting:** Build Baton Rouge (BBR) Board of Commissioners – Regular Meeting

**Note Taker:** Tricia Prewitt

- I. **Action Item** Mr. Campbell called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.
- II. **Action Item** Mr. Campbell confirmed receipt of proof of notice of meeting and Ms. Titone confirmed posting of public notice.
- III. **Action Item** Mr. Campbell confirmed the number of Board Commissioners present in person and the constitution of a majority.
- IV. **Action Item** The Board reviewed the minutes from the BBR Board of Commissioners October 20, 2022, regular meeting. Mr. Landry made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Turner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- V. **Action Item** Ms. Titone presented the YTD profit-loss actual vs. budget, program statement of activity, and cashflow projections for the period ended October 31, 2022. There were no objections.
- VI. **Action Item** Mr. Campbell accepted Tara Titone's resignation as interim CEO and COO from Build Baton Rouge, effective November 25, 2022, with regrets. Mr. Landry made the motion to approve and Ms. Turner seconded, both with regrets.



- VII. **Action Item** Ms. Turner made a motion to approve the General Empowering Resolution to include the Vice President. Mr. Landry seconded the motion, requesting that the resolution be revisited by the Board and the item placed on the agenda for the next meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
- VIII. **Discussion Item** Ms. Titone provided a brief update on administration items. BBR will be in a physical office January 2023. BBR is working to onboard legal counsel. Vanessa Graham is working on amended 2022 and proposed 2023 budgets for presentation and adoption at the December board meeting.
- IX. **Discussion Item** Mrs. Siemers provided a Land Bank and Redevelopment update. BBR has engaged an additional contractor to help maintain its land bank lots. BBR plans to embark on a pilot program with the City Parish to address blighted properties and title clearing in an effort to bring them back into productive use.
- X. **Discussion Item** Ms. Siemers provided a report on the Plank Road Master Plan. On October 31, 2022, the annual report was submitted to JPMC. All partners submitted on time and there should be a response within the next two weeks. The EcoPark at Plank and Erie is on track. BREC is expected to go to bid by the end of this year for a late January 2023 groundbreaking.
- XI. **Action Item** The Board adjourned to Executive Session for discussion of real estate and personnel matters at 9:20 a.m. with a motion by Mrs. Landry and a second by Ms. Turner.
- XII. **Discussion Item** The Board entered out of Executive Session and reported that no action was taken. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55am.