



Build Baton Rouge Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting

Date: Thursday, July 26, 2023

Place: Fishman Haygood, LLP, 100 North St., Baton Rouge, LA 70803

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Minutes

Attending Board Members: Rodney Braxton, Chairman; Will Campbell Treasurer; Suzanne Turner, Secretary; Bobby Hamilton (each, a "Commissioner")

Not attending: Charles Landry, Vice Chair

Also attending: Gretchen Siemers, Vice President of Policy and Planning; Kendra Hendricks, Senior Manager of Economic Development and Finance; Tricia Prewitt, BBR Office Coordinator; Vanessa Graham, VGraham; Kincaid Jackson, Kean Miller; Helena Cunningham, BBR Consultant; Marlee Pittman, Community Revitalization Director, City of Baton Rouge

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. Braxton called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.
- II. **Action Item** Mr. Braxton confirmed receipt of proof of notice of meeting and the posting of public notice.
- III. **Action Item** Mr. Braxton 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 June 15, 2023, regular meeting. Mr. Landry made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Hamilton seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- V. **Discussion Item** Ms. Graham presented the YTD profit-loss actual vs. budget, program statement of activity, and cashflow projections for the period ended June 30, 2023. There were no objections.
- VI. **Discussion Item** Ms. Siemers updated the board on staff changes and the new office. Ms. Siemers reported that the audit is complete, both the financial and the policy portion, with no major findings. A representative for Faulk and Winkler will give a full report in the August meeting.



- VII. **Discussion Item** Mrs. Siemers provided a Land Bank and Redevelopment update. There is a request to transfer 2611 Winbourne Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70805 out of the landbank.
- VIII. **Discussion Item** Ms. Siemers provided a report on the Plank Road Master Plan. Erie Pocket Park is delayed because BREC is backed up on their bid process.
- IX. **Action Item** Mr. Braxton called for a motion to approve the transfer of 2611 Winbourne Ave, Baton Rouge, LA 70805. Ms. Turner made a motion to approve, Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.
- X. **Action Item** Ms. Siemers introduced Marlee Pittman from the Office of Community Development to update the board on the LAOCD money/payback. The Board discussed actions to take and approved Mr. Braxton, Ms. Cunningham, and Ms. Pittman continuing to work together to resolve this issue.
- XI. **Action Item** The Board did not adjourn for Executive Session
- XII. **Action Item** The Board adjourned the regular meeting at 3:13 p.m. with a motion by Mr. Braxton and a second by Ms. Turner.