



**Build Baton Rouge Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting**

Date: Thursday, September 28, 2023

Place: Southern Strategy Group, 543 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Time: 9:00 A.M.

Minutes

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

Not attending: Charles Landry, Vice Chair

Also attending: Gretchen Siemers, Vice President; Kendra Hendricks, Senior Manager of Economic Development and Finance; Tricia Prewitt, BBR Office Coordinator; Amanda Robertson, V.Graham (BBR CFO); Kincaid Jackson, Kean Miller (BBR Counsel); Lloyd Johnson, Faulk and Winkler (BBR Auditor)

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 9:06 a.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 August 24, 2023, regular meeting. Ms. Turner made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Hamilton seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- V. **Discussion Item** Mr. Braxton updated the board on his meeting with the mayor and the search for the new CEO, as well as his meeting with CAFA, who have agreed to a forbearance for another year on the loan, with the consideration that BBR partners with them to develop the property money was used to secure.
- VI. **Discussion Item** Ms. Robertson presented the YTD profit-loss actual vs budget, program statement of activity, and cashflow projections for the period ended August 31, 2023. There were no objections.



- VII. **Discussion Item** Ms. Siemers provided an administrative update. BBR participated in Parking Day a few weeks ago. Last week there were several meetings on the Florida Corrida Plan, including Open Houses and meetings with partners. They are still in the first phase, the information gathering phase, and should have a report at the end of October.
- VIII. **Discussion Item** Ms. Siemers provided a Land Bank and Redevelopment update. Regarding Ardendale, BBR is working with the City Parish and BRPHA on a transfer to address CDBG repayment by the end of the calendar year. Ms. Siemers provided an update on the JPMorgan Advancing Cities implementation status. After a brief discussion, the board approved BBR sending a summary to JPMorgan Chase for approval.
- IX. **Discussion Item** Ms. Siemers provided a report on the Plank Road Master Plan. Erie Pocket Park is delayed because of BREC's internal issues.
- X. **Action Item** The Board adjourned to Executive Session for discussion of the audit at 9:45 a.m. with a motion by Mr. Hamilton and a second by Ms. Turner.
- XI. **Action Item** The Board returned to the regular meeting without taking any action, just a brief discussion on the audit. Mr. Braxton entertained a motion to approve and certify the 2022 audit. Mr. Hamilton and Ms. Turner seconded.
- XII. **Action Item** The Board adjourned the regular meeting after the executive session at 9:56 a.m.