



Build Baton Rouge Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting

Date: Thursday, February 16, 2023

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: Rodney Braxton, Chairman; Charles Landry, Vice Chairman; Will Campbell, Treasurer; Bobby Hamilton

Also attending: Gretchen Siemers, Vice President of Policy and Planning; Jacques Hawkins, BBR Land Bank Coordinator; Kendra Scott; Cornelius Payne; Tricia Prewitt; Dykes Nelson; Amanda Robertson

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 9:15 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 December 15, 2022, regular meeting. Mr. Hamilton made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Campbell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- V. **Discussion Item** Ms. Robertson presented the YTD profit-loss actual vs. budget, program statement of activity, and cashflow projections for the period ended January 31, 2022. There were no objections.
- VI. **Action Item** Ms. Robertson presented the 2023 amended budget. Mr. Braxton made a motion to adopt resolution approving the amended budget for the 2023 fiscal year, Mr. Campbell seconded. The motion carried unanimously with a roll call.



- VII. **Discussion Item** Mr. Braxton introduces new board member, Mr. Bobby Hamilton. The board reviews current board officer positions and discusses election of officers for 2023.
- VIII. **Action Item** Mr. Braxton opens the floor for new board officer positions. Mr. Landry moves a slate with Mr. Braxton as Chair, Mr. Campbell as Treasurer, Ms. Turner as Secretary, and Mr. Landry as Vice Chair. Mr. Hamilton seconded. The motion passed.
- IX. **Discussion Item** Ms. Siemers provides a brief update on administration items, and introduces Ms. Kendra Hendricks as Senior Manager, Economic Development and Finance for Build Baton Rouge. Ms. Siemers adds that Helena Cunningham will be consulting for Build Baton Rouge. Ms. Siemers updates the board on office location. Mr. Braxton made the motion to defer the Review and Approval or Responses to the 2022 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the 2022 Audit
- X. **Action Item** The Adoption of General Empowering Resolution with revisions was discussed. Mr. Landry moves that to add 'to greatest extent provided by law, and with the approval of chairperson' to the beginning of the resolution. Mr. Braxton accepted amendment with change. Mr. Braxton made a move to approve, Mr. Hamilton seconded.
- XI. **Discussion Item** Ms. Siemers provides a brief update one land bank and redevelopment. Mr. Payne requests that more details be discussed in the executive session.
- XII. **Discussion Item** Public Comment, Dykes Nelson invited any questions on Red Stick Social and provided an update for the board.
- XIII. **Action Item** The Board adjourned to Executive Session for discussion of real estate and personnel matters at 9:45 a.m. with a motion by Mr. Landry and a second by Mr. Campbell.
- XIV. **Discussion Item** The Board entered out of Executive Session and reported that no action was taken. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55am.