



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

Date: Thursday, October 19, 2023

Place: 757 Main Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70817

Time: 9:00 A.M.

Minutes

Attending Board Members: Rodney Braxton, Chairman; Charles Landry, Vice Chair; Will Campbell, Treasurer; Suzanne Turner, Secretary; Bobby Hamilton (each, a “Commissioner”)

Also attending: Gretchen Siemers, Vice President; Kendra Hendricks, Senior Manager of Economic Development and Finance; Tricia Prewitt, BBR Office Coordinator; Amanda Robertson, VGraham; Kincaid Jackson, Kean Miller; Helena Cunningham, Consultant; Brian Lafleur; Rinaldi Jacobs, Jr.

Meeting Called by: Rodney Braxton

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

Note Taker: Tricia Prewitt

❖ **Action Item**

- Mr. Braxton called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
- Mr. Braxton confirmed receipt of proof of notice of meeting and the posting of public notice.
- Mr. Braxton Confirmed the number of Board Commissioners present and the constitution of a majority.
- The Board reviewed the minutes from the BBR Board of Commissioners September 28, 2023 regular meeting. Mr. Landry made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Turner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

❖ **Discussion Item: Budget**

- Ms. Robertson presented the YTD profit-loss actual vs. budget, program statement of activity, and cashflow projections for the period ended September 30, 2023. Ms. Robertson reported that September ytd results, revenue and income are in line with expectations, expenses are a little bit less than budget, and there are no concerns. There were no objections.

❖ **Discussion Item: Administrative Update/Land Bank**



- Mr. Braxton appraised the board of his efforts on finding a new CEO for Build Baton Rouge. Mr. Braxton is working on bringing together a panel/committee for the vetting process and requests suggestions from the board to fill it.
- Ms. Siemers updated the board on Ardendale, with input from Mr. Kincaid. The board discussed the plan in progress to continue to work with the OCD, and to request from the city a determination that the grant obligation has been met once the plan is complete.
- Regarding the next meeting, Ms. Siemers informed the board that the consultants from Perkins and Will will be attending to update the board on the Florida Corridor Plan, possibly as a joint meeting with the CCEDD.
- Mr. Landry asked that BBR looks into partnering with building neighbors for a joint sign on the Main Street Side of the building.
- ❖ **Action Item: Adjournment to Executive Session for discussion of real estate and personal matters**
 - The Board did not adjourn to Executive Session
- ❖ **Action Item: Adjournment**
 - Mr. Braxton made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned the regular meeting at 9:29 a.m.