



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

**Date:** Thursday, March 11, 2024

**Place:** 757 Main Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70817

**Time:** 10:00 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; Jessica Purnell, VGraham; Kincaid Jackson, Kean Miller; Helena Cunningham, Consultant; Y. Lisa Hill; Rinaldi Jacobs, Jr.; J. Dyke Nelson

**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 10:00 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 February 08, 2024 regular meeting. Mr. Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Hamilton 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 February 29, 2024. Ms. Robertson reported that February 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. Kincaid updated the board on his progress with Shada, explaining that a lawsuit would be filed to help clear the titles. Mr. Kincaid advised the board that



more insight into the existing potential environmental issues is needed and requested that Providence be contacted to get the results of their previous survey.

- Mr. Braxton and the Board agree that BBR will follow up on environmental issues before the lawsuit and title issues are settled (60 days).
- ❖ **Action Item: Consideration of Community Partners Program Applications:**
  - The Board reviewed two applications for the Community Partners Program. After some discussion, the Board requested more information about the program and the applicants and deferred the items to a later date.
- ❖ **Discussion Item: Memorial Park/Northdale Outreach Proposal**
- ❖ Mr. Braxton introduced the topic of the Northdale Outreach Proposal and opened it up for discussion. Mr. Landry, as a Memorial Park Project representative, recused himself out of an abundance of caution, even though there is no conflict of interests. After some discussion, Mr. Landry made a motion to suspend discussion and action on this item until after the executive session
- ❖ **Action Item: Memorial Park/Northdale Outreach Proposal**
  - Mr. Landry made a motion to suspend discussion on this item until after the executive session. Mr. Braxton seconded the motion. The motion passed with no objection.
- ❖ **Action Item: Mr. Landry requested additions to the agenda**
  - Mr. Landry requested that New Business be a regular item on all future agendas.
  - Mr. Landry opened a discussion on several upcoming projects which BBR should be a part of.
- ❖ **Discussion Item: Public Comment**
  - No public comment
- ❖ **Action Item: Adjournment to Executive Session for discussion of real estate and personal matters**
  - Mr. Braxton entertained the motion to go to Executive Session. Mr. Campbell makes a motion; Mr. Landry seconded it. The motion passed. The Board adjourned to Executive Session
- ❖ **Action Item: Memorial Park/Northdale Outreach Proposal**
  - The Board returned from Executive Session where no action was taken. The Board discussed Memorial Park in Executive Session. Mr. Braxton entertained a motion to approve the action item, to enter into an agreement with Franklin Associates to assist in community outreach designed to educate the population on what is coming, so that they are not taken advantage of by large developers. Ms. Turner made a motion to approve, Mr. Campbell seconded, with Mr. Landry abstaining (not due to conflict, but to err on the side of caution).
- ❖ **Action Item: Adjournment**
  - Mr. Landry made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Campbell seconded. The Board adjourned the regular meeting at 11:40 a.m.