



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

Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024

Place: 757 Main Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Minutes

Attending Board Members: Rodney Braxton, Chairman; Charles Landry, Vice Chair; Suzanne Turner, Secretary; Bobby Hamilton (each, a "Commissioner")

Absent: Will Campbell, Treasurer (excused)

Also attending: Gretchen Siemers, Vice President; Kendra Hendricks, Director of Operations and Programs; Tricia Prewitt, BBR Office Coordinator; Amanda Robertson, V.Graham; Kincaid Jackson, Kean Miller; Rinaldi Jacobs, Jr.

Meeting Called by: Rodney Braxton

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

Note Taker: Kendra Hendricks

❖ **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 the 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 March 21, 2024 regular meeting. It was moved by Mr. Hamilton and seconded by Mr. Landry to adopt the minutes. 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 ending March 31, 2024. Ms. Robertson reported that March YTD activities, 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 to the report.

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

- Ms. Siemers updated the board that the audit is in progress. BBR has a meeting scheduled on Monday with a potential grocery vendor. Additionally, Ms. Siemers mentioned that the Wilson Foundation inquired about the same site. Wilson Foundation would like to use the site as a possible food distribution center.



- Mr. Jackson gave an update on the Shada property sale. He is working on the documentation and a hearing date should be within 70-80 days. He also mentioned that he would review the information regarding previous Community Partner applications and provide a summary to the board for updates and recommendations for the program.
- ❖ **Action Item: Review and consideration for approval of CEA and Transfer of remaining Smiley Heights Property to EBR Housing Authority**
 - Mr. Jackson discussed the cooperative endeavor agreement with the East Baton Rouge Housing Authority. The final deal is in place and the next step for the board is to authorize the resolution for the transfer of the property. After a brief discussion, it was moved by Mr. Landry and seconded by Ms. Turner to approve the cooperative endeavor agreement and transfer. The motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ **Action Item: Approval of the CEA for the ExxonMobil project which was approved by the Metro Council and the RDA is party to**
- ❖ **Action Item: Endorsement of the Ordinance approved by the Metro Council regarding the LSU project.**
 - Mr. Landry recused himself from the vote on these items. He did offer background information on these projects and a synopsis of the events leading up to this point. After a brief discussion, Mr. Landry left the meeting before the vote. There was a lengthier discussion among the remaining board members. The board decided to delay action on these items. Mr. Jackson offered to summarize the information and provide the board with a condensed version of what RDA's role would be in these projects.
- ❖ **Discussion Item: New Business**
 - There was no new business
- ❖ **Discussion Item: Public Comment**
 - Mr. Rinaldi Jacobs Jr. asked a question for clarification on the agenda items.
- ❖ **Action Item: Adjournment to Executive Session for discussion of real estate and personnel matters.**
 - The board did not enter into executive session.
- ❖ **Action Item: Adjournment**
 - It was moved by Ms. Turner and seconded by Mr. Hamilton to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.