



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

Date: Thursday, March 7, 2025

Place: 100 North St #800, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Time: 9:00 A.M.

Minutes

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

Excused Board Members: Bobby Hamilton

Also attending: Gretchen Siemers, Chief Operating Officer; Kendra Hendricks, Director of Operations and Programs; Tricia Prewitt, Office Coordinator; Helena Cunningham; Adrian Jones, Success Labs; Deidra Robert

Meeting Called by: Rodney Braxton

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

Note Taker: Tricia Prewitt

❖ **Action Item**

- a. Mr. Braxton called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.
- b. Mr. Braxton confirmed receipt of proof of notice of meeting and the posting of public notice.
- c. Mr. Braxton Confirmed the number of Board Commissioners present and the constitution of a majority.

❖ **Action Item: Consideration for approval of the hiring of new President and CEO pursuant to Article V of the Bylaws of the East Baton Rouge Redevelopment Authority and La. R.S. 33:4720.151(F)(10)(b)**

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- a. Mr. Braxton introduced Deidra Robert and opened up the discussion. Ms. Robert thanked the Chair, the Co-Chair, the Commissioners, and the staff for this opportunity. Mr. Braxton read the action item in full and entertained a motion. Mr. Landry made a motion to approve; Mr. Cambell and Ms. Turner seconded. Mr. Landry noted that Mr. Hamilton, while unable to attend, enthusiastically supports the hiring of Ms. Deidra Robert as the new President and CEO. A roll call vote was made. Mr. Braxton, yes; Mr.



Landry, yes; Mr. Campbell, yes; Ms. Turner yes. The roll call vote was unanimous, and Ms. Robert was approved as the new President and CEO for Build Baton Rouge, start date Monday, March 10, 2025. Mr. Braxton informed the Board that a press release will be sent out on Monday, March 10, 2025. Mr. Landry thanked Ms. Jones and Success Labs for their work in finding Ms. Robert.

❖ **New Business**

- a. No new business

❖ **Action Item: Public Comment**

- a. No Public Comment

❖ **Action Item: Adjournment to Executive Session**

- a. The Board did not adjourn to Executive Session

❖ **Action Item: Adjournment**

- a. Mr. Braxton entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Cambell made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Turner seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 2:39 a.m.