



Baton Rouge North Economic Development District

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 21, 2022

ATTENDANCE:

Present:

Tasha Clark-Amar, Vice Chairperson
Brian LaFleur, Secretary
Dr. Jacqueline Mims, Board Member
Bill Pizzalota, Board Member
Terra B Williams, Board Member
Eugene Johnson, Board Member
Jessie Glasper, Board Member
Dezmion Barrow, Board Member
April Hawthorne, Executive Director
Nikki Cammon, Program Manager
Melvin Davis, CPA

Absent:

Dr. James Gilmore, Chairman
Stephanie Cargile, Treasurer
Gary Chambers, Board Member
Myra Richardson, Board Member
Dr. Leroy Davis, Board Member

I. Call to Order

Acting Chairwoman Clark-Amar called meeting to order at 12:46 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Eight Board Members were present. Quorum was met.

III. Opening Prayer

Prayer led by Comm. LaFleur

IV. Motion

Acting Chairwoman Clark-Amar made the motion to go out of the agenda order.
Seconded by Comm. LaFleur. Motion carried.

V. Chairman Report

Façade and Signage Applicants

1. Dalton Honoré - Honoré Companies LLC
2. Lee Ware - Southeast Tire Company
3. Travious Lewis - Jagz Corner LLC
4. Mary Moss - Louisiana Area Women In Ministry
5. Latrice Pinkins - Wink Your Eyes



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6. Priscilla Carter - Prosperity Realty LLC
7. Debra Johnson - Step Ahead Child Development & Learning Center
8. Trudy Raby - Bow Wow Pet Supplies
9. Dominic Scott - SMG Studios
10. Kassandra Williams - Foster Place Living LLC

- **Motion to go out of order made by Madame Chair Amar. Motion carried.**

6. Priscilla Carter – Prosperity Realty, LLC –
Comm. Mims moved to approve. Seconded by Comm. LaFleur

7. Debra Johnson – Step Ahead Child Development & Learning Center – Comm.
Mims moved to approve. Seconded by Comm. LaFleur

4. Mary Moss – Louisiana Area Women n Ministry – Madame Chair Amar moved
to approve. Seconded by Comm. Johnson

5. Latrice Pinkins – Wink Your Eyes – Comm. Mims moved to approve.
Seconded by Comm. Pizzalota

8. Trudy Raby – Bow Wow Per Supplies – Comm. Pizzalota moved to approve.
Seconded by Comm. LaFleur

9. Dominic Scott – SMG Studios – Comm. LaFleur moved to approve. Seconded
by Comm. Pizzalota

- **Executive Director April Hawthorne continued with applicants in order that were absent.**

1. Dalton Honoré - Honoré Companies LLC - Comm. Gasper moved to approve. Seconded
by Comm. Williams

2. Lee Ware - Southeast Tire Company – Comm. LaFleur moved to approve. Seconded by
Comm. Gasper.

3. Travious Lewis - Jagz Corner LLC – Comm. Williams moved to approve. Seconded by
Comm. Gasper

4. Kassandra Williams - Foster Place Living LLC – Comm. LaFleur had a
question about there not being a building in the picture. Program Manager
Nikki Cammon explained that it was an application for signage the client will
be building on the property that was shown. Comm. LaFleur moved approve.
Seconded by Comm. Gasper.

VI. **Motion to Amend Agenda**

Acting Chairwoman Clark-Amar asked to have the Bayou Kitchen Contract be removed from the agenda until the next subsequent meeting when Chairman Gilmore is in attendance.



VII. Motion to approve the minutes from meeting on March 17, 2022.

Comm. Pizzalota moved to approve. Seconded by Comm. Mims.

VIII. Partner Report

1. EBR Mayor's Office Litter Master Plan Update – Valerie Leblanc

IX. Financial Report

1. Mr. Melvin Davis went over the finances for the last three months. Total Liabilities and Funds available \$520,673.66. No assets to report at this time. Revenues at \$24,173.44, Façade and Signage expenditures at \$33,085.32. Total funds available \$236,770.91. Motion to approve financial report by Comm. Pizzalota. Seconded Comm. Glasper

• **Line – Item Appropriation & Resolution**

1. \$150,000 line item that was allocated by Senator Regina Barrow in 2021 Legislative session. Contract term July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022
 2. Real Estate/Land Acquisition for a Public Market Place or Business/Technology Incubator
 3. Purchase a distressed commercial property within the district to rehab to return back into commerce by leasing office space. Currently only generating revenue through sales taxes. Gives the district the opportunity to purchase their first asset, with the one-time fund of \$150,000. Hard cost \$130,000 for actual purchase of the building and \$20,000 for soft cost as it relates to professional services to be able to maintain the property. Received a yellow light from the treasury.
 4. Motion to approve contract by Comm. Pizzalota and seconded by Comm. Glasper.
 5. Secretary LaFleur reads the Resolution. Motion to approve by Comm. Mims. Seconded by Comm. Williams
 6. **Volunteers for Site Selector Committee** – Comm. Mims, Glasper, and Johnson
- **Senate Bill 476 by Senator Barrow**- No action required but the board this item is just for informational purposes. Senator Barrow has tabled this legislation as of now. Legislation proposal is to change the district excluding N. 22nd street and changing the board from thirteen members to fifteen. This is legislation is tabled.

X. Executive Director Reports

1. Strategic Planning CCL/LED Assessments – A retreat will be planned. Commissioners will receive via JotForm and pdf. It gives the organization an assessment of where we are as an organization.
2. 2021 Annual Personal Disclosure Due: May 16, 2022



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3. Economic Development Lunch & Learn – April 28, 2022
 4. New Developments in the District – Letter of Support for site plan for Guerilla Paintball
 5. Staffing update – Hired administrative assistant and actively looking for an intern
- XI. Motion to amend minutes from February 2022 meeting to resend the contract –**
Moved by Comm. Williams seconded by Comm. LaFleur
Motion to accept the new audit engagement contract – Moved by Comm. Glasper seconded by Comm. LaFleur
- XII. Announcements/New Business – None**
- XIII. Adjournment**
A motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Clark Amar and seconded by All. Meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.