

**BOARD MEETING
BATON ROUGE NORTH
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Attendees:

Dr. Jacqueline Mims, **Vice Chairman**
April Hawthorne, **Executive Director**
Stephanie Cargile, **Treasurer**
Gary Chambers, Board Member
Tasha Clark Amar, Board Member
Jessie Glasper, Board Member
Tara Williams, Board Member
Myra Richardson, Board Member (joined late)
Eugene Johnson, Board Member (joined late)
Melvin Davis, **Board CPA**
Nahshon Route, Esq. **Board Attorney**
Brian Lafleur, Board Member
Dr. Leroy Davis, Board Member (joined late)

Absentees:

Dr. James Gilmore, **Chairman**
Dezmion Barrow, Board Member
Bill Pizzolato, Board Member

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Financial Reports
- V. Chairman's Report
- VI. Executive Director's Report
- VII. Adjournment

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
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I. Approval of Minutes

A. Thursday, July 22, 2021

B. Thursday, October 18, 2021

1. Motion to approve July and October Minutes by Gary Chambers.
2. Motion seconded by Myra Richardson.
3. No public comment.
4. Motion approved unanimously.

II. Financial Report presented by Melvin Davis, Board CPA

A. Motion to amend and approve budget by Dr. Leroy Davis.

B. Motion was seconded by Stephanie Cargile, Treasurer.

1. No public comment.
2. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Chairman's Report

A. Façade and Signage Improvement Grant Applications presented by Nikki Cammon.

1. Jason Hughes – Robin Street Laundromat (exterior lighting for security, paint and sign will be lit) \$10,000.
 - i. Motion to approve by Gary Chambers.

- ii. Motion was seconded by Dr. Leroy Davis.
 - iii. No public comment.
 - iv. Motion approved unanimously.
- 2. Queen Muhammad Ali – Art Gallery (major renovation, exterior paint upgrades, replacement of all windows and doors) \$10,654.02
 - i. Motion to approve by Myra Richardson.
 - ii. Motion seconded by Brian Lafleur.
 - iii. No public comment.
 - iv. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3. Rubin Patel – Patient Plus Urgent Care Medical Clinic – Plank Road (exterior signage) \$14,805.59 actual cost.
 - i. Motion to approve by Dr. Leroy Davis.
 - ii. Motion seconded by Gary Chambers.
 - iii. No public comment.
 - iv. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4. Vedant Vasanji – Signature Apartments (80 unit complex, extensive exterior upgrades) \$40,000+
 - i. Application tabled until Board can confirm if it is legal to fund landlords.
 - ii. **Action Item:** Attorney Route to research issue.
 - iii. Motion to delay vote brought by Tasha Clark Amar.
 - iv. Motion was seconded by Gary Chambers.
- 5. Jeffrey Hill Jeff’s Quick Cuts Barbershop (installation of handicap ramp, porch area, restriping parking lot).
 - i. Motion to approve from Tasha Clark Amar.
 - ii. Motion seconded by Tara Williams.

- iii. No public comment.
 - iv. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Montreal Gaston – iDrive Teen Driving Academy (new signage, lighting for security) \$3,000.00.
- i. Motion to approve by Dr. Leroy Davis.
 - ii. Motion was seconded by Tasha Clark Amar.
 - iii. No public comment.
 - iv. Motion carried unanimously.
7. David Thomas – Doobie Dawg Crawfish Seafood Restaurant (windows and doors, landscaping enhancements, parking lot enhancements) \$10,000.00.
- i. Motion to approve by Tasha Clark Amar.
 - ii. Motion was seconded by Gary Chambers.
 - iii. No public comment.
 - iv. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Boom Boxing Gym – Harry Drive Fitness/Boxing Facility (new lighting, signage, storefront windows and doors).
- i. Motion to approve by Brian Lafleur.
 - ii. Motion seconded by Eugene Johnson.
 - iii. No public comment.
 - iv. Motion carried unanimously

IV. Executive Director’s Report

- A. Personal Disclosures - Two more people need to complete them.
- B. Ethics Training – One board member submitted; need other 12.

- C. Strategic Plan – Tentative Strategic Plan document forthcoming next month.
- D. Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport – Executive Director Hawthorne planning to attend tonight’s meeting. Monica Newhouse on the telephone to discuss Open House for Environmental Safety Area. Runway Safety -- relocating Plank Road from airport runway zone. New Plank Road/Hooper/Harding Roads meeting to get public feedback and concerns.
- E. Delmont Garden Library - relocation plan currently in talks about future use of old building. Executive Director Hawthorne will go to the meeting this evening and report back to the Board.
- F. Old Business – None.
- G. New Business – None.
- V. Next Board Meeting – tentatively December 16, 2021. Will follow up with Board members to check their availability.

VII. Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Dr. Leroy Davis.
 - 1. Motion to adjourn seconded by Myra Richardson.
 - 2. Meeting was adjourned by Vice Chairman Mims.