



# BATON ROUGE NORTH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Thursday, November 7, 2019

**ATTENDANCE:** Dr. Jacqueline Mims, Brian LaFleur, Dr. James Gilmore, Andrea Cosey, Gary Chambers, Bill Pizzolato, Ronald Smith, Stephanie Cargile, Jessie Gasper, Terra Williams, Dezmion Barrow, Dr. Leroy Davis

**Present:**

Pizzolato  
LaFleur  
Cosey  
Smith  
Chambers  
Barrow  
Gilmore

**Absent:**

Cargile  
Davis  
Williams  
Gasper  
Mims

**Staff:**

Jerry W. Jones Jr.  
Jasmine McClendon

- A. **Call to Order**
  - LaFleur called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- B. **Roll Call**
  - Seven (7) members were present. Five (5) Absent. Quorum was met.
- C. **Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**
  - Prayer and Pledge was led by Smith.
- D. **Public Comments (3) Minutes**
  - a. Casey Phillips, CEO of Walls Project BR
- E. **Approval of Minutes**
  - Chambers motioned Smith seconded; approved unanimously.
- F. **Review and Approval of Financial Reports**
  - a. 2020 Budget for the District  
(will be presented by the December deadline)
- G. **Partner(s) Reports**
  - a. Donnie Miller, BRAC ITEP and Business Development
- H. **Committee Reports**
  - i. Business Attraction/ Retention/ Expansion Committee
  - ii. Community Wellbeing/Revitalization Committee
    - a. Resolution stating position on the new Tire Recycling project in North Baton Rouge (draft a letter to council & DPW to ask questions, state concerns, when there will be a community meeting, what's the environmental safety, incentive to bring tires to be shredded)



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- iii. Education/ Workforce Development Committee
  - iv. Entrepreneurship/Small Business Innovation Committee
    - a. Airport Business Project (Matador presented for letter of support; Chambers motioned to issue letter of support pending Matador provide what material will be hauled, hazardous material? Seconded by Barrow.)
  
  - v. Strategic Planning Committee
    - a. **Revise the length of terms for officers from 2 years to 1 year**  
Gilmore motioned to accept Barrow seconded. 1 abstain, 6 approved, motioned passed.
    - b. **Legal Services RFQ**  
Gilmore motioned to reject the bids submitted and issue RFQ again for 30 days, Chambers seconded.
  
  - vi. Executive Committee
    - a. Executive Director's Evaluation  
HR Committee will evaluate
  
  - vii. Special Committee
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- I. **Executive Director Report**
  - J. **New Business**
  - K. **Next Board Meeting Date/Time December 5, 2019 @ 6pm**
  - L. **Adjournment Motioned by Chambers and Seconded by Pizzolato at 7:33 pm**