



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

Date: Thursday, July 17, 2025

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

Time: 9:00 A.M.

Minutes

Attending Board Members: Rodney Braxton, Chairman; Suzanne Turner, Secretary; Will Campbell, Treasurer; Bobby Hamilton (each a "Commissioner")

Excused Board Members: Charles Landry, Vice Chair

Also attending: Deidre Robert, President and CEO; Kendra Hendricks, Senior Planning and Development Coordinator; Tricia Prewitt, Administrative Officer; Kelly Hudson, VGraham; Vanessa Graham, VGraham; Kincaid Jackson, Kean Miller

Meeting Called by: Rodney Braxton

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

Note Taker: Tricia Prewitt

❖ **Action Item**

- a. Mr. Braxton called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.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. Mr. Braxton took a moment to acknowledge the Juneteenth holiday and noted that it was also the anniversary of the Baton Rouge Bus Boycott.
- d. The Board reviewed the minutes from the BBR Board of Commissioners June 19, 2025, regular meeting. Mr. Hamilton made a motion to approve the minutes, and Mr. Campbell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

❖ **Discussion Item: Budget**

- a. Ms. Hudson presented the profit-loss actual vs. budget, program statement of activity, and cashflow projections for the period ending June 30, 2025. Ms. Hudson reported that she had a review with Ms. Robert and revenue and income are in line with expectations. Expenses are a little bit less than budgeted. There were no concerns.



❖ **Discussion Item: CEO Report (Deidre Robert)**

- a. Ms. Robert reported on BBR finances and operations, including that interviews had begun for Director of Finance and Operations, Director of Real Estate Management, and Land Bank and Real Estate Coordinator and the budget requested by the city had been submitted, with a meeting with the City-Parish Finance Department schedule for July 29th to present and discuss the budget. Ms. Robert updated the board on BBR's efforts to find and apply for grants. In Policy and Practice updates, Ms. Robert reported that SB 236 was signed June 20th and effective August 1 and BBR is engaging with the City-Parish on implementation of the new law. The work of the master mapping group is continuing, BBR has amended and submitted our CEA to the City-Parish to extend it to the end of the year, and BBR has been meeting with NORA on Expropriation and Blight Lien Processes to assist with development and implementation of this new law in EBR. Ms. Robert gave a brief JPMC Grant Update, including the reporting that the recent amendment extends the grant completion to March 2026 and the collaboration with Trufund. Ms. Robert reported events and updates to the board including an upcoming strategic planning session before entertaining questions from the Board.
- b. Mr. Jackson gave a brief legal update and then answered questions regarding SB 236.

❖ **New Business: (Discussion)**

- a. No new business

❖ **Old Business**

- a. There was no old business

❖ **Action Item: Public Comment**

- a. There was no public comment

❖ **Action Item: Adjourn to Executive Session to discuss negotiations between the authority and prospective seller(s), purchaser(s), lessor(s), or lessee(s) of immovable property owned by the Authority pursuant to LA. R.S. 4720.151(G)(12)**

- a. The Board did not adjourn to Executive Session

❖ **Action Item: Adjournment**

- a. Mr. Braxton entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Campbell made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Turner seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.