



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

**Date:** Thursday, September 18, 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; Bobby Hamilton (each a "Commissioner")

**Also attending:** Deidre Robert, President and CEO; Marlee Pittman Miller, Vice President and COO; Kendra Hendricks, Senior Development Coordinator; Tricia Prewitt, Administrative Officer; Joshua Jefferson, Land Bank & Real Estate Counsel; Dexter Alexander, Community Real Estate Coordinator, Kelly Hudson, VGraham; Vanessa Graham, VGraham; Kincaid Jackson, Kean Miller; Kathryn Rose; Rinaldi Jacobs

**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 9:10 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.
- d. The Board reviewed the minutes from the BBR Board of Commissioners August 21, 2025, Regular Meeting and August 27, 2025, Special Meeting. Mr. Landry made a motion to approve the minutes, and Mr. Hamilton 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 August 31, 2025. Ms. Hudson reported that 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 introduced new team members, Joshua Jefferson, Land Bank & Real Estate Counsel and Dexter Alexander, Community Real Estate Coordinator. Ms. Robert updated the Board on the



past 6 months, stating that from March through September 2025, Build Baton Rouge strengthened its organizational capacity, secured new staff talent, advanced financial oversight, and pushed forward key redevelopment projects. The agency has actively pursued new funding and strategic partnerships, while positioning East Baton Rouge as a leader in equitable redevelopment and blight remediation. With strategic planning underway and multiple grant opportunities pending, BBR is poised for an impactful next phase of work across East Baton Rouge Parish.

❖ **Redevelopment and Land Bank Update (Marlee Miller)**

- a. Ms. Miller updated the Board on projects related to Redevelopment and Land Bank. Ms. Miller reported on the Rolling RFEI for Florida and the Rolling RFP for Plank & Scenic and other projects.

❖ **Action Item: Discussion and Approval of Board Appointment Process in Connection with the Incorporation of the Build Baton Rouge Foundation**

- a. Ms. Robert, Mr. Kincaid, and Mr. Braxton opened a discussion of the Board Appointment Process in Connection with the Incorporation of the Build Baton Rouge Foundation, as well as what the foundation would assist in. After a brief discussion, Mr. Landry made a motion to Approve the Board Appointment Process in Connection with the Incorporation of the Build Baton Rouge Foundation and Ms. Turner seconded the motion. The Motion carried unanimously.

❖ **New Business: (Discussion)**

- a. Mr. Landry stated the need to stream public meetings. After a brief discussion, the Board decided to stream all future meetings via zoom.

❖ **Old Business**

- a. There was no old business

❖ **Action Item: Public Comment**

- a. Mr. Jacobs congratulated the new team members and the work that Ms. Robert and the BBR team have been doing. Ms. Miller confirmed that there were no members of the public in the lobby.

❖ **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. Landry made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Campbell seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.