



**Meeting of
East Baton Rouge Redevelopment Authority
Board of Commissioners**

MINUTES	AUGUST 9, 2018	9:00 A.M.	620 FLORIDA STREET, STE. 110 70801
MEETING CALLED BY	John Noland		
TYPE OF MEETING	Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting, Board Retreat		
NOTE TAKER	Tara Titone		
ATTENDEES	<p>Attending Board Members: John Noland, Chairman; Brian Haymon, Vice Chairman; Theodore Major, Secretary; Susan Turner, Treasurer; Rodney Braxton</p> <p>Also attending: Christopher Tyson, RDA President and CEO; Tara Titone, RDA Vice President; Tasha Saunders, RDA Grants Administrator; Matthew Johnson, RDA Legal Intern; Heather LeBlanc, Vanessa Graham, LLC; Tim Boone, The Advocate; Dianna Payton, CEO YWCA Baton Rouge</p>		
	CALL TO ORDER		JOHN NOLAND
DISCUSSION	The meeting was called to order by Mr. Noland at 9:09 AM		
	APPROVAL OF MINUTES		JOHN NOLAND
DISCUSSION	The Board reviewed the minutes from the April 5, 2018 meeting and took no issue.		
CONCLUSIONS	Mr. Haymon moved to approve the minutes, and Mr. Braxton seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.		
	ACTION ITEMS		CHRISTOPHER TYSON
DISCUSSION	Mr. Tyson introduced four items for which the Board took action.		
CONCLUSIONS	<p>Mr. Braxton made a motion to authorize the acquisition of property from the City-Parish to the RDA Land Bank for Plank Road Redevelopment and adopt the resolution. Mrs. Turner seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.</p> <p>Mr. Braxton made a motion to enter into an Option to Purchase, upon satisfaction of all statutory and regulatory requirements, with YWCA of Greater Baton Rouge for the transfer of approx. 5 acres at Ardendale for the purpose of constructing an early childhood learning and women’s center and to adopt the resolution. Mrs. Turner seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.</p> <p>Mr. Major made a motion to authorize the President and CEO to execute an agreement with The Southern University Law Center to collaborate on planning, research, and the implementation of projects that bring heirship, abandoned, and adjudicated properties back into commerce and to adopt the resolution. Mr. Braxton seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.</p> <p>Mr. Noland appointed Mr. Haymon to the EBRCD E Operation Board of Commissioners, serving as Vice Chairperson for a five-year term, running concurrent with his/ her RDA Board Commissioner term. Mr.</p>		

	Haymon made a motion to approve his appointment to the EBRCD Board of Commissioners as Vice President. Mr. Braxton seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
	FINANCIAL REPORT
	HEATHER LEBLANC
DISCUSSION	Mrs. LeBlanc provided the board with the profit and loss and cash flow statements for the period ended July 31, 2018. The Board took no issue.
NEW BUSINESS	No new business.
	RETREAT DISCUSSION
DISCUSSION	<p>Mr. Tyson provided a general overview of the retreat. Mr. Tyson and Ms. Titone discussed progress in regards to the RDA Land Bank, Ardendale, Electric Depot, and Plank Road projects, as well as the RDA's involvement in the creation of a housing plan for the parish. Mrs. Saunders and Mr. Tyson discussed the RDA's role in the administration of the City-Parish's Community Planning and Development (CDBG and HOME) projects and discussed the 2018 HUD fiscal year proposed allocation and finalized Action Plan that is available to the public. Mr. Tyson and Ms. Wells gave an update on the current legal issues in regards to clearing title to adjudicated properties, and Mrs. Wells gave an update on the RDA's participation in blight elimination conversations with the City-Parish and others to date. Mr. Tyson provided the Board with the RDA's 2019 budget proposal to the City-Parish and discussed the strategic plans on the horizon for the RDA, including an annual report in 2019 and a possible rebranding effort. Also discussed were future communications and meetings with the Board.</p> <p>The Board expressed interest in attending future meetings with staff to assist with developing relationships with external allies. Mr. Tyson agreed to apprise the Board of meetings where the Board could be of assistance.</p> <p>Mr. Haymon asked for staff to come up with 3-5 critical success factors of the RDA and asked what the Board could do to help move the ball on the issues, thus better defining the Board's role. Mr. Noland suggested a generation of a list of impediments to the progress of a functional RDA.</p> <p>Mr. Haymon suggested that staff deliver monthly emails to the Board and hold extended Board meetings for the foreseeable future to allow time for more comprehensive updates and strategically addressing the issues.</p> <p>Mrs. Turner stressed the importance of engaging young people from the community and exploring new communication outlets (social/online presence) to spread the word of the RDA. Mr. Tyson stated the RDA's interest in playing more of a thought leadership role and directed the Board to follow the RDA's new LinkedIn and Facebook social media pages.</p>
PUBLIC COMMENT	No public comment.
ADJOURNMENT	Mr. Noland adjourned the meeting at 1:23 PM