



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

<b>MINUTES</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 21, 2019</b>	<b>9:00 A.M.</b>	<b>620 FLORIDA STREET, STE. 110 70801</b>
<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	John Noland		
<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting		
<b>NOTE TAKER</b>	Tara Titone		
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<p><b>Attending Board Members:</b> John Noland, Chairman; Theodore Major, Secretary; Susan Turner, Treasurer; Rodney Braxton</p> <p><b>Also attending:</b> Christopher Tyson, RDA President and CEO; Tara Titone, RDA Vice President; Tasha Saunders, RDA Grants Director; Geno McLaughlin, RDA Community Outreach Specialist; Marla Morris, RDA Grants Fiscal Manager; Heather LeBlanc, V.Graham, RDA CPA; Amanda Wells, Baker Donelson, RDA legal counsel; Councilwoman Tara Wicker, District 10; Jacques Hawkins, 70805 community development interest; Timothy Boone, The Advocate; Theo Sanders, LAMP; Rowdy Gaudet, ACAO City-Parish Baton Rouge; Pat LeDuff, CADA; Mark Drennen, CAFA; Israel Moore, Vital Resource Solutions; Jillian Delos Reyes, Converge for Change; James Logan, Converge for Change; Kenneth Morgan, Converge for Change</p>		
	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>		<b>JOHN NOLAND</b>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The meeting was called to order by Mr. Noland at <b>9:02 AM</b>		
	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>		<b>JOHN NOLAND</b>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The Board reviewed the minutes from the January 17, 2019 meeting and took no issue.		
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Mr. Major moved to approve the minutes, and Ms. Turner seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.		
	<b>FINANCIAL REPORT</b>		<b>HEATHER LEBLANC</b>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Ms. LeBlanc provided the Board with the YTD Profit and Loss Actual vs. Budget, Program Statement of Activity and Cash Flow for the period ended January 31, 2018, and Monthly Cash Flow Projections. The Board took no issue. Mr. Tyson stated that an update would be made to the budgets mid-year and brought before the board.		
	<b>CEO UPDATE</b>		<b>CHRISTOPHER TYSON</b>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Mr. Tyson introduced Rebekah Strickland, the RDA's newly-hired Administrative Assistant. Mr. Tyson provided an update on the Plank Road master planning project. The project kickoff took place on 2/4/19, and the first community outreach effort, "Walk the Plank", will be held on Saturday 2/9/19 at 9am with more specifics forthcoming. The RDA has engaged a human resource consulting firm, HR Solutions, for payroll, policies and procedures and benefits administration. Mr. Tyson stated that the HUD Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant Team visited Baton Rouge on 2/20/19 to conduct an in-depth interview of the City of Baton Rouge, RDA, and East Baton Rouge Redevelopment Authority who submitted a \$30 million grant application to HUD for housing and neighborhood development in the Smiley Heights and Melrose East neighborhoods. The team has been selected as one of 4 finalists in a		

	pool of 27 applicants. The proposal states that the RDA would serve as the neighborhood lead, and the grant would provide the RDA with an opportunity to realize a robust vision for implementing mixed-income housing at Ardendale. The grant award announcement will be made in mid- to late-April.
	<b>LAMP PRESENTATION</b>
	<b>THEO SANDERS</b>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Mr. Sanders with Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP), presented the Board with information about LAMP. LAMP is able to assist the RDA with the flexible management of its surplus cash and is able to provide daily liquidity with competitive rates of return. The Board spoke in favor of the RDA opening an interest-bearing checking account with its surplus funds.
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	Mr. Tyson recognized Councilwoman Tara Wicker, District 10; Pat LeDuff with Community Against Drugs and violence (CADAV); and Mark Drennen of Capital Area Finance Authority (CAFA) who were in attendance at the meeting.
<b>STRATEGIC VISIONING RETREAT</b>	The consultant team, Converge for Change, facilitated a Strategic Visioning discussion with the RDA Board and members of the Strategic Visioning Committee. An overview of the strategic visioning process to date was discussed, as well as non-negotiables and a timeline for the visioning process. Data collection methodology and an analysis of background documents and strengths, weaknesses and threats were discussed. The Board and Committee participated in a visioning and messaging activity and discussion, and next steps with the groups were discussed.
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	No public comments.
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	Mr. Noland adjourned the meeting at <b>2:01 PM</b>