

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
TERREBONNE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023

President Michael Garcia called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. The prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Ms. Vicki Summers. The meeting was held at the Government Tower Administrative Conference Room, 8026 Main Street, in Houma.

Members recorded as present were: Dr. Michael Garcia, Mr. Nicholas Hebert, Mr. Robert Barthel, Mr. Gary Williams, Sr., Mr. Jason Underwood, Mr. C.J. Domangue and Mr. Joe Boudreaux. Also present were Mr. Cohen Guidry, TEDA's CEO, Ms. Vicki Summers, Coastal Restoration Assistant/Minute Clerk, Mr. Cody Blanchard, Mr. Kevin Belanger, Mr. Patrick Gordon, Mr. James "JJ" Buquet, III, Mr. Michael Lewis and Mr. Darrin Guidry.

President Garcia made a call for public wishing to address the committee. Mr. Cody Blanchard, consultant for South Louisiana Economic Council for communications and special projects, addressed the committee. They are hosting the Bayou Business Summit on March 7, 2023. The summit will focus on legislative updates, infrastructure updates and cyber security updates.

Mr. Barthel motioned to approve the January 10, 2023 TEDA Board Meeting Minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr. Boudreaux. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hebert presented the January financial reports. Financials are in line and balanced with a typical burn rate. The checking account balance is \$201K. Reconciliations are balanced and in order. Mr. Barthel motioned to approve the January financial reports as submitted, seconded by Mr. Boudreaux. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. James "JJ" Buquet, III was introduced as the appointed board member via SCIA and was nominated by the Terrebonne Parish Council. Mr. Buquet is semi-retired since selling the family business, Buquet Distributing. He serves on the board of BI Bank. He is happy to become a TEDA board member and is looking forward to it. Mr. Boudreaux motioned to approve the installment of Mr. Buquet to the Board of Commissioners, seconded by Mr. Barthel. The motion passed unanimously.

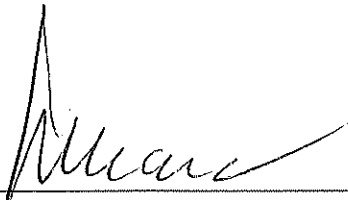
Mr. Michael Lewis was introduced as the appointed board member and was nominated by the Terrebonne Parish Council. Mr. Lewis is the owner of Big Mike's BBQ. He is planning to open a location on Highway 311 and Polk Street. He also intends to invest in downtown Houma and aid in the revitalization aspect. Mr. Barthel motioned to approve the installment of Mr. Lewis to the Board of Commissioners, seconded by Mr. Buquet. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Pat Gordon, chief planning officer of South Central Planning, introduced himself to the Board and introduced Mr. Kevin Belanger, CEO of South Central Planning. Every five years, they produce a comprehensive economic development strategy of the entire region. Mr. Gordon presented the regional update focusing on new projects and announcements. They are looking forward to partnering with TEDA in the future. Mr. Belanger advised of the \$62.5M allocated by the State to help businesses in our region.

Mr. Guidry presented the CEO/BRE report. He updated the Board on various projects:

- Green projects;
- Downtown development;
- EPA study;
- IDJC New Isle Project;
- CTE Summit;
- Leadership Terrebonne;
- Bayou Business Summit;
- Capital Outlay Marine Manufacturing Facility, Planning & Construction;
- Houma Rotary Club.

At 1:06 p.m., Mr. Barthel moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Domangue. The motion passed unanimously.



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Dr. Michael Garcia, President



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Ms. Vicki Summers, Minute Clerk