

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
TERREBONNE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019

President Nicholas Hebert called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. The prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Mrs. Tammy Haydel.

Members recorded as present were: Mr. Robert Barthel, Mr. C.J. Domangue, Dr. Michael Garcia, President Nicholas Hebert, Mrs. Kelly Reeves, Mr. Chris Lapeyre. Recorded as absent were Mr. Michael LaGarde, Mr. Ivan Williams and Mr. Jason Underwood. Also present were Mr. Matthew Rookard, TEDA's CEO, Mrs. Katherine G. Theriot, TEDA's Director of Business Retention & Expansion, Mrs. Tammy Haydel, TEDA's Executive Secretary and Mr. Darrin Guidry, Terrebonne Parish Council Member for District 6.

President Hebert made a call for public wishing. Mr. Darrin Guidry expressed his support for TEDA. He looks forward to working with TEDA in the next four years utilizing outreach for skill sets and diversity in our economy. Mr. Guidry offers his assistance to work together in any way to better the economy.

Mr. Barthel motioned to approve the September TEDA Meeting Minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr. Lapeyre. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rookard presented the September financial reports. The reports are unremarkable with a lower-end monthly range of \$28,300. Mr. Barthel motioned to approve the September financial reports as submitted, seconded by Dr. Garcia. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Kelly Reeves was introduced as the newest board member via SCIA appointment. She works for Morrison Contractors, LLC as the Vice-President of Marketing, and is happy to join the TEDA Board of Commissioners.

President Hebert advised that the election of officers will take place at the November 12, 2019 meeting.

Mrs. Theriot presented her October BRE report. She has exceeded her annual goal for BRE visits. Recruitment has been completed for LA Workforce Commission Work Experience site for a part-time worker to research and enter data for the Medical Resource Guide. Mr. Andrew Hines is an NSU student and will be working at TEDA to complete this project.

Mr. Rookard attended Dr. Loren Scott's LA Economic Outlook presentation. The resiliency of the community has been amazing during this recession cycle, as opposed to recession from the 1980's. Dr. Scott predicted a 3-5% economic growth next year.

Mr. Rookard was the keynote speaker for the Induction Ceremony for the JAG Program (Jobs for American Graduates). JAG has impressive programs partnering with business and industry to create jobs for graduates.

With regard to the Marine Center of Excellence with Lumcon and Fletcher, Mr. Rookard stated that Dr. Kim Hunter Reed, Commissioner for Higher Education, is promoting cyber security training programs. It's a great opportunity for diversity.

Mr. Rookard met with Mr. Brian Rushing to refresh the website for the LA Run for the Wetlands. The Run is currently in the sponsorship phase. The race will take place on Saturday, March 7, 2020.

President Hebert advised that the Budget Submission passed and is on to the next level for final approval. With regard to HT Sports, event projects are being discussed with Mr. Dean Schouest, Director of the Terrebonne Civic Center.

At 12:31 p.m., Mr. Barthel moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Domangue. The motion passed unanimously.



Mr. Nicholas Hebert, President



Mrs. Tammy Haydel, Minute Clerk