



JEDCO Quarterly Board of Commissioners Meeting
August 29, 2019 8:30 A.M.
JEDCO Administration Building
700 Churchill Parkway, Avondale, LA 70094

MINUTES

Call to Order: 8:30 a.m.

Attendance: Mickal Adler, Jimmy Baum, Barry Breaux, Lloyd Clark, Anthony DiGerolamo, Joe Ewell, Lesha Freeland, Tom Gennaro, Brian Heiden, Larry Katz, Michael Kraft, Teresa Lawrence, Keith Merritt, Tricia Phillpott, Mayra Pineda, Stephen Robinson, Floyd Simeon

Staff: Jerry Bologna, Lacey Bordelon, Cynthia Grows, Annalisa Kelly, Jennifer Lapeyrouse, Scott Rojas, Kelsey Scram, Penny Weeks

Absences: Mario Bazile, Bruce Dantin, Roy Gattuso, Josline Frank

Attorney: Reed Smith – Jefferson Parish Attorney’s Office

Guests: Cherreen Gegenheimer – Jefferson Parish Government

I. Call to Order – Chairman, Lloyd Clark

Chairman Clark opened the meeting by welcoming guests and leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

• **Approval of Board absences for today, August 29, 2019**

Jimmy Baum motioned, seconded by Lesha Freeland to excuse Bruce Dantin, Roy Gattuso and Josline Frank. The motion passed unanimously.

• **Approval of JEDCO minutes for July 25, 2019**

Joe Ewell motioned, seconded by Teresa Lawrence to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Public Comments on Agenda Items

None

III. Unfinished and New Business

• **Resolution authorizing 8th Amendment to the CEA between JEDCO, State of Louisiana and Jefferson Parish School Board – Lacey Bordelon**

Keith Merritt motioned, seconded by Tom Gennaro to defer to the September 26, 2019 Executive Committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Approval of 2020 meeting schedule for JEDCO Executive Committee and Quarterly Board of Commissioners – Chairman Clark**

Keith Merritt motioned, seconded by Joe Ewell to approve the 2020 meeting schedules. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Eligibility to continue serving as a Nominating Organization for the JEDCO Board of Commissioners – Jerry Bologna**

On December 31, 2019 the terms of Jimmy Baum and Brian Heiden will expire. In accordance with the JEDCO Bylaws, the Board shall review the status of each Nominating Organization and determine eligibility to continue serving as a Nominating Organization to the JEDCO Board of Commissioners.

On the motion of Stephen Robinson, seconded by Lesha Freeland, the Board unanimously agreed that the Jefferson Chamber of Commerce (Westbank) meets the requirements stated in the JEDCO bylaws and is eligible to continue serving as a Nominating Organization.

On the motion of Tom Gennaro, seconded by Keith Merritt, the Board unanimously agreed that the Elmwood Business Association meets the requirements stated in the JEDCO bylaws and is eligible to continue serving as a Nominating Organization.

IV. Monthly Financial Report

- **July 2019 – Cynthia Grows**

Joe Ewell motioned, seconded by Brian Heiden to approve the report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

V. President & CEO Report – Jerry Bologna

- Commissioners were reminded that Sexual Harassment training will be offered following adjournment of the Forward Jefferson Corporation meeting.
- JEDCO will provide a Service Briefing for the New Orleans Regional Black Chamber of Commerce on September 5, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. at the JEDCO Conference Center.
- The Nominating Committee members were asked to mark their calendar to meet following the Executive Committee meeting on October 31, 2019.
- An RFP will be published in early September for a three-year contract for JEDCO's audit services for years ending December 31, 2019, 2020 and 2021.
- JEDCO staff making progress with the Housing Initiative. Working with Project Team members, HBA and Jefferson Parish Finance Authority to develop a draft strategic plan for the Terrytown neighborhood.

VI. Other Updates or Comments from the JEDCO Board of Commissioners

- Commissioner Mayra Pineda announced that on September 20, at 7:00 p.m., the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Louisiana will honor outstanding individuals and corporations with its Excelencia Awards.
- Ms. Pineda also announced that the Peruvian-American Chamber of Commerce is visiting October 16-18, and will want to meet with JEDCO and the Port of New Orleans.
- Commissioner Teresa Lawrence announced that the Women's Business Enterprise Council South will celebrate its 25th Anniversary during the WESUMMIT and Awards Gala on September 25-27 at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans.

VII. Adjournment – Stephen Robinson motioned, seconded by Teresa Lawrence to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.



Tom Gennaro

JEDCO Secretary

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