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6	MEETING MINUTES FOR
7	THE BOARD OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
8	OF THE
9	LOUISIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
10	HELD AT
11	LASALLE BUILDING
12	617 NORTH 3RD STREET
13	LABELLE ROOM
14	BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
15	ON THE 27TH DAY OF JUNE, 2018
16	COMMENCING AT 9:35 A.M.
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20	REPORTED BY: ELICIA H. WOODWORTH, CCR
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1	Appearances of Board Members Present:
2	Representative Neil Abramson Mayor Glenn Brasseaux
3	Senator Norby Chabert Yvette Cola
4	Manuel "Manny" Fajardo
5	Richard Hartley Heather Malone
6	Senator Danny Martiny Charles R. "Robby" Miller
7	Jan K. Moller Secretary Don Pierson
8	Stephen Pugh Darrel J. Saizan, Jr.
9	Daniel J. Schexnaydre, Jr. Bobby Williams, Jr.
10	Dr. Woodrow Wilson, Jr. Steve Windham Erin Wesley for Governor Edwards
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12	Staff members present:
13	Tam Bourgeois Kristen Cheng
14	Frank Favaloro Brenda Guess
15	Richard House Becky Lambert
16	Mandi Mitchell Joyce Metoyer
17	Melissa Sorrell Hud Usie
18	Anne Villa
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1	MR. WINDHAM:
2	Morning, everyone. I'd like to welcome
3	to you to the Board of Commerce & Industry June 27th
4	meeting. I'll call that meeting to order at 9:37.
5	Melissa, please call the roll.
6	MS. SORRELL:
7	Erin Wesley for Governor Edwards.
8	MS. WESLEY:
9	Here.
10	MS. SORRELL:
11	Richard Hartley for Lieutenant
12	Nungesser.
13	MR. HARTLEY:
14	Here.
15	MS. SORRELL:
16	Representative Abramson.
17	(No response.)
18	MS. SORRELL:
19	Millie Atkins.
20	(No response.)
21	MS. SORRELL:
22	Mayor Brasseaux.
23	MAYOR BRASSEAUX:
24	Here.
25	MS. SORRELL:



1		Representative Pugh for Representative
2	Carmody.	
3	MR.	PUGH:
4		Here.
5	MS.	SORRELL:
6		Yvette Cola.
7	MS.	COLA:
8		Here.
9	MS.	SORRELL:
10		Major Coleman.
11	(No	response.)
12	MS.	SORRELL:
13		Ricky Fabra.
14	(No	response.)
15	MS.	SORRELL:
16		Manny Fajardo.
17	MR.	FAJARDO:
18		Here.
19	MS.	SORRELL:
20		Jerry Jones.
21	(No	response.)
22	MS.	SORRELL:
23		Heather Malone.
24	MS.	MALONE:
25		Here.



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     MS. SORRELL:
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          Senator Martiny.
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     (No response.)
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     MS. SORRELL:
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         Robby Miller.
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     MR. MILLER:
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         Here.
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     MS. SORRELL:
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         Jan Moller.
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     MR. MOLLER:
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     MS. SORRELL:
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          Senator Chabert for Senator Morrell.
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     MR. CHABERT:
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     MS. SORRELL:
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          Secretary Pierson.
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     SECRETARY PIERSON:
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         Present.
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     MS. SORRELL:
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          Scott Richard.
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     (No response.)
     MS. SORRELL:
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         Darrel Saizan.
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     (No response.)
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1	MS.	SORREL:
2		Danny Schexnaydre.
3	MR.	SCHEXNAYDRE:
4		Here.
5	MS.	SORRELL:
6		Ronnie Slone.
7	(No	response.)
8	MS.	SORRELL:
9		Bobby Williams.
10	MR.	WILLIAMS:
11		Here.
12	MS.	SORRELL:
13		Steve Windham.
14	MR.	WINDHAM:
15		Here.
16	MS.	SORRELL:
17		Dr. Wilson.
18	DR.	WILSON:
19		Here.
20	MS.	SORRELL:
21		We have a quorum.
22	MR.	WINDHAM:
23		Thank you, Melissa.
24		I hope everyone's had a chance to review
25	the minutes.	



1	Is there a motion?
2	Made by Ms. Heather; seconded by
3	Mr. Fajardo.
4	Any discussions? Any changes?
5	(No response.)
6	MR. WINDHAM:
7	All in favor, indicate with an "aye."
8	(Several members respond "aye.")
9	MR. WINDHAM:
10	All opposed with a "nay."
11	(No response.)
12	MR. WINDHAM:
13	Motion carries.
14	Mr. Favaloro.
15	MR. FAVALORO:
16	Yes. I have three new Quality Jobs
17	applications: 20160358, NVI, LLC in Terrebonne;
18	20150910, Shintech Louisiana, LLC in Iberville; and
19	20160910, Targa Resources, LLC in Calcasieu.
20	That concludes the new applications.
21	MR. WINDHAM:
22	Are there any comments from the public
23	concerning these applications?
24	(No response.)
25	MR. WINDHAM:



1	Questions or comments from the Board?
2	(No response.)
3	MR. WINDHAM:
4	Is there a motion to approve?
5	Made by Dr. Wilson; seconded by
6	Mr. Williams.
7	All in favor, indicate with an "aye."
8	(Several members respond "aye.")
9	MR. WINDHAM:
10	All opposed with a "nay."
11	(No response.)
12	MR. WINDHAM:
13	Motion carries.
14	MR. FAVALORO:
15	I have three Quality Jobs renewal
L 6	applications: 20130036, Benteler Steel/Tubing
L7	Manufacturing Corp. in Caddo; 20121287, Procter & Gamble
18	Manufacturing in Rapides; 20121255, SE Tylos Louisiana,
19	LLC in Iberville.
20	That concludes the renewals.
21	MR. WINDHAM:
22	Are there any comments from the public
23	concerning the renewals for the Quality Jobs Program?
24	(No response.)
25	MR. WINDHAM:



1		Questions or comments from the Board
2	members?	
3	(No	response.)
4	MR.	WINDHAM:
5		Motion to approve?
6		Made by Dr. Wilson; seconded by
7	Mr. Fajardo.	
8		All in favor, indicate with an "aye."
9	(Ser	veral members respond "aye.")
10	MR.	WINDHAM:
11		All opposed with "nay."
12	(No	response.)
13	MR.	WINDHAM:
14		Motion carries.
15	MR.	FAVALORO:
16		I have two requests for change in
17	location only:	20140273, Pod Pack International, LTD
18	from 11800 Indus	striplex Boulevard to 17100 Manchac Park
19	Lane, Suite B, F	Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish;
20	20161571 Waitr,	Inc. from 537 Cajundome Boulevard to
21	1100 Bertrand Di	rive, Lafayette in Lafayette Parish.
22		And I have one request for change in
23	ownership: 2014	10273 Pod Pack International, LTD to Pod
24	Pack Internation	nal, LLC in East Baton Rouge Parish.
25		That concludes the specials.



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1	1	MR.	WINDHAM:
2			Thank you, Mr. Favaloro.
3			Any comments from the public concerning
4	the special	cons	siderations for change of location or
5	change in own	ners	ship?
6		(No	response.)
7	1	MR.	WINDHAM:
8			Questions or comments from the Board?
9		(No	response.)
10	1	MR.	WINDHAM:
11			Motion is made by Mayor Brasseaux;
12	seconded by	Repr	resentative Pugh.
13			All in favor, indicate with an "aye."
14		(Set	veral members respond "aye.")
15	1	MR.	WINDHAM:
16			All opposed with a "nay."
17		(No	response.)
18	1	MR.	WINDHAM:
19			Motion carries.
20	1	MR.	FAVALORO:
21			That concludes Quality Jobs.
22	1	MR.	WINDHAM:
23			Thank you, sir.
24			Ms. Lambert, Restoration Tax Abatement
25	Program.		



1	MS. LAMBERT:
2	Good morning. I have eight new
3	applications. First one is 20160032, 1068, LLC in
4	Orleans; 20170077, Bayou Acquisitions, LLC in Orleans;
5	20161897, Copech Properties, LLC in Ouachita; 20161643,
6	Copech Properties LLC in Ouachita; 20151383, GPD 839
7	Jackson Avenue, LLC in Orleans; 20170384, CR Apartments,
8	LLC in East Baton Rouge; 201705, Fern Hills Investments,
9	LLC, St. Tammany; and 20160881, Rampart and Clio, LLC in
10	Orleans.
11	This concludes the total new
12	applications for a \$9,020,453 investment.
13	MR. WINDHAM:
14	I assume all of the resolutions are in
15	place as they should be?
16	MS. LAMBERT:
17	All resolutions are on record and all
18	applications have met all rules of compliance.
19	MR. WINDHAM:
20	Are there any comments from the public
21	concerning the Restoration Tax Abatement Program
22	applications?
23	(No response.)
24	MR. WINDHAM:
25	Questions or comments from the Board?



1	(No response.)
2	MR. WINDHAM:
3	Is there a motion to approve?
4	Made by Dr. Wilson; seconded by
5	Mr. Moller.
6	All in favor, indicate with an "aye."
7	(Several members respond "aye.")
8	MR. WINDHAM:
9	All opposed with a "nay."
10	(No response.)
11	MR. WINDHAM:
12	Motion carries.
13	MS. LAMBERT:
14	We have four renewal applications for
15	Restoration Tax Abatement: 20101113, 139 Huey P. Long
16	Avenue, LLC; 20103714 Huey P. Long Avenue, LLC, both of
17	these are in Jefferson; 20100872, 2622-2632 Metairie
18	Lawn, LLC in Jefferson; and 20090816, 139 Huey P. Long
19	Avenue, LLC in Jefferson.
20	That concludes the renewal applications.
21	MR. WINDHAM:
22	Thank you, Ms. Lambert.
23	Are there any comments from the public
24	concerning the renewals for the Restoration Tax
25	Abatement Program?



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1	(No response.)
2	MR. WINDHAM:
3	Questions or comments from the Board?
4	(No response.)
5	MR. WINDHAM:
6	I'll entertain a motion.
7	Mr. Schexnaydre; seconded by
8	Mr. Williams.
9	All in favor, indicate with an "aye."
10	(Several members respond "aye.")
11	MR. WINDHAM:
12	All opposed with a "nay."
13	(No response.)
14	MR. WINDHAM:
15	Motion carries.
16	MS. LAMBERT:
17	Mr. Windham, I would like to add one
18	thing on the renewal applications, that these also go
19	through local governing authority review and the
20	resolution approval before they come back, so they are
21	re-reviewed and approved locally.
22	MR. WINDHAM:
23	All right. Thank you.
24	Next we have Ms. Metoyer for the
25	Enterprise Zone Program.



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I have 18 new applications: 20150892, Baton Rouge Hotel Manager, LLC, East Baton Rouge Parish: 20151002, Baton Rouge Jet Center, LLC, East Baton Rouge Parish; 20160635, JNR Hospitality, LLC, Ascension Parish; 20141203, Laitram Machine Shop, LLC, Jefferson Parish; 20150056, Opulence Krishan Hospitality, LLC, Calcasieu Parish; 20141021, Pecan Haven Adolescent Addiction Center, LLC, Ouachita Parish; 20131376, Red Stick Armature Works, Inc., West Feliciana; 20141293, Riverside Hospital, LLC, Rapides Parish; 20161395, Southern Designs & Gifts, LLC, Concordia Parish; 20160725, Turner Industrial Maintenance, East Baton Rouge Parish; 20160724, Turner Industries Group, LLC, West Baton Rouge Parish; 20160723, Turner Industries Group, LLC, East Baton Rouge Parish; 20160721, Turner Industries Group, LLC, Calcasieu Parish; 20160720, Turner Industries Group, LLC, West Baton Rouge Parish; 20160028, Walmart Stores East, LP, Tangipahoa Parish; 20161769, Walmart Stores East, LP Distribution Center, St. Landry Parish; 20161838 Westport Linen Services, LLC, Acadian Parish; and 20161835, Westport Linen Services, LLC, East Baton Rouge Parish.

MR. WINDHAM:

Thank you, Ms. Metoyer.



1	Can you tell us a little bit more about
2	the Turner Industries because there's a lot of zeros on
3	there?
4	MS. METOYER:
5	These are just jobs. There's no
6	building. It's just for new jobs.
7	MR. WINDHAM:
8	Okay. All right. Are there any
9	comments or questions from the public?
10	(No response.)
11	MR. WINDHAM:
12	Questions or comments from the Board?
13	Mr. Miller.
14	MR. MILLER:
15	Yes, sir. Looking at the jobs, the new,
16	permanent jobs and salaries, some pretty incredible
17	annual salaries.
18	MS. METOYER:
19	You mean for Turner salaries?
20	MR. MILLER:
21	Because I can't do math very well. I'm
22	using the one with the 10s. Turner, 1.5-million with 10
23	jobs, if I'm not mistaken, that's \$150,000 average.
24	Then there's 15-million at 100 jobs, that's \$150,000
25	average. So it's 220 jobs, all of them 150 ground. I'm



1	thrilled if that's what it is. I think that's
2	incredible.
3	MS. METOYER:
4	I can check them for you.
5	MR. MILLER:
6	Then you go up to Baton Rouge Hotel
7	Manager 777,000, eight jobs. The next one, eight jobs
8	at 1.9-million, five all of these are
9	100-plus-thousand, \$200,000 annual jobs. Is that
10	accurate?
11	MS. METOYER:
12	This is what's on their application,
13	yes, sir.
14	MR. MILLER:
15	Okay. That's potential?
16	MR. WINDHAM:
17	Is there a representative from Turner
18	with us today?
19	Please come forward and identify
20	yourself, sir.
21	MR. WEGE:
22	Good morning. My name is Robert Wege.
23	I'm with Summit Credits. We represent Turner
24	Industries, and we help assist them in filing these
25	applications.



So the information that's provided on the applications is an estimate the jobs numbers. We have an idea of the number of jobs that are going to be created and the amount of annual salaries that are going to be created with those jobs, but it's an estimate at this point. Until we get to the end of the year payroll data and go through that information, we cannot provide an accurate number, if you will.

MR. CHABERT:

So when you say that, I mean, are you like in a variance of plus or minus four or five, I mean, or are you just throwing darts at a wall? You can't come up here and just say we're guessing.

MR. WEGE:

Okay. So what we do is we put together an estimate based on what we think the company will do.

MR. CHABERT:

Previous year-to-date data? I mean, how do you come up with the estimate?

MR. WEGE:

It's fluctuates, to be honest with you. With these applications, what we do is we put the minimum because we were certain the company will meet the minimum.

MR. CHABERT:



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1	Okay. There's a floor, you just don't
2	know the ceiling?
3	MR. WEGE:
4	Correct.
5	MR. WINDHAM:
6	Thank you, Mr. Chabert.
7	And also to point out, just to make sure
8	everyone is still aware, if they don't create the jobs,
9	there are no benefits.
10	MR. WEGE:
11	Correct.
12	MR. WINDHAM:
13	All right. Secretary Pierson.
14	SECRETARY PIERSON:
15	It's possible that they're domiciled in
16	Louisiana but may be deployed overseas in for away
17	locations; is that correct?
18	MR. WEGE:
19	So there's a number of different things
20	that could make an employee ineligible, and living out
21	of state is one of them. If they don't hit the average
22	hours required, there's another. There's several
23	different things that can make an employee ineligible.
24	SECRETARY PIERSON:
25	Well, I get that, but they're domiciled



in Louisiana, but they may have an assignment to go to the Middle East and work there for six weeks, and that may be attributing to the higher-than-normal salaries because of the conditions in which they have to deploy. I'm not asking the question --

MR. WEGE:

No, sir. In that case, that employee would not be eligible for the incentive because it's based on their hours and wages earned in Louisiana. So if they're working out of state or out of the country, they would not be an eligible employee. Does that answer your question?

SECRETARY PIERSON:

Yeah. We're still trying to get to why the average is so high.

MR. MILLER:

Mr. Secretary, it's not just Turner.

Turner is the easier one to do because the math's there.

If you just go down to the very bottom, the total 18

Enterprise Zone applications, it's 499 jobs, \$89,187,000

worth of payroll. That's an average of \$178,732 a year.

That's phenomenal. I think, if that's the truth, then I

think we're going to the top of a bunch of those lists

that we're at the bottom of right now. It just doesn't

seem accurate. And it's not just Turner. It seems



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1	everybody's got an estimate. That's just the way I
2	don't know.
3	MR. WINDHAM:
4	It seems to be inflated.
5	Ms. Metoyer, are these 10-year is
6	this for 10 years or for five?
7	MS. METOYER:
8	No. All Enterprise contracts are for
9	five years only.
10	MR. WINDHAM:
11	No. I'm asking the accumulation of
12	salaries, that summation at that, is that over a
13	five-year period or
14	MS. METOYER:
15	Five. That's a five-year.
16	MR. MILLER:
L7	That's a five-year number. Okay. So
18	now the average is \$35,000. Okay. Thank you very much.
19	MS. METOYER:
20	In any of these applications or
21	contracts, there's no benefit until the ECRs are
22	actually processed and we see the true numbers. No
23	benefits are given out.
24	MR. MILLER:
25	I'm not questioning that at all. I



1	believe that we do that the program is monitored	
2	properly. I think y'all are doing a great job with it.	
3	It's just, you know, whenever you see these numbers	
4	MS. METOYER:	
5	Right.	
6	MR. MILLER:	
7	It makes much more sense now that you've	
8	said it's a five-year	
9	MS. METOYER:	
10	That's a five-year. It is.	
11	MR. MILLER:	
12	That makes much more sense.	
13	MR. WINDHAM:	
14	Any other questions or comments from any	
15	of the Board members?	
16	(No response.)	
17	MR. WINDHAM:	
18	All right. Thank you, sir.	
19	Is there a motion to approve the	
20	Enterprise Zone?	
21	Made by the Mayor; seconded by Dr.	
22	Wilson.	
23	All in favor, indicate with an "aye."	
24	(Several members respond "aye.")	
25	MR. WINDHAM:	



1	All opposed with a "nay."
2	(No response.)
3	MR. WINDHAM:
4	Motion carries.
5	Please proceed.
6	MS. METOYER:
7	I have eight contract terminations:
8	20140994, Shiv Shakti Lodging, LLC, Calcasieu Parish,
9	existing contract period, May 1, 2015 through April 30,
10	2020. The requested term date is 12/13/2017. The
11	program requirements have been met and no additional
12	jobs are anticipated.
13	20150175, Southern Hospitality Group, LLC,
14	Rapides Parish. The existing contract period is May 1,
15	2015 through April 30, 2020. The requested term date is
16	April 30 of 2018. The program requirements have been
17	met and no additional jobs are anticipated.
18	The next one is 20140969, OS Restaurant
19	Services, LLC, Jefferson Parish. The existing contract
20	period is June 10, 2014 to June 9 of 2019. The
21	requested term date is 12/31 of 2016. The program
22	requirements have been met and no additional jobs are
23	anticipated.
24	20130119, GSTVBR, LLC, East Baton Rouge
25	Parish. January 1 of 2014 to 12/31 of 2018 is the



existing contract period. The requested term date is June 30 of 2016. The program requirements have been met. No additional jobs are anticipated.

20130114, SWVP New Orleans, LLC, Orleans Parish. The existing contract period is October 1 of 2014 to September 30th of 2019. The requested term date is May 1 of 2017. The program requirements have been met. No additional jabs are anticipated.

20121119, Providence Classical Academy, Incorporated, Bossier Parish. The existing contract period is September 26th of 2012 through September 25th of 2017. The requested term date is March 25th of 2015. No additional jobs are anticipated and the program requirements have been met.

20130050, Monsanto Company, St. Charles
Parish. January 16 of 2013 through January 15 of 2018.
The requested term date is July 15 of 2015. The program requirements have been met. No additional jobs are anticipated.

The final termination is 20140830, Crest Operations, LLC, Rapides Parish. The existing contract period is April 22nd of 2014 to April 21st of 2019. The requested term date is December 31, 2016. The program requirements have been met. No additional jobs are anticipated.



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1	MR. WINDHAM:
2	Thank you, Ms. Metoyer.
3	Are there any comments from the public
4	concerning the contract termination requests regarding
5	the Enterprise Zone Program?
6	(No response.)
7	MR. WINDHAM:
8	Questions or comments from the Board?
9	(No response.)
10	MR. WINDHAM:
11	Is there a motion to approve?
12	Made by Representative Pugh; seconded by
13	Ms. Erin Wesley.
L4	All in favor, indicate with an "aye."
15	(Several members respond "aye.")
L 6	MR. WINDHAM:
L7	All opposed with a "nay."
18	(No response.)
19	MR. WINDHAM:
20	Motion carries.
21	MS. METOYER:
22	I have one contract cancelation. It's
23	20150273, Parc Lafayette, LLC in Lafayette Parish. The
24	program requirements were not met by the company and the
25	contract needs to be canceled.



1	MR.	WINDHAM:
2		Did the company send anyone to discuss
3	this or they've	accepted the reality?
4	MS.	METOYER:
5		At the last Board meeting, the lady that
6	made the request	t, this is that company.
7	MR.	WINDHAM:
8		Okay. All right.
9	MS.	METOYER:
10		She didn't meet it within the 24-month
11	period.	
12	MR.	WINDHAM:
13		Got you.
14	MS.	METOYER:
15		Yes.
16	MR.	WINDHAM:
17		Are there any comments from the public
18	concerning this	contract cancelation?
19	(No	response.)
20	MR.	WINDHAM:
21		Questions or comments from the Board
22	members?	
23	(No	response.)
24	MR.	WINDHAM:
25		Motion is made by Mayor Brasseaux;



1	seconded by Mr. Moller.
2	All in favor, indicate with an "aye."
3	(Several members respond "aye.")
4	MR. WINDHAM:
5	All opposed with a "nay."
6	(No response.)
7	MR. WINDHAM:
8	Motion carries.
9	Thank you, Ms. Metoyer.
10	All right. Mr. Hud Usie for the
11	Industrial Tax Exemption Program assisted by Ms. Kristin
12	Cheng, or accompanied by.
13	MR. USIE:
14	We have 20 new pre-EO applications. We
15	do have one correction: 20152022, Marathon Petroleum
16	Company, LP should read Garyville Refining Logistics,
L7	LLC.
18	MR. WINDHAM:
19	All right. Please proceed.
20	MR. USIE:
21	20141325A, Almatis Burnside, LLC,
22	Ascension Parish; 20141325B, Almatis Burnside, LLC,
23	Ascension Parish; 20161534, Cabot Corporation, St. Mary
24	Parish; 20130076A, Conrad Shipyard, LLC, St. Mary
25	Parish; 20151426A, Denka Performance Elastomer, LLC, St.



1	John the Baptist Parish; 20150973A, Diversified Foods &
2	Seasonings, LLC, St. Tammany Parish; 20161536,
3	Diversified Foods & Seasonings, LLC in St. Tammany
4	Parish; 20150280B, Eagle US 2, LLC, Calcasieu Parish;
5	20151466, Flopam, Inc., Iberville Parish; 20141329A,
6	G.E.O. Heat Exchangers, LLC, Iberville Parish;
7	20161511A, Gulf Crafts, LLC, St. Mary Parish; 20120977B,
8	Haynes International, Inc., Bienville Parish; 20150227,
9	Marathon Petroleum Company, LP, St. John that Baptist
LO	Parish; 20152022 Garyville Refining Logistics, LLC, St.
11	John the Baptist Parish; 20151161, MGB, LLC, St. Landry
12	Parish; 20161175A, Newpark Drilling Fluids, LLC,
13	Lafourche Parish; 20141259, NuStar Logistics, LP, St.
14	James Parish; 20140795A, Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC,
15	Iberville Parish; 20151126A, UTLX Manufacturing, LLC,
16	Rapides Parish; 20151279, Westlake Vinyls Company, LP,
L7	Ascension Parish.
18	MR. WINDHAM:
19	Thank you, Mr. Usie.
20	Are there any comments from the public
21	concerning any of these applications for the Industrial
22	Tax Exemption Program that were submitted prior to the
23	Governor's Executive Order?
24	(No response.)
25	MR. WINDHAM:



1	Any questions or comments from the
2	Board?
3	(No response.)
4	MR. WINDHAM:
5	Is there a motion to approve these?
6	Made by Ms. Erin well, Ms. Wesley;
7	seconded by Mr. Moller.
8	All in favor, indicate with an "aye."
9	(Several members respond "aye.")
10	MR. WINDHAM:
11	All opposed with a "nay."
12	(No response.)
13	MR. WINDHAM:
14	Motion carries.
15	MR. USIE:
16	Next we have five new post-EO
17	applications: 20170164, Cortec, LLC, West Baton Rouge
18	Parish; 20170362, Entergy Louisiana, LLC, Washington
19	Parish; 20161827, Equilon Enterprises, LLC, dba Shell
20	Oil Products US, St. James Parish; 20161827A, Equilon
21	Enterprises, LLC, dba Shell Oil Products US, St. James
22	Parish; 20170088, Foster Poultry Farms, Union Parish.
23	MR. WINDHAM:
24	Thank you, Mr. Usie.
25	And I know the Board members received in



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1	their packages all of the required documentation, the
2	CEA, the resolutions, and everything is good to go on
3	that front.
4	Are there any comments from the public
5	concerning any of these applications?
6	(No response.)
7	MR. WINDHAM:
8	Are there any questions from the Board?
9	(No response.)
10	MR. WINDHAM:
11	Is there a motion?
12	Motion made by Mr. Hartley to approve;
13	seconded by Mr. Miller.
14	All in favor, indicate with an "aye."
15	(Several members respond "aye.")
L 6	MR. WINDHAM:
L7	All opposed with a "nay."
18	(No response.)
19	MR. WINDHAM:
20	Motion carries.
21	MR. USIE:
22	Next we have one timely renewal:
23	20130577, International Paper Company, Lafayette Parish.
24	MR. WINDHAM:
25	Are there any comments from the public



1	concerning a timely renewal for the Industrial Tax
2	Exemption Program?
3	(No response.)
4	MR. WINDHAM:
5	Very good job, whoever is out there
6	representing them or is doing the paperwork for them.
7	Any questions or comments from the
8	public I mean, from the Board?
9	(No response.)
10	MR. WINDHAM:
11	Motion is made by Dr. Wilson to approve
12	the renewal timely filed; seconded by Mr. Fajardo.
13	All in favor, indicate with an "aye."
14	(Several members respond "aye.")
15	MR. WINDHAM:
L 6	All opposed with a "nay."
L7	(No response.)
18	MR. WINDHAM:
19	Motion carries.
20	MR. USIE:
21	Next we have eight late renewals, four
22	of which requested to be deferred: Cornerstone Chemical
23	Company, Contracts 20130474, 20130475, 20130476,
24	20130477, again, Cornerstone Chemical Company, and
25	they're all in Jefferson Parish.



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1	MR. WINDHAM:
2	Is there any objection to the deferral
3	for consideration of these four?
4	(No response.)
5	MR. WINDHAM:
6	Is there a motion to defer?
7	Made by Dr. Wilson; seconded by Senator
8	Martiny.
9	All in favor, indicate with an "aye."
LO	(Several members respond "aye.")
11	MR. WINDHAM:
12	All opposed with a "nay."
13	(No response.)
L4	MR. WINDHAM:
15	Motions carries. Those are deferred.
L 6	Please proceed.
L7	MR. USIE:
18	20120244, Bercen, Inc., a division of
19	Cranston Printworks Company, Livingston Parish.
20	Contract expiration date December 31st, 2016. Late
21	renewal request date April 30 of 2018; 20130293, Bercen,
22	Inc., a division of Cranston Printworks Company,
23	Livingston Parish. Initial contract expiration,
24	December 31st, 2017. Renewal request date April 30th,
25	3018.



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All right. Hold there.

All right. Is there a representative from Bercen, Inc., a division of Cranston Printworks Company with us?

Please come forward, identify yourself and explain the tardiness of filing for the renewal.

MR. MORGAN:

My name is Craig Morgan. I'm the manager of manufacturing for the Bercen division of Cranston Printworks Company in Livingston Parish.

We don't really have an excuse. Our girl from accounting normally handles these functions, and they're out of Cranston, Rhode Island. There's been some personnel changes and they somehow missed it. We brought it to their attention, and they've assured us that it's been rectified and it won't happen in the future.

MR. WINDHAM:

That's a good thing.

There are two of them. One of them is two -- one of them, in light of what we've done in the past, has been 20 percent reduction for each year late or portion thereof. There is one that is one-plus year late, and there is one that is one late, so I would



1	entertain a mot	ion, I guess separately, to reduce the
2	two-year one by	40 percent.
3		Is there a motion?
4		Made by Ms. Cola; seconded by
5	Mr. Williams.	
6		All in favor any comments from the
7	public?	
8	(No	response.)
9	MR.	WINDHAM:
10		Comments from the Board?
11	(No	response.)
12	MR.	WINDHAM:
13		All in favor, indicate with an "aye."
14	(Ser	veral members respond "aye.")
15	MR.	WINDHAM:
16		All opposed with a "nay."
17	(No	response.)
18	MR.	WINDHAM:
19		Motion carries.
20		For the second one that was less than a
21	year late, it's	a 20 percent reduction, and I'd
22	entertain that n	motion.
23		Made by Dr. Wilson; seconded by Ms.
24	Cola.	
25		Any questions or comments from the



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1	public?
2	(No response.)
3	MR. WINDHAM:
4	From the Board?
5	(No response.)
6	MR. WINDHAM:
7	All in favor, indicate with an "aye."
8	(Several members respond "aye.)
9	MR. WINDHAM:
10	All opposed with a "nay."
11	(No response.)
12	MR. WINDHAM:
13	Motion carries.
14	Thank you, Craig.
15	MR. MORGAN:
16	Thank you.
17	MR. WINDHAM:
18	Please proceed.
19	MR. USIE:
20	Next we have 20120690, WestRock, CP,
21	LLC, Jackson Parish. Initial contract expiration
22	December 31st, 2016. Renewal requested March 28th,
23	2018; 20120691, WestRock CP, LLC, Jackson Parish.
24	Contract expiration December 31st, 2016. Renewal
25	requested March 28th, 2018.



1	MR. WINDHAM:
2	Is there a representative from WestRock
3	CP, LLC?
4	Please step forward and identify
5	yourself.
6	MR. PYLES:
7	Good morning. I'm Todd Pyles
8	engineering manager of WestRock Louisiana Mill.
9	MR. WINDHAM:
10	Can you tell us what happened?
11	MR. PYLES:
12	Well, it was oversight on our company.
13	Back in 2016, we were late filing the PCR and the AFC.
14	We got acknowledgement back from LED in December of '17,
15	and in that acknowledgement, it said that our renewal
16	date was 2016. At that time, our corporate tax group
17	looked and we did not have that renewal, so we submitted
18	it in March of this year.
19	MR. WINDHAM:
20	All right. I don't know if you've been
21	involved in this or watched it.
22	MR. PYLES:
23	I have.
24	MR. WINDHAM:
25	The precedent that has been set with



1	this Board has been to reduce them by 20 percent for
2	each year or portion thereof.
3	So is there any questions comments from
4	the Board?
5	(No response.)
6	MR. WINDHAM:
7	Is there a motion to that effect?
8	Made by Dr. Wilson; seconded by Ms.
9	Malone.
10	All in favor, indicate with an "aye."
11	(Several members respond "aye.")
12	MR. WINDHAM:
13	All opposed with a "nay."
14	(No response.)
15	MR. WINDHAM:
16	Motion carries.
17	Thank you, sir.
18	MR. USIE:
19	Next we have seven change in location
20	only: Phillips 66 Company, Contracts 20130488,
21	20130489, 20130490, 20130491 and 20130492, previous
22	location 15551 South Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana
23	70037 in Calcasieu Parish, new location 15551 South
24	Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana 70037 in Plaquemines
25	Parish. It was the parish.



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1	MR. WINDHAM:
2	Explain that.
3	MR. USIE:
4	The initial application, they selected
5	the wrong parish, and they're getting it corrected. So
6	the actual address is the same. It's just the parish.
7	MR. WINDHAM:
8	Okay. Please proceed.
9	MR. USIE:
LO	RBS Asset Finance, Inc., dba Dolet Hills
11	Lignite Company, 20130160, previous location 377 Highway
12	522, Mansfield, Louisiana 70052 in DeSoto Parish, new
13	location 2002 Crow Lane, Pelican, Louisiana 71063,
14	DeSoto Parish.
15	Next is Regions Commercial Equipment
16	Finance, LLC, dba Dolet Hills Lignite Company, 20130162,
17	previous location 377 Highway 522, Mansfield, Louisiana
18	71052, DeSoto Parish, new location 2002 Crow Lane,
19	Pelican, Louisiana 71063, DeSoto Parish.
20	MR. WINDHAM:
21	Are there any comments from the public
22	concerning change in locations?
23	(No response.)
24	MR. WINDHAM:
25	Question or comments additionally from



1	the Board?
2	(No response.)
3	MR. WINDHAM:
4	Is there a motion to approve the change
5	in locations?
6	Made by Mr. Hartley; seconded by Mr.
7	Schexnaydre.
8	All in favor, indicate with an "aye."
9	(Several members respond "aye.)
10	MR. WINDHAM:
11	All opposed with a "nay."
12	(No response.)
13	MR. WINDHAM:
14	Motion carries.
15	MR. USIE:
16	Next we have 13 transfers: Bank of
17	America Leasing Lessor to Graphic Packaging
18	International, Inc., Contract Number 20110855,
19	transferring to Graphic Packaging International, Inc. in
20	Ouachita Parish.
21	Marathon Petroleum Company, Contracts
22	20080069, 200800776, 20101221, 20121330, 20121345,
23	20141607, 051357, 062527 and 062528, transferring to
24	Garyville Refining Logistics, LLC in St. John the
25	Baptist Parish.
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1	Norris Industries, LLC, Contracts
2	20141535, 20140848 and 20140849, transferring to Norris
3	Holdings, LLC in Iberia Parish.
4	MR. WINDHAM:
5	Are there any comments from the public
6	concerning the transfer of these tax exemptions under
7	the Industrial Tax Exemption Program?
8	(No response.)
9	MR. WINDHAM:
10	Questions or comments from the Board
11	concerning the transfers?
12	(No response.)
13	MR. WINDHAM:
14	Is there a motion to approve the
15	transfers?
16	Made by Ms. Cola; seconded by Ms.
17	Malone.
18	All in favor, indicate with an "aye."
19	(Several members respond "aye.")
20	MR. WINDHAM:
21	All opposed with a "nay."
22	(No response.)
23	MR. WINDHAM:
24	Motion carries.
25	MR. USIE:



1	Next we have 34 partial transfers: JMS
2	Food Service, LLC, 201408886 is retaining 981,621 in
3	assets and Community Coffee Company, LLC is receiving
4	184,541 in assets, and this is in Jefferson Parish;
5	Marathon Petroleum Company, LP, 20152027 is retaining
6	25,893,788, Garyville Refining Logistics, LLC is
7	receiving 32,744,284, and it's in St. John the Baptist
8	Parish.
9	MR. WINDHAM:
10	Excuse me. Let's stop you for a second.
11	Are all of the remaining ones for Marathon?
12	MR. USIE:
13	All of the remaining ones are from
14	Marathon.
15	MR. WINDHAM:
16	Is there anyone who would like to hear
17	the details of all of these?
18	(No response.)
19	MR. WINDHAM:
20	Is there a motion to approve them in
21	globo?
22	Made by Senator Chabert; seconded by Dr.
23	Wilson.
24	Are there any comments from the public
25	or would the public like to hear the list?



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1	(No response.)
2	MR. WINDHAM:
3	All right. All in favor of approving
4	these in globo with the noted amounts, assuming there
5	aren't any typos or corrections, indicate with an "aye."
6	(Several members respond "aye.")
7	MR. WINDHAM:
8	All opposed with a "nay."
9	(No response.)
10	MR. WINDHAM:
11	Motion carries.
12	MR. USIE:
13	Next are the appeals: Calumet
14	Lubricants Company, LP, Application 20170189 in Bossier
15	Parish; Calumet Shreveport Lubricants & Waxes, LLC,
L 6	Applications 20170190, 20170191 and 20170192 in Caddo
L7	Parish.
18	MR. WINDHAM:
19	Is there a representative from Calumet
20	with us today?
21	Please step forward, identify yourself
22	and then give us an update of where we are.
23	MS. SADLER:
24	Jennifer Sadler, Tax Manager, Calumet.
25	MR. MURPHY:



1	Ph:	llip Murphy, Vice President Tax for
2	Calumet.	
3	MS. SAI	DLER:
4	We	are going to withdraw the Calumet
5	Lubricants one. We	e did not receive local parish
6	support.	
7	MR. WII	NDHAM:
8	Ali	right. Thank you.
9	MS. SAI	OLER:
10	And	d we did receive support from Caddo
11	Parish. We have a	resolution for the three contracts.
12	MR. WII	NDHAM:
13	Fro	om just the parish, from the board
L 4	from the school boa	ard, from the Sheriff?
15	MS. SAI	DLER:
L6	Fro	om Caddo. Not from the sheriff or the
L7	local school, but	from the Caddo Parish.
18	MR. WII	IDHAM:
19	Ali	right.
20	Tar	a, can you answer a question or two
21	related to this in	case if there are any? I know I have
22	one.	
23	Ple	ease identify yourself.
24	MS. BOT	JRGEOIS:
25	Tar	Bourgeois, Executive Counsel for



1	LED.
2	I would just like to point out that the
3	motion that the Board passed back at the December
4	MR. WINDHAM:
5	Can you get a little bit closer to the
6	mic?
7	MS. BOURGEOIS:
8	Sure.
9	The motion that the Board passed back at
10	the December meeting required approval from all of the
11	local governing entities, which would include the
12	sheriff, the parish council, the school board and the
13	municipality, if applicable, and we do have a letter
14	from the sheriff's office indicating his disproval of
15	the approval of this application.
16	MR. WINDHAM:
17	All right. Are there any questions from
18	the Board members concerning the motion that was made,
19	which was that all three be obtained, and now we have
20	before us the fact that all three were not obtained and
21	there was specific opposition? Any questions?
22	Sir?
23	MR. MURPHY:
24	So I was at that Board meeting, and the
25	way I understand the wording was that we just had to



have local support, which is consistent with, you know,

Title 13, Chapter 5, Section 501, wherein it says that

local support just needs to have input on the

applications.

So we received, you know, as a resolution, approval from Caddo Parish, and it doesn't have to be a full exempt in order to get the exemption. It can be a partial exemption. So I guess it's odd that it would be more stringent for the pre-Executive Order applications than it would be for post-Executive Order applications.

MR. WINDHAM:

I would have to go back and look at the specific wording from the minutes, but, Tam, if you have that available.

MS. BOURGEOIS:

What I have is the letter of correspondence that LED sent out after the Board meeting informing all of the companies what they needed to provide to the Board, and Item Number 4 specifically says that they need to provide -- that "The project subject to the IT application must have created jobs and have secured the approval of local government officials," open paren, "parish council, school board and sheriff," closed paren, open paren, "and



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1	municipality if applicable."
2	MR. WINDHAM:
3	So that means to me the "and" is
4	all-inclusive.
5	MS. BOURGEOIS:
6	Right.
7	MR. WINDHAM:
8	It's not an "or."
9	MS. BOURGEOIS:
10	Right.
11	MR. WINDHAM:
12	So there's no wiggle room in that.
13	MS. BOURGEOIS:
14	That is not how we would interpret the
15	motion that Mr. Miller made back in December.
16	SECRETARY PIERSON:
L7	If I'm not mistaken, we began this
18	process maybe in February and provided an extension
19	period in April, and then Dr. Wilson, again, extended
20	the opportunity by deferral to this date. So I think
21	that also the date of the letter that was sent, Ms.
22	Bourgeois?
23	MS. BOURGEOIS:
24	Yes. It was sent on December 13th.
25	The initial deadline was January 29th,



1	and then they received an extension till February 15th.
2	They requested additional extensions at both the
3	February and the April meeting, with which the Board
4	graciously provided.
5	SECRETARY PIERSON:
6	I have no further questions.
7	MR. WINDHAM:
8	Senator Chabert.
9	MR. CHABERT:
10	So just to be clear, we mandated that
11	they get local approval in two separate parishes for two
12	separate projects?
13	MS. BOURGEOIS:
14	Correct.
15	MR. CHABERT:
16	Correct?
17	MS. BOURGEOIS:
18	Two applications.
19	MR. CHABERT:
20	And had they not received the two
21	separate approvals from two separate parishes, then we
22	would not give them the benefit?
23	MR. WINDHAM:
24	No. I think we're a little confused.
25	It's two projects. One is Calumet Lubricant, the other



1	is Calumet Shreveport. So they've withdrawn Calumet
2	Lubricants.
3	MR. CHABERT:
4	So we're not even discussing Bossier?
5	MR. WINDHAM:
6	So we're not even taking about Bossier.
7	It's only Caddo.
8	MR. CHABERT:
9	Because I was about to say, if you're
10	trying to get Caddo and Bossier to agree on what color
11	the sky is, we've got a problem.
12	MR. WINDHAM:
13	This is strictly Caddo Parish
14	activities, so
15	Mr. Miller.
16	MR. MILLER:
17	I just want to make sure I have this
18	right because I believe this has to do with I was
19	arguing with a small project, not a miscellaneous
20	capital addition that got caught in that gap of the
21	Executive Order, and this is one of those 16 or 17 that
22	we reviewed.
23	MS. BOURGEOIS:
24	Yes.
25	MR. MILLER:



So we believe this is a good project, 1 2 but we required them to get the local support, basically meet the new rule, we gave them kind of a hybrid --3 4 MS. BOURGEOIS: 5 Correct. 6 MR. MILLER: 7 -- to give them an opportunity. 8 of just being kicked out completely, we gave them an 9 opportunity to come back, and we don't have all bodies 10 of the local government supporting this. 11 MS. BOURGEOIS: 12 Right. It sounds like we only have one. 13 MR. MURPHY: 14 Yes, but -- sorry -- under the new 15 rules, all bodies are not required to obtain -- not 16 required to obtain approval from all bodies in the So if the parish, if Caddo Parish approves the 17 parish. 18 exemption, then that portion will be subject to tax and 19 Caddo Parish will be exempt, and if the school board 20 doesn't support it, then that portion will not be --21 MR. MILLER: 22 I don't disagree with you, and, quite 23 frankly, my argument, I never dreamed that when we sent 24 this back, got these small projects to go back to the



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locals, that the locals would ever turn it down,

especially when you create, if I'm not mistaken, 89 jobs.

MS. SADLER:

Eighty-three.

MR. MURPHY:

Eighty-three.

MR. MILLER:

Eighty-three jobs, that that would be turned down. I'm sorry I wasn't clear enough to make it happen. I thought just getting it rerun would make it -- would give you what you deserved. And creating new jobs, creating investment, I believe that's what this Board is supposed to do. That's what our parish government is supposed to do is help create jobs in our communities. I'm sorry that your local officials don't see it that way.

MR. WINDHAM:

And I guess, just in response to the comment that you made, we're not trying to apply any new rules to this application. So we've kind of drawn lines in the sand saying the old program was the old program. This one was in between. And as you were saying, you know, if it were this, but it's not. The motion was what the motion was.

Are there any other questions?



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Yes, Senator Martiny.
SENATOR MARTINY:
I'm just curious, we know that the
sheriff's office objected and the parish approved it.
Did you attempt to contact with the other entities to
see whether or not they had a position on it and they
turned you down or they put no position?
MR. MURPHY:
I flew down for the school board
meeting, and it was, I guess, tabled or the meeting was
postponed, so we weren't
SENATOR MARTINY:
So they took no action?
MR. MURPHY:
Yeah, no action taken on that.
SENATOR MARTINY:
Either good or bad?
MR. MURPHY:
Right.
MR. WINDHAM:
Are there any other any other questions
or comments?
Mr. Miller.
MR. MILLER:
So our only action is, according



1	because they don't have all of the 100 percent local
2	support, we can't grant it?
3	MS. BOURGEOIS:
4	As the I would say, as the current
5	motions stands.
6	MR. MILLER:
7	If we do, if we were to say yes
8	MS. BOURGEOIS:
9	Well, then I would think you would want
10	to
11	MR. WINDHAM:
12	Mr. House, please identify yourself.
13	MR. HOUSE:
14	Richard House. I'm the lawyer for
15	Economic Development.
16	Mr. Miller, this is the motion that was
17	put together in December, and it had certain
18	qualifications to it, among them being that you had to
19	accomplish all of this by February. And it did include
20	the approvals and everything else that all of the other
21	people that fell into that unit were eligible, and I
22	think we ended up approving five of them.
23	Is that correct?
24	MR. WINDHAM:
25	I think so.



1	MS. BOURGEOIS:
2	Four.
3	MR. HOUSE:
4	Four. We approved four. This was the
5	fifth one, and the other four were taken care of long
6	ago.
7	I don't believe, with all due respect,
8	and I appreciate these people being here and appreciate
9	what you have to say, but I don't think we're being
10	unfair here. And I think the motion was clearly stated
11	so as to accomplish an exception that the Board
12	ultimately determined it wanted to have in order to try
13	and be fair to a group of 17 people that sort of fell in
14	between. Four took advantage of it, and they took
15	advantage of it within all of the parameters of your
16	motion.
17	So, again, sometimes we have unfortunate
18	results after trying hard not to get them, but at the
19	end of the day, everybody was given a fair shake on this
20	one. More than a fair shake.
21	MR. WINDHAM:
22	Any other comments or questions?
23	(No response.)
24	MR. WINDHAM:
25	Anything in closing, sir?



1 MR. MURPHY: 2 I guess I would just ask maybe two I guess is that a summary of an accurate 3 questions. 4 depiction of the minutes or of the, I guess, resolution that was made? That's a question for Mr. Miller, I 5 6 quess. When I was there, I asked if a 7 8 resolution was required, and they said no, just a show 9 of support, and we definitely received the show of 10 support by obtaining a resolution from Caddo Parish. 11 And I guess I would also maybe ask if 12 that's the intention to override the wishes of Caddo 13 Parish to fully tax that project when the parish 14 approved an exemption of the project? 15 From the way I read the spirit of the 16 law, it says prior rules are supposed to be treated in 17 fairness of the current rules and applicability of the 18 project at the time it was started. So I just want to 19 just request either a partial abatement or a full 20 abatement of those three that were not (inaudible). MR. WINDHAM: 21 22 All right. What's the pleasure of the 23 Board? 24 MR. CHABERT:



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Your name again?

1	MR. MURPHY:
2	I'm sorry. Phil Murphy.
3	MR. CHABERT:
4	When you come and give the recollection
5	of you attended the meeting where the motion was
6	made, were you able to go back and refer to the minutes
7	verbatim on the motion made by Mr. Miller?
8	MR. MURPHY:
9	No, sir. That was my request to see if
10	that's available.
11	MR. CHABERT:
12	And staff had to go by what they
13	interpreted the motion by Mr. Miller was based on that,
14	but that was the correct
15	MR. WINDHAM:
16	If y'all want to delay this for a
L7	moment, I think I have the minutes with me. I can pull
18	the minutes.
19	MS. BOURGEOIS:
20	My recollection is that we pulled the
21	language for this letter directly from the motion that
22	Mr. Miller had that day.
23	MR. CHABERT:
24	It seems like this is a real clearcut
25	unfortunate circumstance, but if we are going to honor



1	what the reforms of this Board have intended, this would			
2	2 be one of those unfortunate circumstances that come up.			
3	MR. V	VINDHAM:		
4	Į.	All right. Is that a motion?		
5	MR. C	CHABERT:		
6	2	res.		
7	MR. V	VINDHAM:		
8	ı	Motion has been made by Senator Chabert		
9	to deny the appea	als.		
10	Is there a second?			
11	2	Seconded by Senator Martiny.		
12	Any further discussion?			
13	(No r	response.)		
14	MR. V	VINDHAM:		
15	All in favor, indicate with an "aye."			
16	(Several members respond "aye.")			
17	MR. V	VINDHAM:		
18	2	All opposed with a "nay."		
19	(No r	response.)		
20	MR. V	VINDHAM:		
21	I I	Motion carries.		
22	כ	Thank you.		
23	MR. U	JSIE:		
24	כ	That concludes the ITEP portion of the		
25	agenda.			
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MR. WINDHAM:

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Thank you, Mr. Usie.

Great job, Kristin.

All right. Now, next we have consideration of Industrial Tax Exemption Program rules that have been published, and I'm going to hand the table over to Secretary Pierson for discussion and presentation.

SECRETARY PIERSON:

so at this time, we'll consider ITEP rule changes. Hope you're familiar with it. I want to thank the many organizations and individuals that worked very diligently to provide input to the Board, both at our public hearing, which was held on May 22nd, and at our more recent public hearing that was held on June 25th. Also those that responded with written comments for the period that ended June 22nd, those being more than 200 received, which were overwhelmingly, the majority of those comments that were provided to LED, urge this Board of Commerce & Industry to approve the proposed rules without amendment at this time.

I would say to you that this does not close the door on program improvements in the future.

We think that process review is important in industry business and in state government as well, and so we will



1	intend to continue to review this program and bring back
2	the Board improvements when we see that those are merit
3	and warranted.
4	So at this time, I would now make a
5	motion that the Board of Commerce & Industry approve the
6	proposed ITEP changes as published in the Louisiana
7	Register on May 20, 2018.
8	MR. WINDHAM:
9	Thank you, Secretary Pierson.
10	Is there a second?
11	Seconded by Ms. Heather Malone.
12	Are there any comments from the public
13	concerning the rules that were published that have not
14	already been made?
15	And we do really appreciate all of the
16	comments that came in. And I know the Board members
17	received a number of letters, contacts, e-mails for
18	those, and I believe the majority of them, you know,
19	they saw what we're doing is a good thing.
20	Mr. Bagert, please step forward and
21	identify yourself.
22	MR. BAGERT:
23	Morning. I'm Broderick Bagert with
24	Together Louisiana.
25	And I know you've had two hearings on



this and I don't want to duplicate anything that we've submitted in writing or testified at those hearings. I did want to say that, as there often is, there can be a tension between the time horizon and getting everything right, and that's a tension that we're dealing with.

It's our interpretation that there are some ambiguities and some areas where things are not clear enough in terms of definitions, what constitutes a job, what shall be counted as a job. If you have somebody who's employed for one month at 31 hours for an indefinite period of time, that, according to these rules, could be considered the same as somebody who's employed for 10 years.

That's our interpretation of it, and hopefully those are things that won't turn out to be the case and things that can be fixed later on. And there are others that I won't get into details around.

What we would ask is, if applications come through and show evidence of these ambiguities being -- "exploit" is the wrong word; right, because if there is lack of clarity in the rules, it's not necessarily on the applicant companies to go over and above those. But if there are effects and terms of what's being counted as a job, as job creation, about what's being counted as eligible for an exemption and



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others that look like they reflect problems and lack of clarity in these rules, we would ask that there be sort of special scrutiny of those to understand exactly what's a new job, exactly what's a retained job, what is a contract job, what is a full-time job, many things that can be handled administratively throughout an application process, even before you do a rule change, so that we don't get in a situation with the public or local entities or anybody is looking at exemptions that are claiming to create jobs according to these rules, but there are no new jobs and no new people employed in those jobs.

So that's just something that we would ask as sort of a consideration going forward is that there be an equal line as to whether or not some of the vagueness of this gets reflected in applications that may come before you.

Thank you.

MR. WINDHAM:

Thank you, Mr. Bagert.

I can almost guarantee you there will be an eagle eye, if not from your organization, also from the local economic developers, the companies, the Governor's office. All of these Board members up here are very interested and concerned about how these rules



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If we needed to make changes, I am sure, and I've heard it before, there may be a 3.0 down the road version for the Industrial Tax Exemption. We do have an end goal in this whole process. We want capital investment in Louisiana; we want jobs created. That is not to put up hurdles for companies to overcome. It's to provide some calculatable certainty for companies so that they can make decisions hopefully in Louisiana's favor, but one way or another, if it's an unknown, it's hard to put anything in the box other than a zero.

So with that motion made --

MS. WESLEY:

I'd like to make a comment on behalf of the Governor's office, and I'm thankful to be on the panel today. So I just want to read a brief statement.

Governor Edwards made a commitment to reform the Industrial Tax Exemption Program in 2016, and we've fulfilled that commitment. The Governor made improvements to that program and provided for a local voice and accountability, and certainly we truly believe that today we're considering further improvements to the program, which will, one, streamline the approval process, secondly, provide for the predictability that this industry needs, and, thirdly, provide revenues for



believe that this represents a win for all stakeholders			
involved.			
To the point that Mr. Bagert made, we			
certainly believe this is a work in progress, and I know			
the Secretary and the Chair have spoken to that. So as			
we need to further improve the program, we take to heart			
your comment, certainly the written comments, I believe			
over 200 comments, provided to LED and their team. But,			
again, this is a work in progress to improve the program			
to further create growth and opportunity for the State			
of Louisiana.			
So, excited to be here today in			
consideration of these new proposed rule changes.			
MR. WINDHAM:			
Thank you, Ms. Wesley.			
Are there any other comments from any			
other Board members?			
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Mr. Miller calls for the vote.			
Mr. Miller calls for the vote. All in favor, indicate with an "aye."			
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All in favor, indicate with an "aye." (Several members respond "aye.")			
All in favor, indicate with an "aye." (Several members respond "aye.") MR. WINDHAM:			



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Mr. Secretary, you have comments?
SECRETARY PIERSON:

Thank you to the Board and all of the stakeholders that have helped us achieve this improved version of our ITEP rules. I'll try to be brief.

That's a bit difficult because I'm so passionate about

economic development and the success that our state is presently enjoying, but I'll move quickly through this.

But since our last Board meeting in April, we've seen CGI announce a 400 direct new job expansion of their IT center in Lafayette. We've joined in New Orleans with the mayor to announce Accruent, 350 new IT related jobs there. The DXC project is moving forward quite well, and we've cut the ribbon on their facility on Poydras.

Great aviation announcement for

Chennault, Lake Charles area. A US Foods expansion in

Jefferson Parish that we're pleased with. Certainly

Shreveport's Western Global Airlines, which we just had
a job fair of, needed that, in Northwest Louisiana. You

won't fly on Western Global Airlines probably because
it's mostly cargo, and their Number 1 and 2 customers

are UPS and FedEX.

We also were recognized with a Community



Impact Award for Champion Manufactured Homes over in Leesville. Particularly proud of our efforts in our rural communities across the state where it's tougher to make progress.

Certainly LED has been active in the Association of Defense communities working with the Roosevelt Group in Washington DC relative to efforts and important issues with Barksdale, Fort Polk, the Marine Corps Reserve Facility, Belle Chasse, Coast Guard, National Guard.

Our entertainment division continues strong filming activity across the state. And then certainly we put a lot of muscle against small business. We're preparing for a 20 September Small Business Summit to be conducted in Shreveport, again, Friday, the 20th of September. We're working across the governmental agencies at the Governor's direction and leadership to make sure we get full support from all divisions of state government to enhance the opportunities for small businesses and government-related contract work. So we're looking forward to the execution of that.

Certainly our International portfolio of investment coming to Louisiana remains strong. Our group participated with the U.S. Department of Commerce last week in Washington DC at Select USA. Certainly a



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strong business development pipeline out there with a lot of new projects that we have under management, and certainly we're calling on our existing companies representing our best opportunity to grow new investment and new jobs in our state.

Certainly worked at the request of the legislature to provide a lot of information throughout the budgeting process, and we're pleased that we have the funding that we need to also move our department forward with its important efforts.

Wrapping up, really just in the small business and community activities out there, we're working with the Edwin Lowe, a quality foundation, and we were supporting 10 companies that are part of growth leaderships opportunities that are identified to, again, growing these midsized companies. We have three second-stage companies that have been brought into the program already, which we call economic gardening.

Also roundtables for small and emerging businesses that we're conducting around the state. You may hear about those. They're peer-to-peer sessions that allow participating businesses to troubleshoot in a private manner, but help solve their issues without having to reinvent the wheel, certainly with local entities, trying to strengthen these rural communities.



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1	Speaking about, we're kicking off			
2	initiatives through Louisiana Development Ready			
3	Communities. We've been operating this program for a			
4	number of years, but this year is Amite, Gonzales and			
5	Ruston, as well as the Parish of St. John the Baptist,			
6	and participants, so they'll join Sterlington, Columbia,			
7	Winnsboro in St. Joseph up in Northeast Louisiana, as			
8	well as Lutcher and Gramercy. And this is a program			
9	that helps these communities organize and be prepared to			
10	grow business and industry at their location.			
11	And then also we step back and			
12	congratulated eight companies from around the state who			
13	were cited for manufacturing quality and community			
14	service at our Lantern Awards function.			
15	So this concludes my report. I'll be			
16	happy to visit with you, but I appreciate your presence			
17	here today, the important work that you do on behalf of			
18	business and industry in our state that allows us to			
19	continue to build a vibrant economy.			
20	MR. WINDHAM:			
21	Thank you, Mr. Secretary.			
22	Is there a motion to adjourn?			
23	Made by Mr. Miller; seconded by			
24	Mr. Hartley.			
25	All in favor, indicate with an "aye."			



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(Several members respond "aye."
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     MR. WINDHAM:
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     (No response.)
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     MR. WINDHAM:
         Motion carries.
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          Thank you for coming.
     (Meeting concludes at 10:38 a.m.)
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