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<p>1 PROCEEDINGS</p> <p>2 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>3 All right. We'll call our meeting to</p> <p>4 order. Good morning, Everyone to the Board of</p> <p>5 Commerce and Industry meeting. I will</p> <p>6 apologize from the beginning that I am filling</p> <p>7 in for a pro. You have maybe an amateur. I</p> <p>8 do want to make one reminder real quick, that</p> <p>9 when you speak, pull the mic down and speak</p> <p>10 into the mic so the court reporter can hear</p> <p>11 you. And if you come to the tables, identify</p> <p>12 yourself, who you are, and what company you're</p> <p>13 representing.</p> <p>14 With that being said, we'll call the</p> <p>15 meeting to order. And we'll get the roll</p> <p>16 call, please.</p> <p>17 MS. SIMMONS:</p> <p>18 Good morning, everyone.</p> <p>19 Stuart Moss?</p> <p>20 MR. MOSS:</p> <p>21 Present.</p> <p>22 MS. SIMMONS:</p> <p>23 Mayor David Toups?</p> <p>24 MAYOR TOUPS:</p> <p>25 Present.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 6</p>	<p>1 (No response.)</p> <p>2 MS. SIMMONS:</p> <p>3 Kyle P. Polozola? Sorry if I mess up</p> <p>4 your name.</p> <p>5 MR. POLOZOLA:</p> <p>6 Here.</p> <p>7 MS. SIMMONS:</p> <p>8 Gerald Jones?</p> <p>9 (No response.)</p> <p>10 MS. SIMMONS:</p> <p>11 Ronald Remedies?</p> <p>12 MR. REMEDIES:</p> <p>13 Here.</p> <p>14 MS. SIMMONS:</p> <p>15 Senator Beth Mizell?</p> <p>16 SENATOR MIZELL:</p> <p>17 Here.</p> <p>18 MS. SIMMONS:</p> <p>19 Proxy for Representative Julie Emerson,</p> <p>20 Barbara Freiberg?</p> <p>21 (No response.)</p> <p>22 MS. SIMMONS:</p> <p>23 Michael Tanner?</p> <p>24 MR. TANNER:</p> <p>25 Here.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 8</p>
<p>1 MS. SIMMONS:</p> <p>2 David Amoss?</p> <p>3 MR. AMOSS:</p> <p>4 Present.</p> <p>5 MS. SIMMONS:</p> <p>6 John Austin?</p> <p>7 MR. AUSTIN:</p> <p>8 Here.</p> <p>9 MS. SIMMONS:</p> <p>10 David Doss?</p> <p>11 MR. DOSS:</p> <p>12 Here.</p> <p>13 MS. SIMMONS:</p> <p>14 Barry Mele?</p> <p>15 MR. MELE:</p> <p>16 Present.</p> <p>17 MS. SIMMONS:</p> <p>18 Scott Niemeyer?</p> <p>19 MR. NIEMEYER:</p> <p>20 Here.</p> <p>21 MS. SIMMONS:</p> <p>22 Representative Daryl Deshotel?</p> <p>23 (No response.)</p> <p>24 MS. SIMMONS:</p> <p>25 Senator Franklin Foil?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 7</p>	<p>1 MS. SIMMONS:</p> <p>2 Secretary Susan Bourgeois?</p> <p>3 SECRETARY BOURGEOIS:</p> <p>4 Here.</p> <p>5 MS. SIMMONS:</p> <p>6 George Nassar?</p> <p>7 MR. NASSAR:</p> <p>8 Here.</p> <p>9 MS. SIMMONS:</p> <p>10 Erwin Thompson, III?</p> <p>11 MR. THOMPSON:</p> <p>12 Here.</p> <p>13 MS. SIMMONS:</p> <p>14 Harold Callais?</p> <p>15 MR. CALLAIS:</p> <p>16 Here.</p> <p>17 MS. SIMMONS:</p> <p>18 Ridge Miguez?</p> <p>19 MR. MIQUEZ:</p> <p>20 Here.</p> <p>21 MS. SIMMONS:</p> <p>22 Wesley Blake Wheelis?</p> <p>23 MR. WHEELIS:</p> <p>24 Here.</p> <p>25 MS. SIMMONS:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 9</p>

<p>1 Lettie Ardoin?</p> <p>2 (No response.)</p> <p>3 Robby Miller?</p> <p>4 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>5 Here.</p> <p>6 MS. SIMMONS:</p> <p>7 Designee for the Governor, Andree'</p> <p>8 Miller?</p> <p>9 MS. MILLER:</p> <p>10 Here.</p> <p>11 MS. SIMMONS:</p> <p>12 Mr. Chairman, you have a quorum.</p> <p>13 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>14 Thank you very much. And Board Members,</p> <p>15 if I can't see your sign or if you make a</p> <p>16 motion, I may have to ask you your name. But</p> <p>17 we'll move on to the next name or first Item</p> <p>18 for approval of the minutes from the June 26th</p> <p>19 meeting. If you've had a chance to review</p> <p>20 them, I would entertain a motion to accept.</p> <p>21 MR. NASSAR:</p> <p>22 So moved.</p> <p>23 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>24 George Nassar motions, second by</p> <p>25 Mr. Toups.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 10</p>	<p>1 public or the Board?</p> <p>2 All in favor?</p> <p>3 ALL:</p> <p>4 Aye.</p> <p>5 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>6 Any opposed?</p> <p>7 Thank you. Quality Jobs new applications</p> <p>8 are approved.</p> <p>9 Renewals, sir.</p> <p>10 MR. FAVALORO:</p> <p>11 Next, we have one Quality Jobs Renewal</p> <p>12 application, 20190337, ControlWorx, LLC in</p> <p>13 Ascension Parish.</p> <p>14 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>15 And they've met all --</p> <p>16 MR. FAVALORO:</p> <p>17 Qualifications for renewals.</p> <p>18 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>19 Thank you. Okay. Mr. Nassar has a</p> <p>20 motion. Mr. Toups seconds. Any questions or</p> <p>21 comments from anyone, the Board or public?</p> <p>22 All in favor?</p> <p>23 ALL:</p> <p>24 Aye.</p> <p>25 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 12</p>
<p>1 All in favor?</p> <p>2 ALL:</p> <p>3 Aye.</p> <p>4 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>5 Any opposed?</p> <p>6 Thank you. Minutes approved.</p> <p>7 Next is Quality Jobs. I think Mr. Frank</p> <p>8 is going to do those. Quality Jobs?</p> <p>9 MR. FAVALORO:</p> <p>10 Yes, sir. Good morning. We have one new</p> <p>11 Quality Jobs application, Magnolia Power</p> <p>12 Management Company, LLC in Iberville Parish.</p> <p>13 That concludes the Quality Jobs new</p> <p>14 application.</p> <p>15 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>16 Thank you. Do we have a motion?</p> <p>17 SECRETARY BOURGEOIS:</p> <p>18 So moved.</p> <p>19 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>20 Secretary Bourgeois.</p> <p>21 MR. MOSS:</p> <p>22 Second.</p> <p>23 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>24 Second by Mr. Moss. Any questions? Any</p> <p>25 input? Any questions or comments from the</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 11</p>	<p>1 Any opposed?</p> <p>2 The Renewals for Quality Jobs are</p> <p>3 approved.</p> <p>4 So we're moving to Restoration Tax</p> <p>5 Abatement, Mr. Rosenberg?</p> <p>6 MR. ROSENBERG:</p> <p>7 Good morning. There are two new</p> <p>8 applications, 20220320 for Echo Development</p> <p>9 South Grand in Ouachita Parish and 20230382</p> <p>10 for Fairmont Housing Associates Limited</p> <p>11 Partnership in Caddo Parish.</p> <p>12 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>13 Thank you. Just a note for everyone's</p> <p>14 knowledge, on the Quality -- excuse me,</p> <p>15 Restoration Tax Abatement Program, the locals</p> <p>16 have to approve prior to their application or</p> <p>17 with their application. So the local</p> <p>18 governing authorities have approved these</p> <p>19 applications.</p> <p>20 With that being said, I'll entertain a</p> <p>21 motion.</p> <p>22 Senator Mizell. Second by Mr. Doss. Any</p> <p>23 questions or comments regarding Restoration</p> <p>24 Abatement?</p> <p>25 All in favor?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 13</p>

<p>1 ALL: 2 Aye. 3 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 4 Any opposed? 5 No opposed? Approved. Thank you. Do 6 you have any Renewals? 7 MR. ROSENBERG: 8 No, sir. That concludes the RTA. 9 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 10 Thank you very much. Enterprise Zone, 11 Ms. Metoyer? 12 MS. METOYER: 13 Good morning. 14 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 15 Good morning. 16 MS. METOYER: 17 There are 14 new Enterprise Zone 18 Applications. My eyesight is a little blurry, 19 forgive me, 20151239, Excel Fabrication & 20 Construction, Inc., Ascension Parish; 21 20210036, Family Grocers, LLC, Ascension 22 Parish; 20210422, Laitram Machine Shop, 23 Jefferson Parish; 20190358, OFCH, LLC, 24 Lafayette Parish; 20190300, Ochsner Clinic 25 Foundation, St. Martin Parish; 20190452,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 14</p>	<p>1 Enterprise Zones have been approved. 2 Okay. Terminations? 3 MS. METOYER: 4 We have five Terminations: 5 20180046, Hunt Forest Products, LLC, 6 LaSalle Parish. The existing contract is 7 5/15/2020 to 5/14/2025. The requested term 8 date is 5/14/2023. The program requirements 9 have been met. No additional jobs are 10 anticipated. 11 20180227, Lafayette General Health 12 System, Inc., Vermilion Parish. The existing 13 contract is June 1, 2018 through -- that's a 14 typo. Oh, no, I'm sorry. I'm sorry. This is 15 the contract June 1, 2018 through 12/1/2020. 16 The requested term date is 12/1/2020. The 17 program requirements have been met. No 18 additional jobs are anticipated. 19 That is a typo because the contract is 20 five full years, so that should be 5/31/2023 21 for the full five years. Existing contract 22 period, that is a typo. 23 20180491, Performance Contractors 24 Incorporated, West Baton Rouge Parish. 25 Existing contract is 8/13/20 through</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 16</p>
<p>1 Ochsner Clinic Foundation, East Baton Rouge 2 Parish; 20200297, Ochsner Clinic Foundation, 3 East Baton Rouge Parish; 20210042, Ochsner 4 Clinic Foundation, Orleans Parish; 20210045, 5 Ochsner Clinic Foundation, East Baton Rouge 6 Parish; 20210046, Ochsner Clinic Foundation, 7 East Baton Rouge Parish; 20210319, Ochsner 8 Clinic Foundation, Jefferson Parish; 20220147, 9 PMG OPCO Broussard, LLC, Lafayette Parish; 10 20220148, PMG OPCO, Jennings, LLC, Jefferson 11 Davis Parish; and 20200096, Performance Food 12 Group, Incorporated, Lafourche Parish. 13 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 14 Entertain a motion. 15 MR. MOSS: 16 So moved. 17 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 18 Mr. Moss, seconded by Secretary 19 Bourgeois. Any comments or questions 20 regarding our Enterprise Zone? 21 With that, all in favor? 22 ALL: 23 Aye. 24 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 25 Any opposed?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 15</p>	<p>1 8/12/2025. The requested term date is 2 February 13, 2023. The program requirements 3 have been met. No additional jobs are 4 anticipated. 5 20180165, Performance Contractors, 6 Incorporated, East Baton Parish. The existing 7 contract is 6/13/2020 to 6/12/2025. The 8 requested term date is 12/13/2022. The 9 program requirements have been met. No 10 additional jobs are anticipated. 11 And 20200225, Restic Construction, LLC, 12 West Baton Rouge Parish. And the existing 13 contract is 7/18/2020 to 7/17/2025. The 14 requested term date is January 17, 2023. The 15 program requirements have been met. No 16 additional jobs are anticipated. 17 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 18 Thank you. And Ms. Metoyer, you said it 19 more than once, that the program requirements 20 have been met. They're just early, so they 21 terminate them early so they don't have to 22 keep tracking it. It's good for everybody. 23 They created jobs, they did everything they're 24 supposed to do and received their benefit. 25 So with that being said, I will entertain</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 17</p>

<p>1 a motion for contract Terminations. 2 MR. NASSAR: 3 So moved. 4 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 5 Mr. Nassar and Mr. Remedies. There we 6 go. I got it? Any questions, comments? Yes, 7 sir? 8 MR. REMEDIES: 9 I just -- 10 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 11 Pull your mic down, please. 12 MR. REMEDIES: 13 I just wanted to be clear that the 14 correct dates that she indicated were properly 15 recorded, so they didn't have an issue with 16 the -- 17 MS. METOYER: 18 You want me to say it again? I can. 19 MR. REMEDIES: 20 If you would, just for the -- 21 MS. METOYER: 22 It's 20180227, Lafayette General Health 23 System, Incorporated, Vermilion Parish. 24 Existing contract is 6/1/18 through 5/31/2023, 25 which is the full five years. They requested</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 18</p>	<p>1 motion to reconsider because -- 2 MS. METOYER: 3 I read the wrong one. 4 MS. PORTER: 5 Yes. 6 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 7 On correcting the -- 8 MS. PORTER: 9 Yes. 10 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 11 -- correction on the correction. 12 MS. PORTER: 13 Yes. Right. I'm so sorry. 14 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 15 So we're going to do a new motion, and 16 you're going to read the contract that we're 17 talking about. 18 MS. METOYER: 19 Read it now. 20 MS. PORTER: 21 Thank you. 22 MS. METOYER: 23 20180227, Lafayette General Health 24 System, Incorporated, Vermilion Parish. The 25 existing contract period is June 1, 2018. The</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 20</p>
<p>1 to be termed on February 13, 2023, which met 2 the 30 months. And the program requirements 3 have been met. No additional jobs are 4 anticipated. 5 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 6 All right. With that motion being 7 updated, any comments or questions other than 8 that? 9 Thank you. All in favor? 10 ALL: 11 Aye. 12 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 13 Any opposed? 14 Contract Terminations for Enterprise Zone 15 have been accepted. 16 Next Item, Secretary Bourgeois is going 17 to handle for us. 18 MS. PORTER: 19 I'm sorry. 20 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 21 Oh, I'm sorry. 22 MS. PORTER: 23 I'm sorry. Oh, I'm sorry, correction. 24 Joyce, come back up. We're just going to have 25 to make a correction so you don't have to do a</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 19</p>	<p>1 ending date should be May 31, 2023. And the 2 requested term date is 12/1/2020. 3 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 4 So everybody knows, we're revisiting the 5 Enterprise Zone Contract Terminations. Do I 6 have a motion by -- 7 SECRETARY BOURGEOIS: 8 So I'd like to make a motion to amend Mr. 9 Remedies's motion with those corrected dates 10 to terminate that contract. 11 MR. REMEDIES: 12 Excuse me, that was his motion, but I 13 just -- 14 SECRETARY BOURGEOIS: 15 Nassar's motion. Thank you. 16 MR. REMEDIES: 17 Sorry about that. 18 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 19 Do I need a second on that? 20 MS. PORTER: 21 Yes. 22 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 23 Remedies again? Do I have any comments? 24 No one want to talk about it? 25 All right. All in favor?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 21</p>

<p>1 ALL: 2 Aye. 3 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 4 Any opposed? 5 Now, they're officially officially 6 accepted. Now, a motion to amend the 7 previously adopted motion, Secretary 8 Bourgeois. 9 SECRETARY BOURGEOIS: 10 Oh, I think my primary role is amending 11 amended motions. So last meeting, if you 12 remember, we had a very lengthy motion to 13 clean up some language for one particular 14 issue that had presented itself, and there's 15 some additional clean up language. So I 16 submit the following: 17 Whereas, during the June 26th, 2024 Board 18 of Commerce and Industry meeting, Board 19 Members previously adopted a motion to amend 20 and reinstate the Board of Commerce and 21 Industry's April 28th, 2021 motion with regard 22 to the Board's consideration of amendments to 23 ITEP Exhibit A as requested by companies; 24 Whereas, the previous adoption of the 25 April 28th, 2021 amendment, a reinstated</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 22</p>	<p>1 or compliance terms or conditions will be 2 prospective and applicable no earlier than the 3 project year in which the company secures the 4 necessary approvals from the local governing 5 authorities with Board approval of the 6 amendment. 7 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 8 All right. That's it? Okay. So there's 9 the motion. We need a second. I'm sure we 10 all understand that a hundred percent. 11 Ms. Miller seconded. Any comments or 12 questions? 13 Really? Okay. With that said, all in 14 favor of accepting the motion as presented? 15 ALL: 16 Aye. 17 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 18 Any opposed? 19 We have the new amendment to the 20 previously adopted motion. 21 All right. Hud and Kristen, we're going 22 to enter into the Industrial Tax Exemption 23 section. 24 MR. USIE: 25 Good morning.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 24</p>
<p>1 motion was to sustain the perspective 2 requisite for ITEP Exhibit A amendments to 3 jobs, payroll, and compliance terms and 4 account for applicable of said amendments and 5 terms and conditions to be no earlier than the 6 project year in which the company secures the 7 necessary approvals from the local governing 8 authorities with approval from the Board; 9 Whereas, because Section 2 of the 10 previously adopted April 28th, 2021 amendment 11 and reinstated motion included unintended 12 language identified as quote, "whichever comes 13 last," closed quote, said language should be 14 eliminated with no replacement. 15 Therefore, Chairman Miller, I move to 16 amend the previously adopted motion to amend 17 and restate the April 28th, 2021 motion by the 18 Board during the June 26th, 2028 -- no, 19 June 26th, 2024 -- June 26th, 2024 Board 20 meeting. By striking the language, quote, 21 whichever comes first -- "whichever comes 22 last", rather from Section 2 of the previously 23 adopted motion; whereby, Section 2 shall now 24 read as follows: 25 Section 2, amendments to jobs, payroll,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 23</p>	<p>1 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 2 Hold on a second. 3 MR. POLOZOLA: 4 Mr. Chairman, it's necessary for me to 5 recuse myself from a few matters on this 6 docket, the one involving Coca Cola Bottling, 7 the one involving Lotte Chemical, Supreme Rice 8 LLC, and Westlake Vinyls Company. 9 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 10 Thank you very much. 11 MR. MIGUEZ: 12 I need to request a recusal on -- 13 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 14 Y'all got that? Mr. Miguez, can you 15 repeat that? 16 MR. MIQUEZ: 17 I need to request a recusal on Coastal 18 Chemical Company. 19 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 20 Are we ready to move ahead? 21 MS. JOHNSON: 22 Good morning. 23 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 24 Good morning. 25 MS. JOHNSON:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 25</p>

<p>1 We have 13 New 2018 Rules Applications.</p> <p>2 Before we start, two are requesting deferral:</p> <p>3 20210492, Coastal Chemical Company in</p> <p>4 Vermilion Parish; and 20220075, The Proctor</p> <p>5 and Gamble Manufacturing Company.</p> <p>6 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>7 Can we get a motion to --</p> <p>8 MAYOR TOUPS:</p> <p>9 Make a motion to defer those two.</p> <p>10 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>11 We have a motion to defer by Mr. Touns.</p> <p>12 Seconded by Mr. Moss. Any comments or</p> <p>13 questions on that?</p> <p>14 All in favor?</p> <p>15 ALL:</p> <p>16 Aye.</p> <p>17 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>18 Any opposed?</p> <p>19 Those two are deferred.</p> <p>20 MS. JOHNSON:</p> <p>21 We have 11 New 2018 Applications:</p> <p>22 20230152, Coca-Cola Bottling Company United</p> <p>23 Gulf Coast, LLC, Jefferson Parish; 20220110-A,</p> <p>24 Georgia Pacific Port Hudson, LLC, East Baton</p> <p>25 Rouge Parish; 20220543, K&B Machine Works,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 26</p>	<p>1 are the Post EO 2024 Emergency Rules:</p> <p>2 20240218, Inferno Manufacturing Corp. in Caddo</p> <p>3 Parish and 20240293, St. Bernard Renewables,</p> <p>4 LLC in St. Bernard Parish.</p> <p>5 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>6 Okay. Motion?</p> <p>7 MR. CALLAIS:</p> <p>8 So moved.</p> <p>9 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>10 Mr. Callais. Second, Secretary</p> <p>11 Bourgeois. Any comments or questions?</p> <p>12 All in favor?</p> <p>13 ALL:</p> <p>14 Aye.</p> <p>15 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>16 Any opposed?</p> <p>17 Those are approved.</p> <p>18 MS. JOHNSON:</p> <p>19 We have four Pre-Executive Order Timely</p> <p>20 Renewals: 20160706, Cleco Power, LLC, St.</p> <p>21 Mary Parish; 20161510-A, Epic Piping, LLC,</p> <p>22 Livingston Parish; 20141578-A, Shell Chemical</p> <p>23 Company, LP, St. Charles Parish; and 20161514,</p> <p>24 UTLX Manufacturing, LLC in Rapides Parish.</p> <p>25 MR. POLOZOLA:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 28</p>
<p>1 LLC, Terrebonne Parish; 20220453-A Lotte</p> <p>2 Chemical -- sorry, Lotte Chemical Louisiana,</p> <p>3 LLC, Calcasieu Parish; 20220484, Prolec GE</p> <p>4 USA, LLC, Caddo Parish; 20230309, Steel</p> <p>5 Forgings, Inc., Caddo Parish; 20220493,</p> <p>6 Stuller, Inc., Lafayette Parish; 20210465,</p> <p>7 Supreme Rice, LLC, Acadia Parish; 20210531,</p> <p>8 Supreme Rice, LLC, Acadia Parish; 20200407,</p> <p>9 Westfield Fluid Controls, Inc., Lafayette</p> <p>10 Parish; and 20190290-C, Westlake Vinyls</p> <p>11 Company, LP in Ascension Parish.</p> <p>12 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>13 Thank you very much. I'll entertain a</p> <p>14 motion for the new Post Executive Order 2018</p> <p>15 Rules. We have a motion by Mr. Nassar, second</p> <p>16 by Mr. Doss. Any comments or questions or</p> <p>17 input?</p> <p>18 All right. All in favor?</p> <p>19 ALL:</p> <p>20 Aye.</p> <p>21 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>22 Any opposed?</p> <p>23 Those 11 have been approved.</p> <p>24 MS. JOHNSON:</p> <p>25 Next, we have two new applications that</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 27</p>	<p>1 Mr. Chairman, it's necessary for me to</p> <p>2 recuse myself from the matter involving Cleco</p> <p>3 and Shell Chemical.</p> <p>4 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>5 Okay.</p> <p>6 MR. MIQUEZ:</p> <p>7 Mr. Chairman, I need to recuse myself</p> <p>8 from Cleco Power and UPLX Manufacturing.</p> <p>9 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>10 Got those. All right. So I'll entertain</p> <p>11 a motion to approve -- I'll entertain a motion</p> <p>12 to approve for the Pre-EO Renewals.</p> <p>13 MR. DOSS:</p> <p>14 So moved.</p> <p>15 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>16 Mr. Doss. Second, Mr. Remedies. I'm</p> <p>17 going to get it right eventually, Mr.</p> <p>18 Remedies. Any comments or questions?</p> <p>19 All in favor?</p> <p>20 ALL:</p> <p>21 Aye.</p> <p>22 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>23 Any opposed?</p> <p>24 Those Renewals are approved.</p> <p>25 Post-Executive Order?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 29</p>

<p>1 MS. JOHNSON: 2 We have three Post-Executive Order 2018 3 Rules, Timely Renewals. Two were requesting 4 deferral. It's 20180403, Indorama Ventures 5 Olefins, LLC in Calcasieu Parish and 6 20180403-A Indorama Ventures Olefins, LLC 7 Calcasieu Parish. 8 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 9 Those two are being deferred. Any -- 10 excuse me, motion, Mr. Wheelis? Is that 11 right? 12 MR. WHEELIS: 13 Yes. 14 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 15 Wheelis. And seconded by Secretary 16 Bourgeois. Any comments or questions? 17 All in favor of those deferrals? 18 ALL: 19 Aye. 20 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 21 Any opposed? 22 Okay. We have deferred those two. 23 MS. JOHNSON: 24 We have 20170616, Alliance Compressors, 25 LLC in Natchitoches Parish.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 30</p>	<p>1 MS. JOHNSON: 2 Deferred. 3 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 4 Deferred. 5 MS. JOHNSON: 6 To the next meeting. 7 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 8 To the next meeting. I have a motion? 9 MAYOR TOUPS: 10 Motion. 11 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 12 Motion, Mr. Touns. 13 MR. NASSAR: 14 Second. 15 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 16 Mr. Nassar, a second. Any comments or 17 questions for this deferral? 18 All in favor of the deferral? 19 ALL: 20 Aye. 21 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 22 Any opposed? 23 All right. Next? 24 MS. JOHNSON: 25 We have one Transfer of Tax Exemption</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 32</p>
<p>1 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 2 Entertain a motion? 3 MR. CALLAIS: 4 Move. 5 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 6 Mr. Callais. 7 MR. DOSS: 8 Second. 9 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 10 We have a second by Mr. Doss. Any 11 comments or questions? 12 All in favor? 13 ALL: 14 Aye. 15 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 16 Any opposed? 17 That Renewal is approved. 18 MS. JOHNSON: 19 We have one Post-EO 2018 Rules Late 20 Renewal Application, but that company is 21 requesting deferral, and that is 20180110, 22 Service Machine & Supply, Inc. in Lafayette 23 Parish. 24 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 25 So they are requesting to be withdrawn?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 31</p>	<p>1 Contract Amendment Request, that's UBE 2 America, Inc., Contract 2023023 in Jefferson 3 Parish -- oh, I'm sorry, 20230256 in Jefferson 4 Parish, and it's being transferred to UBE C1 5 Chemicals America, Inc. 6 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 7 Motion? 8 MR. DOSS: 9 Motion. 10 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 11 By Mr. Doss. Second by Secretary 12 Bourgeois. Any comments or questions about 13 this Transfer? 14 All in favor? 15 ALL: 16 Aye. 17 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 18 Any opposed? 19 Transfer is approved. 20 MS. JOHNSON: 21 We have fifteen Contract Cancellation 22 Requests: 23 Bio-Lab, Inc., Contracts 20150503 and 24 20160771 in Calcasieu Parish, company requests 25 cancellation.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 33</p>

<p>1 Cleco Power, LLC, Contracts 20150670, 2 20161020, and 20161033 in St. Mary Parish, 3 company requests cancellation. 4 Lamb Weston, Inc., Contract 20200134 in 5 Richland Parish, company requests 6 cancellation. 7 Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC, 20150284, 8 20150285, 20150286, 20150296, 20150297, 9 20150299, and 20150300 in St. James Parish, 10 company requests cancellation. 11 And Veracity Machine, LLC, 20150734 and 12 20161117 in Terrebonne Parish, company also 13 requests cancellation. 14 MR. POLOZOLA: 15 Mr. Chairman, it's necessary for me to 16 recuse myself from the matter involving Cleco 17 and Mosaic Fertilizer. 18 MR. MIQUEZ: 19 Mr. Chairman, I need to recuse myself 20 from Cleco Power. 21 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 22 All right. All right. I'll entertain a 23 motion to accept the Cancellation on these 24 contracts. 25 MR. CALLAIS:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 34</p>	<p>1 they're -- 2 MS. JOHNSON: 3 We've received resolutions approving this 4 Amendment. 5 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 6 This Request, this Amendment. 7 We have a motion by Mr. Nassar. Second 8 by Mr. Doss. Any comments or questions? 9 Okay. Senator? 10 SENATOR MIZELL: 11 Yeah. Do we know why? I mean that's a 12 big difference in the number of jobs. 13 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 14 Is Bagwell -- I think -- is someone here 15 from Bagwell this time? 16 MR. SOKOL: 17 Yes. 18 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 19 From what we understand from the 20 previous. Would you like to come address that 21 question, please? 22 MR. SOKOL: 23 Sure. 24 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 25 If you don't mind, when you get here,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 36</p>
<p>1 So moved. 2 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 3 Moved by Mr. Callais. Seconded by 4 Mr. Nassar. Any comments or questions about 5 these? 6 All in favor? 7 ALL: 8 Aye. 9 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 10 Any opposed? 11 Those Contracts are canceled. 12 Special Requests? 13 MS. JOHNSON: 14 We have eight Special Requests starting 15 with Bagwell Energy Services, Inc., Contracts 16 20180323, 20180323-A, 20180323-B, and 17 20180323-C. Bagwell Energy Services is 18 requesting to amend their Exhibit A Agreement 19 for Contracts 20180323, 20180323-A, 20 20180323-B, and 20180323-C to lower the 21 required number of new direct jobs from 150 to 22 35 and new direct payroll from 10.5 million to 23 2 million. 24 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 25 And the locals have been contacted and</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 35</p>	<p>1 state your name and, obviously, your company, 2 and then speak into the mic. 3 MR. SOKOL: 4 Yeah, my name is Mike -- I'm sorry. My 5 name is Mike Sokol. I'm VP of Bagwell Energy. 6 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 7 Did you hear the question from Senator 8 Mizell? 9 MR. SOKOL: 10 Yes. Yes, I think when this program 11 first started, we were early on and COVID -- 12 let's see, prior to COVID, there was a -- the 13 oil industry had crashed, and then COVID hit 14 at the same time. So we -- we probably 15 overshot our numbers early on. And but during 16 this whole time, we continued to spend 17 millions and millions on new equipment. 18 So the new equipment and the high tech 19 equipment that we've invested in kind of 20 lowered some of the payroll as far as new 21 employees, but it made us a better company. 22 And so early on is probably why we overshot 23 those numbers. 24 SENATOR MIZELL: 25 So you see yourself as a solid 35 and it</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 37</p>

<p>1 was an iffy 150 in your employee count?</p> <p>2 MR. SOKOL:</p> <p>3 Yes, ma'am.</p> <p>4 MS. JOHNSON:</p> <p>5 And I do want to mention this is new</p> <p>6 employment over their baseline. So they have</p> <p>7 -- this is new jobs over the baseline that</p> <p>8 they have retained.</p> <p>9 SENATOR MIZELL:</p> <p>10 Okay. Okay. Thank you. I was curious</p> <p>11 if it was something that you couldn't find the</p> <p>12 workforce, you know, if there was something</p> <p>13 that was fallen short of resources of what we</p> <p>14 have available in the State or if it was --</p> <p>15 MR. SOKOL:</p> <p>16 Sometimes it is a resource, but I think</p> <p>17 we've worked with the local Iberia Parish on</p> <p>18 training people and working with the colleges,</p> <p>19 you know, the junior college, to get new</p> <p>20 employees, to get the younger generation. We</p> <p>21 hire a lot of ex-military guys coming in. So</p> <p>22 we're starting to get a better handle on a lot</p> <p>23 of the younger people. And we do a lot of</p> <p>24 internal training, and that's been a big plus</p> <p>25 for us.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 38</p>	<p>1 MS. SIMMONS:</p> <p>2 It has.</p> <p>3 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>4 Oh, we just have to vote.</p> <p>5 MS. SIMMONS:</p> <p>6 Yes.</p> <p>7 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>8 Okay. Thank you.</p> <p>9 MS. SIMMONS:</p> <p>10 Yes, sir.</p> <p>11 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>12 I told y'all you had an amateur.</p> <p>13 All in favor?</p> <p>14 ALL:</p> <p>15 Aye.</p> <p>16 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>17 Any opposed?</p> <p>18 All right. Bagwell's Special Request has</p> <p>19 been approved. Thank you, sir.</p> <p>20 MR. SOKOL:</p> <p>21 Thank you. Thank you.</p> <p>22 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>23 Appreciate you investing in Louisiana.</p> <p>24 MS. JOHNSON:</p> <p>25 Next, we have Taminco U.S., LLC, Contract</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 40</p>
<p>1 SENATOR MIZELL:</p> <p>2 Thank you. Thank you. Thank you,</p> <p>3 Mr. Chairman.</p> <p>4 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>5 All right. Any other questions?</p> <p>6 And to reiterate, the local authorities</p> <p>7 have sent resolutions in support of this</p> <p>8 Amendment. So, obviously, Bagwell has been a</p> <p>9 good corporate citizen of that area and the</p> <p>10 locals recognize that and want to keep them</p> <p>11 with the best they can. I have a motion?</p> <p>12 Senator Mizell?</p> <p>13 MS. SIMMONS:</p> <p>14 We have one already, sir.</p> <p>15 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>16 Oh, we do? Whose that? We have done a</p> <p>17 motion and a second?</p> <p>18 MS. SIMMONS:</p> <p>19 Nassar, and Doss and a second.</p> <p>20 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>21 No second? So second by Senator Mizell?</p> <p>22 MS. SIMMONS:</p> <p>23 No, it's been seconded.</p> <p>24 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>25 Oh, okay.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 39</p>	<p>1 20180142. Taminco U.S., LLC is requesting to</p> <p>2 amend the existing Exhibit A Agreement for</p> <p>3 contract 20180142 to lower the required number</p> <p>4 of retained jobs from 106 to 100.</p> <p>5 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>6 Again, the locals -- we have support from</p> <p>7 the local governing authorities?</p> <p>8 MS. JOHNSON:</p> <p>9 Yes, sir.</p> <p>10 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>11 Okay. We have a motion by Mr. Doss.</p> <p>12 Second by Mr. Callais. Any comments or</p> <p>13 questions?</p> <p>14 Okay. All in favor?</p> <p>15 ALL:</p> <p>16 Aye.</p> <p>17 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>18 Any opposed?</p> <p>19 All right. Their Request to Amend the</p> <p>20 contract is approved.</p> <p>21 And we have one more?</p> <p>22 MS. JOHNSON:</p> <p>23 We have one more for Weyerhaeuser NR</p> <p>24 Company for Contracts 20210148, 20210148-A,</p> <p>25 and 20210148-B. Weyerhaeuser NR Company is</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 41</p>

<p>1 requesting to amend their existing Exhibit A 2 Agreement for Contracts 20210148, 20210148-A, 3 and 20210148-B to lower the required number of 4 retained jobs from 134 to 125 and required 5 payroll from \$8,461,371 to \$6,893,000. 6 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 7 And the same question, the locals have 8 done their support of this? 9 MS. JOHNSON: 10 Yes, sir. 11 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 12 We have a motion to approve by Mr. Touns. 13 Second by Secretary Bourgeois. Any comments 14 or questions regarding this approval or this 15 recommendation? 16 All in favor? 17 ALL: 18 Aye. 19 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 20 Any opposed? 21 The Special Request is approved. 22 MS. JOHNSON: 23 Next, we are on to the Noncompliance for 24 the Post EO 2018 Contracts. 25 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 42</p>	<p>1 perspective. So that's only going forward for 2 the Amendment, so we still do need to deal 3 with the noncompliance for these three years, 4 but they did get new resolutions from the 5 Parish Council and the School Board. And the 6 Sheriff did not approve the exemption to begin 7 with, so he was not required to respond to 8 this. 9 The Parish is requesting or stating that 10 they share a lenient mindset with the BC&I and 11 request no penalties regarding the jobs and 12 payroll shortfalls for 2020, 2021, and 2022, 13 as currently committed to in the Exhibit A for 14 the original ITEP application Contract 15 20180323, including Contracts 20180323-A and 16 20180323-B. And then, School Board originally 17 stated they wanted to terminate, but they have 18 now stated that the School Board shares a 19 lenient mindset with the BC&I requests no 20 contract cancellation penalties regarding the 21 jobs and payroll shortfalls for 2020, 2021, 22 and 2022 as currently committed to in the 23 Exhibit A for the original ITEP application 24 Contract 20180323, including Contracts 25 20180323-A, and 20180323-B.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 44</p>
<p>1 Go ahead. 2 MS. JOHNSON: 3 We have two Contracts, 20180323A and 4 20180323B for Bagwell Energy Services in 5 Iberia Parish. They were noncompliant for the 6 2020, 2021, and 2022 reporting periods. The 7 requirements for 2020 were 40 jobs with 8 \$2.8 million in payroll. The actual jobs 9 created and maintained for project year 2020 10 were 27 jobs and \$276,950 in payroll. The 11 requirements for project year 2021 was 60 jobs 12 with \$4.2 million in payroll. The actual jobs 13 created and maintained in 2021 was 16 jobs 14 with \$435,628 in payroll. And for project 15 year 2022, they were required to create 90 16 jobs with \$6.3 million in payroll. And the 17 actual jobs created and maintained was 16 jobs 18 with \$848,796 in payroll. 19 We have gone the last two meetings, I 20 believe, we've visited this noncompliance. 21 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 22 That's also the one we just did the 23 Special -- 24 MS. JOHNSON: 25 Yes, we did the Special and it's</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 43</p>	<p>1 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 2 Okay. I want to remind the Board that 3 we, this Board has the authority to rule any 4 way we want about this, whether we penalize 5 them, don't penalize them or not. This is a 6 local -- and the second reminder is this is a 7 local tax that is either granted or exempted. 8 The locals have said that they're okay with 9 this, with their getting the exemption. 10 With that being said, I'll entertain a 11 motion whatever form or fashion you want to 12 make it. 13 MR. NASSAR: 14 I make a motion that we take no action. 15 MAYOR TOUPS: 16 Second. 17 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 18 Okay. We have a motion to take no action 19 from Mr. Nassar. We have a second by Mr. 20 Touns. Do we have any comments or questions? 21 Any input? 22 SECRETARY BOURGEOIS: 23 Just for clarity, so the taking no action 24 is no penalty; they just proceed under their 25 contract as it exists.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 45</p>

<p>1 MS. JOHNSON: 2 Yes, ma'am. 3 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 4 Thank you. 5 MR. MELE: 6 I have a question. 7 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 8 Yes, sir. 9 MR. MELE: 10 So how does this play into the testimony 11 just a few minutes ago? Are they all -- is it 12 one in the same? 13 MS. JOHNSON: 14 So they -- this is the same company, same 15 contract. These are years previously, so that 16 Special Request does not apply to these. 17 Therefore, the job requirement was not lowered 18 in these years. They still do need to create 19 the new requirement of 35 jobs and \$2 million 20 in payroll starting from 2024. 21 MR. MELE: 22 Okay. Thank you. 23 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 24 Well, the locals did send support to take 25 no action on the past, and that's what we have</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 46</p>	<p>1 Move forward. 2 MR. CALLAIS: 3 Yeah. So even with the amendment, we 4 still have to approve the noncompliance. 5 MS. JOHNSON: 6 Right, because the amendment is 7 perspective from 2024. 8 MR. CALLAIS: 9 Understood. Thank you. 10 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 11 We all good now? We're ready to vote? 12 All in favor? 13 ALL: 14 Aye. 15 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 16 Any opposed? 17 Thank you. 18 MR. USIE: 19 Next, we have one Contract, 20210013-A 20 for C&C Marine and Repair, LLC in Plaquemines 21 Parish that is noncompliant for the 2022 22 reporting period. The Exhibit A for the 23 contract requires the company create and 24 maintain five jobs with \$150,000 in payroll. 25 The actual jobs and payroll created and</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 48</p>
<p>1 a motion for right now. So any other 2 questions or comments? I want to make sure we 3 give full amount of time. 4 MR. CALLAIS: 5 Okay. So the motion at hand is sort of 6 like we're kind of backtracking saying, please 7 forgive us for the mistakes we made previously 8 and irregardless of the changes to the 9 contract, right? Is that kind of what this is 10 like approving those previous things? Is this 11 just kind of like -- I'm just trying to make 12 sure I understand it correctly. 13 MS. JOHNSON: 14 Okay. So it's noncompliance for previous 15 years and they're saying that they don't want 16 y'all to take any negative action. 17 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 18 No penalty? 19 MS. JOHNSON: 20 Or any action. 21 SECRETARY BOURGEOIS: 22 So we're not being punitive for past 23 that -- and we have allowed them to amend 24 their contract for the future. 25 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 47</p>	<p>1 maintained was two jobs with \$31,506 in 2 payroll. 3 The Parish denied the exemption, so they 4 were not required to submit a recommendation. 5 And the School Board and Sheriff both did not 6 submit recommendations. 7 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 8 So if we -- in the past, the Board has 9 taken the position that if we receive no 10 response, that we would consider that 11 equivalent to take no action. If it wasn't 12 important enough for them to contribute input, 13 then it's take no action. Explain -- tell me 14 though where the Parish denied it initially. 15 MR. USIE: 16 In the initial application, so we never 17 had an exemption from the Parish. 18 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 19 So the action we take today does not 20 change that; we're only talking about the 21 other two. 22 MR. USIE: 23 The School Board and Sheriff. 24 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 25 Okay. With that being said and our</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 49</p>

<p>1 normal action, I'll entertain a motion however 2 you would like to present it regarding C&C 3 Marine. 4 MAYOR TOUPS: 5 I'll make a motion to no penalties. 6 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 7 We have a motion by Mr. Toups for take no 8 action, I guess the easiest way to say it, and 9 a second by Mr. Austin. Any comments or 10 questions? 11 MR. CALLAIS: 12 I have a question. 13 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 14 Yes, sir? 15 MR. CALLAIS: 16 So if you look at the salaries versus 17 jobs on both actuals and, you know, in the 18 expectations, the requirements, it looks like 19 the pay is half of what was projected. And 20 I'm wondering if we could have any discussion 21 or reasoning around that? It looks like a 22 \$15,000 average salary in the actuals versus 23 \$30,000 average salary in the expectations. 24 So I'm kind of wondering, is there any 25 reasoning around that?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 50</p>	<p>1 the year, so the salaries that counted were 2 lower. Over a year, the -- I think I'm 3 probably too far from this. 4 So over a year, the salaries would well 5 exceed the requirements. The other thing is, 6 also, as part of the EO at the time, you have 7 to end up backfilling. So there were some 8 issues with backfilling to get to baselines 9 for not only this contract, as well as other 10 contracts that they have in action. 11 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 12 All right. Thank you. Any other 13 questions or comments? 14 All right. I think we've got a motion 15 and a second. 16 All in favor? 17 ALL: 18 Aye. 19 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 20 Any opposed? 21 Thank you. 22 MS. SAVELA: 23 Thank you. 24 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 25 Appreciate you.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 52</p>
<p>1 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 2 Any input on that or is there anyone here 3 from C&C? 4 MR. USIE: 5 The company can confirm, but I believe if 6 I recall correctly, they may have hired them 7 later in the year, so it's only a fraction of 8 their annual payroll. 9 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 10 Would you like to come up to the mic, 11 please, or was that answer accurate? 12 MS. SAVELA: 13 (Inaudible.) 14 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 15 Okay. Hold on and wait until you get up 16 here and tell us who you are, who you're with, 17 and then you can answer the question. 18 Presumably, you're with C&C. 19 MS. SAVELA: 20 I'm Allison Savela, I'm the CPA for C&C. 21 I have been consulting with them on these 22 projects for years, so yeah. So, yeah, part 23 of the reason is a lot of the headcount that 24 ended up getting applied to the new jobs for 25 this particular contract were hired later in</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 51</p>	<p>1 MS. SAVELA: 2 No, I appreciate y'all. 3 MR. USIE: 4 Next, we have one Contract, 20170416 for 5 Cornerstone Chemical Company in Jefferson 6 Parish that is noncompliant for the 2022 7 reporting period. The Exhibit A for the 8 Contract requires the company create and 9 maintain eight jobs with \$838,450 in payroll. 10 The actual jobs and payroll created and 11 maintained was zero. 12 The Parish and Sheriff did not respond 13 with recommendations. The School Board 14 submitted a resolution stating to take no 15 action regarding the noncompliance. 16 MR. POLOZOLA: 17 Mr. Chairman, I need to recuse myself 18 from the matter regarding Cornerstone 19 Chemical. 20 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 21 You good this time? 22 MR. MIQUEZ: 23 I need to recuse myself from Gravois, 24 which is the next one. 25 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 53</p>

<p>1 The next one, okay. Don't get too far 2 ahead of me. Remember, I'm an amateur at 3 this. Again, take no action from the School 4 Board, I believe is what we have, and no 5 response from the other two entities. We 6 typically take that as take no action. 7 I would ask -- I want to ask though 8 before Cornerstone, this didn't create any new 9 jobs. How many jobs were retained in the 10 whole -- in the facility? Anybody? 11 MR. USIE: 12 I don't have that number on hand. 13 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 14 Two people in the audience are looking at 15 each other. Approximately, how many are 16 employed at Cornerstone? 17 UNKNOWN: 18 Four hundred. 19 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 20 Approximately, 400 people are employed at 21 Cornerstone. Thank you. That's what I was 22 trying to get to. 23 All right. With that said, I'll 24 entertain a motion for no action. 25 MAYOR TOUPS:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 54</p>	<p>1 Board submitted a resolution recommending the 2 Contract be reduced by one year as a 3 consequence for the noncompliance. 4 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 5 Okay. Everybody understands that? 6 We have a motion? 7 MR. NASSAR: 8 I'll make a -- 9 MR. MELE: 10 I have a question. So as I look at the 11 ad valorem tax, at what point do they receive 12 this benefit? 13 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 14 Each year that the contract is in play, 15 right? 16 MR. USIE: 17 As soon as the contract is placed in 18 service. 19 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 20 Yeah. And this one started in 2020. 21 MR. MELE: 22 So the benefit has been received. 23 There's no one here representing them though. 24 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 25 Is there anybody here from Gravois?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 56</p>
<p>1 Based on School Board says take no 2 action, I would make a motion to -- 3 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 4 Take no action. 5 MAYOR TOUPS: 6 -- take no action. 7 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 8 Motion by Mr. Troups. Second by Mr. Doss. 9 Any other comments or questions? 10 All in favor? 11 ALL: 12 Aye. 13 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 14 Any opposed? 15 Thank you very much. 16 MR. USIE: 17 Next, we have one Contract 20200220 for 18 Gravois Aluminum Boats, LLC in St. Mary Parish 19 that is noncompliant for the 2022 reporting 20 period. The Exhibit A for the Contract 21 requires the company create and maintain two 22 jobs with \$72,800 in payroll. The actual jobs 23 and payroll created and maintained was zero. 24 The Parish, Sheriff, and City did not 25 respond with recommendations. The School</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 55</p>	<p>1 MR. MELE: 2 I have a problem with that. 3 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 4 State your name and who you represent. 5 MS. TRAHAN: 6 Hi, my name is Paula Trahan, I'm 7 representing Gravois Aluminum Boats D/B/A 8 Metal Shark. 9 MR. MELE: 10 So can you give me some explanation? The 11 benefits have been received, but all of them 12 are noncompliant. What's the story? 13 MS. TRAHAN: 14 When the contract was started, when we 15 began working on it in 2018, we had 16 (indiscernible) ferry boats for New York, five 17 of which we had 235 employees working in 18 Franklin, Louisiana. As COVID came through, 19 the (indiscernible) boats completely went 20 away, so we have had to diversify into 21 autonomy wind farm boats, Baltimore, Northeast 22 Boats, but have not been able to get back to 23 our 235. 24 MR. MELE: 25 So --</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 57</p>

<p>1 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 2 How many have you retained? 3 MS. TRAHAN: 4 We have 120 in Franklin right now. 5 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 6 What did you start with? 7 MS. TRAHAN: 8 Two thirty-five was in 2018, when we were 9 working on (indiscernible). 10 MR. MELE: 11 Where do benefits received by the 12 government go in COVID, because I consistently 13 hear COVID is the issue. So for the companies 14 that have received the benefit, whether it be 15 with regard to employees, where does that 16 factor in to then the grace that the Board is 17 supposed to show on having already received 18 these property tax benefits, but not being 19 compliant with the terms? 20 MS. TRAHAN: 21 I don't -- I don't understand the 22 question. 23 MR. MELE: 24 Well, did the company -- in going through 25 COVID, a lot of companies applied for federal</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 58</p>	<p>1 two jobs, they didn't create the new jobs, but 2 they couldn't even get back to where they were 3 at zero. 4 So it was discussed in one of the 5 previous meetings that we since have 6 eliminated the job requirements from that 7 because we or the Administration agreed, and 8 we voted on it, that it was not as important, 9 because it's -- I just feel like if we go down 10 that road, it just kind of makes Louisiana 11 appear as a bear trap, you know, and then you 12 could be impugned later for something that was 13 beyond your control. So that was just my 14 understanding of what we've done in the past 15 to try to be fair to these companies that were 16 affected by this COVID. 17 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 18 Okay. Thank you. 19 MR. WHEELIS: 20 Can you restate for me what the School 21 Board recommended? 22 MR. USIE: 23 They stated in a resolution, the Contract 24 should be reduced by one year as consequence 25 for the noncompliance. So rather than a</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 60</p>
<p>1 relief. 2 MS. TRAHAN: 3 Uh-huh. 4 MR. MELE: 5 Much of it was paid and possibly Gravois 6 was one. 7 MS. TRAHAN: 8 Uh-huh. 9 MR. MELE: 10 And now with this contract, Gravois is 11 asking for grace for being noncompliant. So 12 where does the Board -- what's the history of 13 the Board in deciding such matters? 14 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 15 Anybody prior that would have an idea? 16 MR. REMEDIES: 17 I believe in one of the other cases, we 18 were -- I felt what we were attempting to be 19 sensitive to not impugned companies that took 20 a chance on Louisiana that were lost jobs 21 through the COVID and couldn't recover back to 22 the point of zero. I believe that the ad 23 valorem tax relief was on the annual taxes 24 paid on the equipment that they purchased. So 25 they purchased the equipment, but they came up</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 59</p>	<p>1 five-year initial exemption, they're saying 2 cut it down to four years. 3 MR. WHEELIS: 4 All right. 5 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 6 All right. If they do that, that's the 7 fifth, presumably the fifth year of the first, 8 of the initial Contract, so the company would 9 pay property tax? 10 MR. USIE: 11 Shakes head. 12 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 13 No? 14 MR. USIE: 15 No, they would just be eligible to renew 16 it one year earlier. And if they renewed it, 17 they would get nine years instead of -- 18 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 19 Okay. That's what I was getting to, to 20 make sure that the gap didn't force them to 21 lose all five on the renewal, if they renew 22 sooner. 23 MR. WHEELIS: 24 But that was the only response we had 25 from locals?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 61</p>

<p>1 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 2 That's correct. 3 MS. JOHNSON: 4 I do want to clarify that noncompliance 5 is always going to come after a company has 6 already received the exemption, because 7 compliance is filed in April of the year 8 following the year that they receive the 9 exemption for each year. So this one is for 10 2022, it was filed in 2023, if that makes 11 sense. 12 MR. NASSAR: 13 Now, I believe what we have done in the 14 past is what the locals recommend was normally 15 what we did. And if I remember correctly, we 16 would penalize the company by taking one year 17 of the exemption away for the noncompliance, 18 because the company has already received their 19 benefits too, right, as far as their 20 exemptions. So I'm thinking that's the way 21 we've always did it. 22 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 23 Okay. Do we have any other questions? 24 SECRETARY BOURGEOIS: 25 Yes, so this is purely for -- y'all</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 62</p>	<p>1 on the table, so I'll entertain a motion 2 regarding the Gravois Contract? 3 MR. DOSS: 4 I move. It sounds to me like though, the 5 recommendation of the locals is exactly what 6 we have done in the past, so I would make that 7 motion. 8 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 9 The motion includes a reduction of one 10 year by the School Board with no action on the 11 other two entities. 12 MR. NASSAR: 13 Second. 14 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 15 Mr. Doss motions. 16 MR. NASSAR: 17 Second. 18 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 19 Mr. Nassar seconds. Any other comments 20 or questions? 21 All right. All in favor? 22 ALL: 23 Aye. 24 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 25 Any opposed?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 64</p>
<p>1 operate as Metal Shark, correct? 2 MS. TRAHAN: 3 Yes, ma'am, we do business as Metal 4 Shark. 5 SECRETARY BOURGEOIS: 6 Right. So just for an antidotal piece of 7 this, about a week after I was appointed the 8 Secretary of LED, there was an article about 9 how the owner of Metal Shark had sold the 10 business in Mobile and taken his profits to 11 reinvest in his business in Louisiana, and he 12 was the first private sector individual I 13 reached out to in this role to thank -- Chris 14 Allard, correct? 15 MS. TRAHAN: 16 Yes, ma'am. 17 SECRETARY BOURGEOIS: 18 And I've never met Chris face to face, so 19 this is not personal at all, but to thank 20 Chris for reinvesting in Louisiana and taking 21 the chance on Louisiana instead of staying in 22 Mobile and shutting down his Louisiana shop 23 and going to Alabama, just for some color. 24 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 25 Any other input? We do not have a motion</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 63</p>	<p>1 And thank you very much. 2 MS. TRAHAN: 3 Thank you. Appreciate your time. 4 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 5 Like Secretary Bourgeois said, the idea 6 that you decided to sell other assets to 7 invest in Louisiana is admirable. We greatly 8 appreciate that. 9 MS. TRAHAN: 10 Thank you very much. 11 MR. USIE: 12 We have one Contract, 20180099 for 13 Inferno Manufacturing in Caddo Parish that is 14 noncompliant for the 2022 reporting period. 15 The Exhibit A for the contract required the 16 company to create and maintain two jobs with 17 \$100,000 in payroll. The actual jobs and 18 payroll created and maintained was zero. 19 The Parish, Sheriff, and City did not 20 respond with recommendations. The School 21 Board confirmed that the Board and Company 22 agreed upon a default payment, and the payment 23 was made to the Board. And the School Board 24 is satisfied with that. 25 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 65</p>

<p>1 So does that mean the School Board is 2 willing to just continue with the contract? 3 MR. USIE: 4 Continue as is. A default payment in 5 place of the noncompliance. 6 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 7 And out of curiosity, do we know the 8 number of jobs Inferno actually still 9 maintains? Just say it. 10 MR. ORGANICK: 11 We're at 25. 12 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 13 Twenty-five jobs. Thank you. And I'll 14 entertain a motion to accept. 15 MR. REMEDIES: 16 So moved. 17 MR. MOSS: 18 I'll second. 19 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 20 Mr. Moss and Mr. Remedies. Any comments 21 or questions? 22 All in favor? 23 ALL: 24 Aye. 25 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 66</p>	<p>1 locals, that's correct. 2 MR. CALLAIS: 3 So what has the Commerce and Industry 4 Board done in previous situations where you 5 have no response and noncompliant and in 6 similar situations? Is there any precedence 7 for this? 8 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 9 For the most part, the Board has taken 10 that as the same as take no action. 11 MR. CALLAIS: 12 All right. 13 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 14 As we have done the last four years or 15 so. 16 MR. REMEDIES: 17 Do we have any representatives from this 18 company here? 19 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 20 Anybody here from Kitchen MAJGEK? We do 21 not. 22 MR. REMEDIES: 23 I was just curious of what happened with 24 this. That's a great big swing from -- to 25 zero from 50, not two.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 68</p>
<p>1 Any opposed? 2 MR. USIE: 3 Next, we have one Contract, 20200058 for 4 Kitchen MAJGEK, LLC - Ren's Kitchen in 5 Lafayette Parish that is noncompliant for the 6 2022 reporting period. The Exhibit A for the 7 contract requires the company to create and 8 maintain 50 jobs with \$1,040,000 in payroll. 9 The actual jobs and payroll created and 10 maintained was zero. No jobs and payroll 11 could be considered, because on the company's 12 Certificate of Compliance, the company 13 confirmed no basic health benefits plan was 14 offered to employees, and that is a 15 requirement in order to be considered a job as 16 defined in the Exhibit A Agreement. 17 The Parish, the School Board, nor the 18 Sheriff responded with recommendations. 19 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 20 All right. Guess I'll entertain a 21 motion. There's no response from the locals. 22 MR. CALLAIS: 23 No response from the locals? 24 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 25 That's correct. No response from the</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 67</p>	<p>1 MR. CALLAIS: 2 They didn't offer healthcare. 3 MR. REMEDIES: 4 Oh, I see. Yeah, okay. 5 MR. CALLAIS: 6 Yeah, so it sounds like it's noncompliant 7 because it's not that they don't have the 8 jobs; it's that they didn't provide 9 healthcare. 10 MR. REMEDIES: 11 Okay. Yeah. 12 MR. MELE: 13 How many employees does the company have? 14 MR. USIE: 15 I don't have those numbers offhand. I do 16 know they did create some jobs, but it had to 17 be zeroed out because no one was offered those 18 health benefits, so those don't count as new 19 jobs. 20 MR. CALLAIS: 21 That feels like they didn't follow the 22 rules of the program after benefiting from tax 23 exemptions. And without a representative, 24 it's hard to make that determination. 25 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 69</p>

<p>1 You're welcome to make a motion however 2 you would like it, and the Board can consider 3 it. The locals did not respond and they were 4 made aware. We know they were. 5 MR. WHEELIS: 6 Were they given notice that they can 7 appear at this meeting? 8 MR. USIE: 9 They did. I sent out an email and they 10 were notified. 11 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 12 And they were noticed that this would be 13 taken up. 14 MR. CALLAIS: 15 Yeah, so I would move to have a deferral 16 until the next meeting. 17 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 18 See if they'll show up. 19 MR. NASSAR: 20 Second. 21 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 22 So we'll make a motion to defer and ask 23 the company to have a representative here at 24 the next meeting to discuss. We have a motion 25 by Mr. Callais and a second by --</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 70</p>	<p>1 this past Monday, we received a resolution to 2 not penalize the company from the Parish, and 3 they apparently forgot to send an email. 4 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 5 Okay. So we actually have take no 6 action? 7 MR. USIE: 8 We have take no action from all three. 9 It just has no response from the Parish, 10 because they didn't respond before the agenda 11 was finalized. 12 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 13 Motion by Mr. Nassar to take no action 14 and seconded by Secretary Bourgeois. Any 15 comments or questions? 16 All in favor? 17 ALL: 18 Aye. 19 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 20 Any opposed? 21 Next? 22 MR. USIE: 23 Next, we have two Contracts, 20200449 for 24 Reliable EDM, LLC; and 20200442 for Sommer 25 Brothers Enterprise, LLC in Lafayette Parish</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 72</p>
<p>1 MR. AMOSS: 2 Amoss. 3 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 4 -- by Mr. Amoss. All right. Any more 5 discussion or questions? 6 All in favor of the deferment? 7 ALL: 8 Aye. 9 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 10 Any opposed? 11 All right. Next? 12 MR. USIE: 13 We have one Contract, 20190153 for 14 Reagent Chemical & Research, Inc. in Ascension 15 Parish that is noncompliant for the 2022 16 reporting period. The Exhibit A for the 17 Contract requires the company create and 18 maintain one job with \$50,000 in payroll. The 19 actual jobs and payroll created and maintained 20 was zero. 21 The School Board and Sheriff each 22 submitted recommendations stating to not 23 penalize the company and take no action for 24 the noncompliance. The agenda was finalized 25 with a no response from the Parish. However,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 71</p>	<p>1 that are noncompliant for the 2022 and 2023 2 reporting periods. Sommer Brothers is a real 3 estate holding company only and the contracts 4 cover the one project at the same site. The 5 Exhibit A for the Contracts require Reliable 6 EDM to create and maintain one job with 7 \$41,600 in payroll. 8 For the 2022 reporting period, the jobs 9 and payroll created and maintained was zero 10 and 2022 was also filed late. It was due 11 April 30th, 2023, but not received until May 4 12 of 2023 upon notice of the missed deadline by 13 LED. 14 For 2023 reporting period, the jobs and 15 payroll created and maintained was also zero. 16 The Parish, the School Board, the Sheriff, nor 17 the City responded with recommendations. 18 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 19 And to make note, it's two different 20 companies because one is the landlord and one 21 is the operator. 22 MR. USIE: 23 Correct. 24 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 25 But no response from anyone. I'll</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 73</p>

<p>1 entertain a motion. 2 MR. CALLAIS: 3 Any representatives here? 4 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 5 Any representatives? 6 Come on up. 7 MR. CALLAIS: 8 I just had a quick question if you can 9 give us some color, some texture. 10 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 11 Before you begin, tell us who you are and 12 who you represent. 13 MR. SOMMER: 14 Yes, I'm John Sommer with Reliable EDM 15 and the Sommer Brothers Enterprises. 16 MR. CALLAIS: 17 Thank you, sir. I was hoping you would 18 give us a little texture as to what happened, 19 why there's no retained jobs. 20 MR. SOMMER: 21 Well, we've been looking. It's a pretty 22 narrow field that's EDM, it cuts metal, and we 23 have had some social media -- it's four jobs. 24 And they are actively looking for another 25 person, but...</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 74</p>	<p>1 All right. And, Ms. Rhonda, you have 2 something to say? State your name and -- 3 MS. BOATNER: 4 Rhonda Boatner, Didier Consultants. Just 5 a note. We have been engaged since this 6 initial filing was late, and so all of the 7 subsequent filings will be filed timely. So I 8 just wanted everyone to know, the company did 9 reach out when their filing was late. And 10 we've taken over since then, so there will be 11 no more late filings. 12 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 13 Thank you. We have a motion and a 14 second. Any other comments or questions? 15 All in favor? 16 ALL: 17 Aye. 18 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 19 Any opposed? 20 Thank you. 21 MR. USIE: 22 Last, we have 20190204 for ToMakk Glass 23 Partners, LLC in Caddo Parish, and they 24 actually asked to defer to the October Board 25 meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 76</p>
<p>1 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 2 How many jobs did you have? Is this a 3 new company or you are expanding? 4 MR. SOMMER: 5 We are expanding from Texas in to 6 Louisiana, and so we are hoping that -- 7 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 8 And how many jobs do you have? 9 MR. SOMMER: 10 Here in Louisiana, four. 11 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 12 Looking to add five, but you didn't make 13 any during this term. 14 MR. SOMMER: 15 We tried, but we had signs up, and we 16 couldn't attract anybody. 17 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 18 We have, again, no response from the 19 locals, correct? 20 I'll entertain a motion. 21 MAYOR TOUPS: 22 I'll make a motion to take no action. 23 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 24 Motion by Mr. Touns. Who was the second? 25 Mr. Mele.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 75</p>	<p>1 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 2 We have a motion to accept the request? 3 Mr. Remedies. Polozola seconds. Any comments 4 or questions about the deferral? 5 All in favor? 6 ALL: 7 Aye. 8 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 9 Any opposed? 10 And we made it through the noncompliance. 11 Other business? 12 Mr. Polozola, if you will please give us 13 a brief update on the ITEP Rules Committee 14 status. 15 MR. POLOZOLA: 16 Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chairman. The ITEP 17 Rules Committee have been meeting over the 18 last several months. We've had four meetings. 19 We had an organizational meeting first. After 20 that, we had several weeks later a meeting 21 where we invited Industry stakeholders to come 22 in and give whatever comments that they wished 23 to give on the Governor's Executive Order and 24 the whole ITEP revision process, and they did 25 so.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 77</p>

<p>1 After that meeting, LED had an 2 opportunity to make their presentation. In 3 the course of that presentation, other 4 officials, like from the parishes, that I 5 remember Cameron Parish in particular came and 6 gave some input during the course of LED's 7 presentation. After we heard from the 8 Economic Development Department, the next 9 meeting was any other stakeholders. 10 So in each of these meetings, we end the 11 meeting with who we'd like to hear from next. 12 Okay. And so the last meeting we had heard 13 from any other stakeholders that had any 14 interests whatsoever, okay. And that was a 15 meeting held in this room and it was very 16 productive. The upshot of all the meetings so 17 far has been that people really appreciate the 18 opportunity to give input. 19 We are not rushing the process at all. 20 We're giving people time to give their input, 21 circle back around, you know, just because 22 Industry may have talked in the first meeting, 23 they're present at all the others, so they may 24 have input in a different meeting and vice 25 versa for other stakeholders as to Industry</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 78</p>	<p>1 that. 2 SECRETARY BOURGEOIS: 3 Thank you. I was going to ask Stephanie 4 LeGrange from our Legal Department to come and 5 give us a brief on why we're doing this before 6 I offer the motion. 7 MS. LEGRANGE: 8 Good morning, Members. Stephanie 9 LeGrange, Deputy Counsel with LED. Just to 10 give you some color in regard to the motion. 11 As many of you know and as Mr. Polozola has 12 discussed, the BCI Rules Subcommittee has been 13 meeting to discuss with stakeholders their 14 suggestions and input on the rules, but the 15 Emergency Rules for the ITEP program, though 16 were published in April, are effective for 180 17 days and they are set to expire a few days 18 before the next regularly-scheduled Board 19 meeting of this full Board. 20 So all the motion before you does is 21 delegate the authority from the full Board 22 down to the Rules Subcommittee to authorize 23 LED at the appropriate time and one necessary 24 to do two things: One, to renew the Emergency 25 Rule for the ITEP program; and then two,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 80</p>
<p>1 is. So they are very wide ranging. They've 2 gone very well. 3 We're at the process now where we've kind 4 of heard from sort of everyone. And so the 5 next meeting is going to be a discussion from 6 anyone about kind of where to go from here, 7 which I believe we will start, it will 8 probably result in going to some red lines, 9 you know, actually redlining the rule and 10 start to get, like, a good draft of actual red 11 lines. That will then be, you know, 12 promulgated out to everyone to review. And 13 then we'll probably have another meeting to 14 take input on these red lines, okay. 15 So it's just a process, but I want to 16 just assure you that it's going very well. I 17 think people are feeling heard. They 18 appreciate that. And so, you know, we'll 19 eventually get to the actual formal rule, but 20 we're not quite right there yet. 21 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 22 Thank you very much. Next item of Other 23 Business, we have to renew the ITEP Emergency 24 Rule and Authorization Publication of Notice 25 of Intent. Secretary Bourgeois has input on</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 79</p>	<p>1 again, falling on Mr. Polozola's discussion, 2 once the red line is in a version of the rule 3 that the subcommittee is in alignment with to 4 authorize the Department to begin what I'm 5 going to sell is the regular rule making 6 process, which is the publication of the first 7 document the Notice of Intent. 8 SECRETARY BOURGEOIS: 9 Okay. So with that, I offer the 10 following motion: 11 Whereas, Louisiana Constitution provides 12 in Article 7, Section 21F that the State Board 13 of Commerce and Industry, BCI, quote, "with 14 the approval of the Governor, may enter into 15 contracts for the exemption from ad valorem 16 taxes of a new manufacturing establishment on 17 such terms and conditions as the Board, with 18 the approval of the Governor, deems in the 19 best interest of the State"; 20 And whereas, by virtue of this provision, 21 this Board is authorized to administer the 22 granting, subject to the approval of the 23 Governor, of the Industrial Tax Exemption, and 24 pursuant to that end, this Board, with the 25 assistance of the Louisiana Economic</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 81</p>

<p>1 Development, as established the Industrial Tax 2 Exemption Program, ITEP, and formulates and 3 promulgates rules for ITEP that promote the 4 best interests of the State; 5 And whereas, a BCI Rules Committee has 6 been established to oversee the promulgation 7 of the rules for those programs, requiring 8 approval or administration by BCI, including 9 but not limited to ITEP; 10 And whereas, an ITEP Emergency Rule has 11 been published with an effective date of April 12 24th, 2024, to remain in effect for a period 13 of 180 days, unless renewed or until adopted 14 of final rules. 15 Therefore, I make the following motion: 16 That the BCI Rules Committee shall have the 17 authority with the assistance of LED to renew 18 the ITEP Emergency Rule as necessary and 19 authorize publication of a Notice of Intent in 20 accordance with the Administrative Procedures 21 Act. 22 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 23 Do we have a second? 24 MR. DOSS: 25 Second.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 82</p>	<p>1 that we are assisting and supporting and 2 making it easier for businesses to be 3 successful in this State. 4 We're not looking to catch anyone, right. 5 We are just trying to follow the law 6 certainly, but also more importantly, be 7 helpful on the front end. So I'm very pleased 8 that I feel like that was very much the 9 feeling of this meeting. 10 And, secondly, while, you know, and 11 Chairman Jones said this at the last meeting, 12 I don't want the Members of this Board to feel 13 like we are rubber stamp Board. In fact, what 14 our team at the Department is doing a very 15 good job of is making sure we are getting 16 ahead of solutions for these challenges as 17 they come up. We're trying to prenegotiate, 18 if you will. We're trying to work with 19 companies to make sure that when an Item comes 20 before you, we have preworked that as much as 21 we can with our business and industry partners 22 to make sure the solution in front of you is 23 considered, obviously, but there has been work 24 put in on the front end. 25 And then lastly, staying on this same</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 84</p>
<p>1 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 2 Second by Doss. Any comments, input, 3 questions? 4 All in favor of that motion? 5 ALL: 6 Aye. 7 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 8 Any opposed? 9 It carries. 10 The next Item is remarks from Secretary 11 Bourgeois. 12 SECRETARY BOURGEOIS: 13 Thank you, Mr. Chairman. You know, I'll 14 be brief. I just wanted to highlight a few 15 things that I feel like I would hope you would 16 notice are more cultural to the organization 17 and specific: Number one, I was really 18 pleased when Hud was giving his report about 19 the company that filed four days, late once 20 they were informed of their late notice. And 21 so that told me from an organizational 22 perspective, my assumption is that we reached 23 out to them much earlier than that, but we are 24 engaging with our companies. We are shifting 25 our culture at the Department to make sure</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 83</p>	<p>1 thing, I do want to commend our team and our 2 legal counsel office for the amount of 3 intentional outreach they've down around the 4 rules. I think anyone in this room who lives 5 in this space and who understands the 6 importance of it, from our local authorities 7 to our industry partners to the consultants 8 who are before this Board quite often, the 9 amount of work that Stephanie and Robin have 10 done to intentionally seek their input, to 11 intentionally make sure our regional 12 organizations are represented, it has been a 13 lot of work. 14 Perhaps in the past, it wasn't done or it 15 wasn't even thought to be done. But no matter 16 what, I hope you are all hearing and feeling 17 that we are doing things a little bit 18 differently at the new LED. And I'm very 19 grateful for the team that's doing it and for 20 all of you as well. So thank you, 21 Mr. Chairman. 22 CHAIRMAN MILLER: 23 Thank you very much. Does anybody have 24 any other input or questions? 25 I'll entertain a motion to adjourn, and I</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 85</p>

<p>1 thank you for the kindness today.</p> <p>2 MR. REMEDIES:</p> <p>3 Motion.</p> <p>4 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>5 Motion to adjourn, Mr. Remedies.</p> <p>6 MR. CALLAIS:</p> <p>7 Second.</p> <p>8 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>9 Second by Mr. Callais.</p> <p>10 All in favor?</p> <p>11 ALL:</p> <p>12 Aye.</p> <p>13 CHAIRMAN MILLER:</p> <p>14 No opposed.</p> <p>15 (WHEREUPON, THE MEETING ADJOURNED.)</p> <p>16</p> <p>17</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p> <p>Page 86</p>	<p>1 This certification is valid only for a</p> <p>2 transcript accompanied by my handwritten or digital</p> <p>3 signature and the image of my State-authorized seal</p> <p>4 on this page.</p> <p>5 Signed:</p> <p>6</p> <p>7 KELLY S. PERRIN,CCR</p> <p>8</p> <p>9</p> <p>10</p> <p>11</p> <p>12</p> <p>13</p> <p>14</p> <p>15</p> <p>16</p> <p>17</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p> <p>Page 88</p>
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