

MEETING MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF COMMERCE  
OF THE  
LOUISIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
HELD AT  
LOUISIANA STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BUILDING  
FOURTH FLOOR BOARD ROOM  
8401 UNITED PLAZA BOULEVARD  
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA  
ON THE 11TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2012  
COMMENCING AT 1:34 P.M.

REPORTED BY: ELICIA H. WOODWORTH, CCR

- 1           Appearances of Board Members Present:
- 2           Jerald Jones
- Charles Soprano
- 3           Millie Atkins
- Wilda Smith
- 4           William King
- Gale Potts-Roque
- 5           Senator Danny Martiny
- R.K. Mehrotra
- 6           Lance Belcher
- Jeffrey Elmore
- 7           Andre Fruge
- Richard Lipsey
- 8           Steven Grissom
- Richard Gonsoulin
- 9           Representative Erich Ponti
- Steve Windham
- 10          Jason El Koubi
- Gordon Burgess
- 11          Mayor Ronnie Harris
- 12          Staff members present:
- Michelle Sorrel
- 13          Brenda Guess
- Frank Favaloro
- 14          Bob Cangelosi
- Danielle Clapinski
- 15          Rick Broussard
- Marylyn Friedkin
- 16          Lori Weber
- Becky Lambert
- 17          Robin Tate

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1 MR. JONES:

2 Good afternoon, everyone. It's good to  
3 see everyone. Again, Merry Christmas, everybody, and  
4 it's good to see everybody here at our December member  
5 meeting of the Board of Commerce and Industry.

6 We call the meeting to order, and  
7 Ms. Melissa, would you start the roll call, please?

8 MS. SORRELL:

9 Matt Walker for Governor Jindal.

10 (No response.)

11 MS. SORRELL:

12 Steve Windham for Lieutenant Governor.

13 (No response.)

14 MS. SORRELL:

15 Millie Atkins.

16 MS. ATKINS:

17 Here.

18 MS. SORRELL:

19 Lance Belcher.

20 MR. BELCHER:

21 Here.

22 MS. SORRELL:

23 Brian Bossier.

24 (No response.)

25 MS. SORRELL:



1 MS. SORRELL:  
2 William King.  
3 MR. KING:  
4 Here.  
5 MS. SORRELL:  
6 Kevin Langley.  
7 (No response.)  
8 MS. SORRELL:  
9 Richard Lipsey.  
10 MR. LIPSEY:  
11 Here.  
12 MS. SORRELL:  
13 R.K. Mehrotra.  
14 MR. MEHROTRA:  
15 Here.  
16 MS. SORRELL:  
17 Steven Grissom for Secretary Moret.  
18 MR. GRISSOM:  
19 Here.  
20 MS. SORRELL:  
21 Gale Potts-Roque.  
22 MS. POTTS-ROQUE:  
23 Here.  
24 MS. SORRELL:  
25 Wilda Smith.

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MS. SMITH:  
Here.

MS. SORRELL:  
Charles Soprano.

MR. SOPRANO:  
Here.

MS. SORRELL:  
Representative Erich Ponti.

MR. PONTI:  
Here.

MS. SORRELL:  
Senator Danny Martiny.

MR. MARTINY:  
Here.

MS. SORRELL:  
Representative Joel Robideaux.  
(No response.)

MS. SORRELL:  
Senator Neil Riser.  
(No response.)

MS. SORRELL:  
We have a quorum.

MR. JONES:  
Thank you so much, Ms. Sorrell.  
And let the record show that Mayor

1 Harris has joined us.

2 I believe you've all had a chance to  
3 review the minutes that were sent out to you  
4 electronically.

5 We have a motion from Mr. King. We have  
6 a second from Mr. Burgess to approve those minutes.

7 Any comments from the Board?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. JONES:

10 Any comments from the floor?

11 (No response.)

12 MR. JONES:

13 All in favor, say "aye".

14 (Several members respond "aye".)

15 MR. JONES:

16 Any opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. JONES:

19 There is no opposition. The minutes of  
20 the October 23 meeting are approved.

21 Mr. Favaloro, would you walk us through  
22 the Quality Jobs Program, please?

23 MR. FAVALORO:

24 Yes, sir.

25 I have four Quality Jobs Applications:

1           20110132 for Cornerstone Chemical Company in Jefferson  
2           Parish; 20121072 Dyno Nobel Louisiana Ammonia, LLC in  
3           Jefferson; 20120065 for Jeld-Wen, Inc.; and 201033,  
4           Westlake Vinyls Company, LP & Westlake Management  
5           Services, Inc. in Ascension.

6                           That concludes the Quality Jobs.

7                   MR. JONES:

8                           Thank you, sir.

9                           Do I have a motion to approve?

10                   MR. HARRIS:

11                           So moved.

12                   MR. JONES:

13                           From Mayor Harris, a second from  
14           Mr. Burgess.

15                           Do we have any comments from the Board?

16                           (No response.)

17                   MR. JONES:

18                           Any comments from the floor?

19                           (No response.)

20                   MR. JONES:

21                           All in favor, say "aye".

22                           (Several members respond "aye".)

23                   MR. JONES:

24                           Any opposition?

25                           (No response.)

1 MR. JONES:

2 There being none, that motion carries.

3 Ms. Lambert, walk us through the Tax  
4 Abatement Program, please.

5 MS. LAMBERT:

6 Yes, sir. Thank you.

7 I have three new applications. First  
8 one is 20110864 for 333 Third Street, LLC in East Baton  
9 Rouge; 20100660 Bywater Art Lofts, II, LLC; 20110176  
10 Tessier Building, LLC, East Baton Rouge. And the one  
11 before was from Orleans Parish, for a total of three new  
12 applications.

13 MR. JONES:

14 Thank you, Ms. Lambert.

15 Do I have a motion to approve?

16 Ms. Gale Potts-Roque.

17 Do I have a second?

18 Second from Mr. Fruge.

19 Any comments from the Board?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. JONES:

22 Seeing none, any comments from the  
23 floor?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. JONES:

1                   Seeing none, all in favor, say "aye".

2                   (Several members respond "aye".)

3                   MR. JONES:

4                   Any opposition?

5                   (No response.)

6                   MR. JONES:

7                   There being none, that motion carries.

8                   MS. LAMBERT:

9                   All right. Thank you.

10                   We have two Renewal Applications. The  
11 first one is 20020145 for Abita Blends, LLC in St.  
12 Tammany. The second one is for 050935 Amedysis Holding,  
13 LLC in East Baton Rouge Parish, for a total of two  
14 Renewal Applications.

15                   MR. JONES:

16                   Do we have a motion to approve?

17                   By Ms. Smith. Second from Mr. Soprano.

18                   Any comments from the Board?

19                   (No response.)

20                   MR. JONES:

21                   Seeing none, any comments from the  
22 floor?

23                   (No response.)

24                   MR. JONES:

25                   All in favor, say "aye".

1 (Several members respond "aye".)

2 MR. JONES:

3 Any opposition?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. JONES:

6 There being none, the motion carries.

7 Next.

8 MS. LAMBERT:

9 We have one Full Transfer of Ownership  
10 from one owner to another with contract number 20040837  
11 Capitol House Hotel Development Company, LLC in Baton  
12 Rouge. It appears that RBP -- I'm not sure where that  
13 came from, but it should be East Baton Rouge Parish --  
14 excuse me, it's to RBP Baton Rouge, LLC, East Baton  
15 Rouge Parish.

16 MR. JONES:

17 So the new owner is RBP?

18 MS. LAMBERT:

19 Correct.

20 MR. JONES:

21 Motion for approval from Mr. Burgess --  
22 excuse me, Mr. King. Second from Mr. Elmore.

23 Any comments from the Board?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. JONES:

1 Any comments from the floor?

2 (No response.)

3 MR. JONES:

4 There being none, all in favor, say  
5 "aye".

6 (Several members respond "aye".)

7 MR. JONES:

8 Any opposition?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. JONES:

11 There being none, that motion carries.

12 MS. LAMBERT:

13 All right. The second one is for a  
14 Split Transfer, a Partial Transfer of Ownership from one  
15 owner to a new owner, and this will be the usual  
16 occasion where we -- maybe they do, as I understand it,  
17 property was developed into condos and hen later sold  
18 into individual units. So as the individual owners may  
19 request to transfer their portion, then that portion  
20 will become their part of the contract, and they will  
21 need to deal with the assessor on the actual square  
22 footage, the percentage of square footage, of the home.  
23 Our job is to make sure that we have a different number  
24 for their new contract, otherwise, one contract number  
25 will be reflected for all new owners, and it will be a

1 database nightmare.

2 MR. JONES:

3 They will have to then go resolve the  
4 actual tax due with the tax assessor?

5 MS. LAMBERT:

6 Correct.

7 MR. JONES:

8 Okay. Thank you.

9 MS. LAMBERT:

10 So the original contract is 051166, the  
11 previous owner is 1301 North Rampart, LLC in Orleans  
12 Parish, and their two new contracts numbers -- and  
13 please note that behind the first one is an "N", and the  
14 second one is a "0". That indicates that A through L  
15 are other properties, and they'll be coming up at the  
16 next Board meeting. They don't necessarily come in the  
17 order in which they're presented. Those had to wait for  
18 a resolution of those, so when you see the others next  
19 period, you'll see it progression. The new owner of  
20 05116N is Gregory and Patricia Kahn, the same address,  
21 at Unit Number 202, and the second one is 0501160, Alex  
22 De Bram, at Unit Number 308.

23 MR. JONES:

24 Great. Thank you for that information.

25 Motion to approve from Mr. Lipsey.

1 Second from Ms. Atkins.

2 Any discussion from the Board?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. JONES:

5 Any discussion from the floor?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. JONES:

8 Seeing none, all in favor, say "aye".

9 (Several members respond "aye".)

10 MR. JONES:

11 Any opposition?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. JONES:

14 There being none, that motion passes.

15 MS. LAMBERT:

16 The next one is a Special Request to  
17 correct a company name on a previously-approved contract  
18 in September by the Board. The company notified us  
19 after the fact that the name had been changed back in  
20 2011 with the Secretary of State for which it has been  
21 verified the New Orleans City Council has approved a  
22 correction for the resolution that was made to endorse  
23 this application, so we do have the documentation  
24 stating that the correct company name is Superior  
25 Seafood and Oyster Bar, LLC.

1 MR. JONES:

2 Great. Thank you.

3 Motion to approve, Ms. Smith. Second  
4 from Mr. Elmore.

5 Any comments from the Board?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. JONES:

8 Any comments from the floor?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. JONES:

11 There being none, all in favor, say  
12 "aye".

13 (Several members respond "aye".)

14 MR. JONES:

15 Any opposition?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. JONES:

18 There being none, that motion carries.

19 MS. LAMBERT:

20 I will point out one thing on that  
21 previous contract is that this change in company name is  
22 different than a formal name change request. There's a  
23 form that, you know, we do name changes and transfers.  
24 Because this name change did not occur after the  
25 contract was issued, it is not, therefore, required to

1 submit a name change form, so it was really an internal  
2 technical issue. We just wanted to get the record  
3 straight because the name had actually been changed, but  
4 the company didn't notify us prior to the approval.

5 MR. JONES:

6 Thank you, Mrs. Lambert.

7 MS. LAMBERT:

8 And that actually goes into the Second  
9 Special Request, which came after the initial agenda was  
10 prepared, and this was for 1770 Tchoupitoulas, Inc., for  
11 Contract 20071275. That's on the special additional  
12 document that was handed out to you. And there are  
13 actually two minor issues in it as well. It was  
14 approved as 1770 Tchoupitoulas, Inc., however, the  
15 company's name is LLC. That, too, had been changed back  
16 in February prior to the Board approval, and the company  
17 just notified us earlier last week that when we sent  
18 them their contract, they sent it back to us signed.  
19 They noted to us, "Oh, by the way, could you please  
20 change that Inc. to LLC, and it's not just that easy.  
21 We want to make sure that it all gets documented  
22 correctly and that the Board minutes reflect that.

23 And the same thing goes for construction  
24 dates. There is no issue with staff in changing the  
25 dates because it's still a period of less than 24

1 months. They just changed the dates, and, you know,  
2 we'll make that correction. Since I'm actually sending  
3 out a corrected contract with the LLC with your  
4 approval, we'll go ahead and make the correction on the  
5 application so that the contract will reflect the March  
6 31 date and not -- excuse me, the 7/31 date and not the  
7 March 31 date on the initial contract.

8 MR. JONES:

9 And before we get into the motion to  
10 approve, a little bit of housekeeping, the agenda that  
11 was after the agenda, was that agenda properly posted 24  
12 hours ahead of the meeting?

13 MS. LAMBERT:

14 Yes, sir.

15 MR. JONES:

16 It was?

17 MS. LAMBERT:

18 Yes, sir.

19 MR. JONES:

20 If that's the case, then I would  
21 entertain a motion to approve this Special Request.

22 Senator Martiny, second from  
23 Mr. Burgess.

24 Any comments from the Board?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. JONES:

2 Any comments from the floor?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. JONES:

5 There being none, all in favor, say

6 "aye".

7 (Several members respond "aye".)

8 MR. JONES:

9 Any opposition?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. JONES:

12 There being none, that motion passes.

13 Thank you very much, Ms. Lambert. We  
14 appreciate your explanations.

15 All right. Ms. Friedkin.

16 MS. FRIEDKIN:

17 There are 27 applications for the  
18 Enterprise Zone Program: 717 Conti, LLC, doing business  
19 as St. Ann Marie Antionette in Orleans; 730 Rue  
20 Bienville, LLC, doing business as St. Louis Hotel  
21 Ampirical Solutions, LLC in St. Tammany; Bollinger  
22 Marine Fabricators, LLC in St. Mary; Central Management  
23 Concepts, LLC in St. Tammany; Cochrane Technologies  
24 Incorporated in Lafayette; Deli Management Incorporated,  
25 doing business as Jason's Deli, LLC in Calcasieu; FedEx

1 Freight Incorporated in Caddo; Ganga, LLC, doing  
2 business as Wingate Inn in Bossier; Lakeside Dental  
3 Associates, LLC in Jefferson; Louisiana Fish Fry  
4 Products, Limited in East Baton Rouge; Ochsner Baptist  
5 Medical Center, LLC in Orleans; Ochsner Clinic  
6 Foundation in Jefferson; Ochsner Medical Center Kenner,  
7 LLC in Jefferson; Ochsner Medical Center Westbank, LLC  
8 in Jefferson; Rapides Lodging Partners in Rapides; Sam's  
9 East, Incorporated, doing business as Sam's Club Number  
10 4837 in Livingston; Southern Recycling, LLC, one in  
11 Orleans and one in Lafayette; St. Claude Gentle Dental,  
12 LLC in Orleans; Susco Solutions, LLC in Orleans; TCI  
13 Packaging, LLC in Orleans; Ulta Salon, Cosmetics &  
14 Fragrances, Incorporated, doing business as Ulta Beauty,  
15 there's two, one in Terrebonne, and one in Ouachita.

16 MR. JONES:

17 Very good. Do we have a motion to  
18 approve?

19 MR. HARRIS:

20 So moved.

21 MR. JONES:

22 Mayor Harris, second from Ms. Atkins.

23 Any comments from the Board?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. JONES:

1 Any comments from the floor?

2 (No response.)

3 MR. JONES:

4 I see none. All in favor, say "aye".

5 (Several members respond "aye".)

6 MR. JONES:

7 Any opposition?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. JONES:

10 There being none, that motion is passed.

11 MS. FRIEDKIN:

12 There's a Multi-Housing Application,  
13 EMAC Partners, 2007 LP, doing business as Meadows in  
14 Calcasieu Parish.

15 MS. POTTS-ROQUE:

16 I have a question.

17 MR. JONES:

18 Let's get a motion. Let's have a motion  
19 to approve before.

20 Is there a motion to approve?

21 MR. JONES:

22 Ms. Smith. Do we have a second?

23 MR. LIPSEY:

24 So moved.

25 MR. JONES:

1 Second from Mr. Lipsey.

2 Now, Ms. Potts-Roque, your question.

3 MS. POTTS-ROQUE:

4 I was just wondering why we have a  
5 multi-family housing project on the agenda at this time.

6 MS. FRIEDKIN:

7 That's because the Advance Notification  
8 was are received timely and now this project has  
9 completed, so once the projects are completed, then it's  
10 taken to the Board of Commerce and then taken before you  
11 guys approve.

12 MS. POTTS-ROQUE:

13 Okay.

14 MR. JONES:

15 Does that answer your question,  
16 Ms. Potts-Roque?

17 MS. POTTS-ROQUE:

18 Yes.

19 MR. JONES:

20 I'm not convinced it did, but I'll take  
21 your word for it.

22 MS. FRIEDKIN:

23 I'm not convinced either.

24 MR. JONES:

25 All right. We have a motion and a

1 second. Any other comments from the Board?

2 (No response.)

3 MR. JONES:

4 Any comments from the floor?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. JONES:

7 All in favor, say "aye".

8 (Several members respond "aye".)

9 MR. JONES:

10 Any opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 MR. JONES:

13 There being none, that motion carries.

14 MS. FRIEDKIN:

15 There are two Front End Contracts.

16 Front End Contracts is whenever a company is spending  
17 over \$100-million. We have Cheniere LNG O&M Services,  
18 LLC in Beauregard Parish, and Impala Warehousing US, LLC  
19 in Ascension Parish.

20 MR. JONES:

21 Do we have a motion to approve?

22 MR. BURGESS:

23 So moved.

24 MR. JONES:

25 Moved by Mr. Burgess. Second by

1 Mr. Windham.

2 Any comments from the Board?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. JONES:

5 Any comments from the floor?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. JONES:

8 There being no comments, all in favor,  
9 say "aye".

10 (Several members respond "aye".)

11 MR. JONES:

12 Any opposition?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. JONES:

15 There being none, that motion carries.

16 MS. FRIEDKIN:

17 There are four applications for  
18 cancelation: Acadian Health, LLC, doing business as  
19 Just Kids Dental, the application was approved in  
20 October 2011. The signed contracts have never been  
21 returned after a couple of requests. Then we have  
22 Complete Home Health, Incorporated in Lafayette. The  
23 same thing. That's in October 2009, and the company has  
24 never returned the contracts. Crane & Templet I Am  
25 Blessed Properties, LLC, doing business as Crane &

1       Templet, Incorporated. It was approved in February of  
2       2011 with an objection. The objection was cleared up in  
3       September of 2011, and the contracts have never been  
4       returned. NMC Operating Company, LLC in East Baton  
5       Rouge, the application was approved in February of 2011.  
6       The objection was cleared in September of 2011, and the  
7       contracts have never been returned.

8                   MR. JONES:

9                   We have a motion from Mayor Harris, and  
10          we'll get to your question in just a second.

11                   Do we have a second?

12                   From Ms. Atkins.

13                   Your question?

14                   MR. HARRIS:

15                   I'm not sure how many of those companies  
16          individually on their own come and file for these tax  
17          incentive programs, so my question is, whether it's an  
18          economic development commission, such as in Jefferson,  
19          or a consultant that does business on a regular basis,  
20          when you run into situation that we're not getting  
21          response from the companies, do you have on file the  
22          person or the organization that has originally brought  
23          that to our attention, and do you notify them to say,  
24          "Hey, what's going on?"

25                   MS. FRIEDKIN:

1                   No, sir. We only notify the company  
2                   that we have authority to talk about this company, so if  
3                   it's a consultant -- I know one of these is a  
4                   consultant, and they talk to the company. I sent it to  
5                   the company, and I cannot get a response from them. I  
6                   will send it in the mail, also, going, you know, "Where  
7                   is it? Where's your contract, your signed contract?"

8                   MR. HARRIS:

9                   So you don't make the effort to contact  
10                  the third-party who's assisted in this matter?

11                  MS. FRIEDKIN:

12                  No, sir.

13                  MR. HARRIS:

14                  Okay. Thank you.

15                  MR. JONES:

16                  Any other questions or comments from the  
17                  Board?

18                  (No response.)

19                  MR. JONES:

20                  From the floor?

21                  (No response.)

22                  MR. JONES:

23                  Seeing none, all in favor say "aye".

24                  (Several members respond "aye".)

25                  MR. JONES:

1 Any opposition?

2 (No response.)

3 MR. JONES:

4 There being none, that motion carries.

5 MS. FRIEDKIN:

6 I have three contract cancelations: 407  
7 Notre Dame, LLC in Orleans. The Board reinstated this  
8 in June of 2012 with the understanding that they must  
9 submit the ECR. They finally submitted the ECR, and  
10 there were no jobs created. And I've got Frank Silva &  
11 Sons, LLC in Jefferson Parish. I could not get them to  
12 submit Employee Certification Reports, which verifies  
13 that there were jobs created meeting the hiring  
14 requirements. And then there's Hunt, Guillot &  
15 Associates, LLC in East Baton Rouge Parish, and they  
16 want to cancel their Enterprise Zone Contract so they  
17 can go to Quality Jobs.

18 MR. JONES:

19 Okay. Do we have a motion to accept  
20 these contracts for cancelation?

21 Ms. Potts-Roque. Second from Mr. King.

22 Any comments from the Board?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. JONES:

25 Questions?

1 (No response.)

2 MR. JONES:

3 Any comments or questions from the  
4 floor?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. JONES:

7 There being none, all in favor of the  
8 motion, say "aye".

9 (Several members respond "aye".)

10 MR. JONES:

11 Any opposition?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. JONES:

14 There being none, that motion carries.

15 MS. FRIEDKIN:

16 I have an Application for Reinstatement  
17 for Champagne Beverage Company, Incorporated in St.  
18 Tammany Parish. The application was approved in August  
19 of 2009. An objection was issued. It wasn't cleared up  
20 timely, so it was canceled in October of 2011, and then  
21 there was some legal issues that were finally resolved  
22 within the company. And the CEO discovered that the EZ  
23 application was canceled, and now they're asking for it  
24 to be reinstated. They have submitted their Employee  
25 Certification Reports, so the jobs have been created.

1 MR. JONES:

2 Okay. Do we have a motion to accept the  
3 Application for Reinstatement?

4 MR. HARRIS:

5 I'll be happy to move.

6 MR. JONES:

7 Motion by Mayor Harris. Second by  
8 Mr. Burgess.

9 Do we have any comments or questions?

10 MR. HARRIS:

11 Mr. Chairman, I'm wondering when it  
12 would be proper to consider a motion as far as  
13 procedures by the staff in the future for cancelation of  
14 contract? We certainly have a motion on the floor to  
15 approve this, but it kind of goes to my line of thinking  
16 that I've since found out. We canceled their contract,  
17 and then the CEO said, "What do you mean they canceled  
18 it?" And here they are back again. So I'm wondering if  
19 we should make that extra effort in notifying them, but  
20 I'd like to do that in a separate motion. But I have no  
21 problem -- I mean, if this the staff's recommendation, I  
22 have no problem in going with this motion, but then I  
23 would like to...

24 MR. JONES:

25 Try to solve the problem.

1 MR. HARRIS:

2 Possibly.

3 MS. FRIEDKIN:

4 May I make a statement?

5 MR. JONES:

6 Of course.

7 MS. FRIEDKIN:

8 We were dealing with the CFO on  
9 Champagne Beverage, so, you know, we were talking to the  
10 CFO on this one, but he got in trouble.

11 MR. HARRIS:

12 That's why I'm not talking about this  
13 particular one. I'll talking about it when I'm ready to  
14 talk about it.

15 MR. JONES:

16 All right. That will be fine.

17 We have a motion and a second to approve  
18 this Application for Reinstatement. Any questions or  
19 comments from the Board?

20 Ms. Potts-Roque.

21 MS. POTTS-ROQUE:

22 I have a question, did we set a protocol  
23 for reinstatement of cancelations of contracts in the  
24 last couple of years within the rules committee? Do  
25 y'all remember that? Maybe we only talked about it and

1           didn't get it accomplished.

2                       MS. FRIEDKIN:

3                               I don't think we've talked about it  
4       Ms. Potts, Ms. Gale.

5                       MS. POTTS-ROQUE:

6                               We talked about setting a timeframe for  
7       people to come back and have their contract reinstated  
8       within the Rules Committee. I don't remember if --

9                       MR. JONES:

10                              I don't remember either.

11                       MS. POTTS-ROQUE:

12                              -- if that was solidified or if that was  
13       just conversation or if we actually took any action on  
14       it. Can someone check into that, and then in the  
15       future, we'll have a protocol, if they meet within that  
16       timeframe, because it kind of puts us in an awkward  
17       situation sometimes. At least I feel that way, anyway.

18                       MS. FRIEDKIN:

19                              I do too.

20                       MR. JONES:

21                              You're thinking that may have gone to  
22       Mayor Harris' point as well?

23                       MS. POTTS-ROQUE:

24                              Yes.

25                       MR. JONES:

1 All right.

2 MS. POTTS-ROQUE:

3 Jerry, if you remember, we had some  
4 situations where a contract was canceled, more than one,  
5 and then the people came to us because they said, you  
6 know, because of Katrina and so forth, they didn't  
7 get -- they didn't -- one had a fire, after the flood  
8 and had initial damages and their contract was canceled  
9 because nobody was corresponding with the department  
10 here and then we decided to set something -- or we  
11 talked about setting something and giving them a  
12 timeframe after a cancelation to come back and have  
13 their contract reinstated; do you recall that?

14 MR. JONES:

15 Your memory is very good, but you  
16 reminded me, absolutely.

17 MS. POTTS-ROQUE:

18 So if y'all would just check on that and  
19 let us so know at some point if that was only  
20 conversation or if we did put something in procedures to  
21 address that.

22 MR. JONES:

23 Okay. Mr. Grissom.

24 MR. GRISSOM:

25 I was just going to suggest that, you

1 know, we could look into prior conversations and also  
2 talk internally about, you know, the approach we've been  
3 taking, what improvements there might be, and if there  
4 are some improvements, come back and report to the  
5 Board, you know, at our next meeting, if that's  
6 something of interest to our Board members.

7 MR. JONES:

8 Communication is never perfect. Well,  
9 seldom perfect, but it's one of those things, at least  
10 to the point we could know that we've done everything in  
11 the department's power. I know Ms. Friedkin is very  
12 conscientious about that and sometimes we just have  
13 things that happen, such as CFOs not talking to their  
14 bosses, but, nevertheless, I think if we can at least  
15 know we're doing all that we can -- that goes Mayor  
16 Harris' point, and we can deal with all of that outside  
17 of Champagne Beverage Company, whom I'm sure did not  
18 expect have to much of the discussions on the table this  
19 morning or this afternoon. Nevertheless, this is not  
20 about Champagne Beverage Company as much as it is about  
21 process and procedure.

22 Any other comments or questions about  
23 Champagne Beverage Company?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. JONES:

1 All right. Any other comments from the  
2 floor?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. JONES:

5 There being none, all in favor, say  
6 "aye".

7 (Several members respond "aye".)

8 MR. JONES:

9 Any opposition?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. JONES:

12 There is no none. That motion for  
13 Application Reinstatement passes.

14 Next, Ms. Friedkin.

15 MS. FRIEDKIN:

16 I have three Contact Name Changes.  
17 They're all for the same company, but they're different  
18 applications: PL Midstream, LLC is wanting to change  
19 their name to Boardwalk Louisiana Midstream, LLC.  
20 There's two in Calcasieu and one in Iberia -- Iberville,  
21 I'm sorry.

22 MR. JONES:

23 Okay. And the contract numbers are in  
24 our packets?

25 MS. FRIEDKIN:

1 Yes.

2 MR. JONES:

3 Do we have a motion to approve those  
4 Contract Name Changes?

5 Ms. Potts-Roque. Second, Mr. Fruge.

6 And comments from the Board?

7 (No response.)

8 MR. JONES:

9 There being none, any comments from the  
10 floor?

11 (No response.)

12 MR. JONES:

13 There being none, all in favor, say  
14 "aye".

15 (Several members respond "aye".)

16 MR. JONES:

17 Any opposition?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. JONES:

20 There being none, motion passes. Thank  
21 you very much.

22 All right. Next, Industrial Tax  
23 Exemption, Ms. Weber.

24 MS. WEBER:

25 Okay.

1 MR. JONES:

2 We have 89 new applications, I see, on  
3 the agenda. I would entertain a motion to handle those  
4 in globo as opposed to handling each one individual.

5 MR. SOPRANO:

6 So moved.

7 MR. JONES:

8 I have a motion from Mr. Soprano.  
9 Second from Mr. Burgess.

10 It's not that we don't love you,  
11 Ms. Weber, it's just a long list --

12 MR. SOPRANO:

13 We love you, that's the reason we're  
14 doing this.

15 MS. WEBER:

16 You're so sweet to me.

17 MR. JONES:

18 Any comments from the Board?

19 (No response.)

20 MR. JONES:

21 Any comments from the floor?

22 Yes, sir.

23 MR. DOSS:

24 Good afternoon. I an Gene Doss with  
25 Entergy, and there is typo correction on one of the

1 contracts. It would be the 10th from the bottom. It's  
2 Contract Number 20111213. The amount that's picked up  
3 was the gross amount. The net amount of investment  
4 is --

5 MS. WEBER:

6 Okay. Basically what it is is our  
7 program did a AFC on it and it didn't included -- it  
8 included the restricted amount in the overall project  
9 amount. It will be corrected through the AFC.

10 MR. JONES:

11 Okay.

12 MR. DOSS:

13 Thank you.

14 MR. JONES:

15 Good. Thank you, Mr. Doss. I  
16 appreciate that.

17 We're voting right now on whether just  
18 to handle this in globo. All in favor, say "aye".

19 (Several members respond "aye".)

20 MR. JONES:

21 Any oppositions?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. JONES:

24 There being none, first of all, let's  
25 have a motion to accept the 89 new applications. You

1 have a question?

2 MS. ATKINS:

3 Yes.

4 MR. JONES:

5 Let me get a motion, then I'll let you  
6 ask your question or make your comments. Okay?

7 Do we have a motion?

8 Mr. Smith. Second Mr. King.

9 Now, Ms. Atkins.

10 MS. ATKINS:

11 I was going to announce that I needed to  
12 be recused.

13 MR. JONES:

14 From which case?

15 MS. ATKINS:

16 On the Century Marketing Solution, LLC.

17 MR. JONES:

18 That is Number 20120611?

19 MS. ATKINS:

20 Yes.

21 MR. JONES:

22 All right. So Ms. Atkins will we  
23 recusing herself, and, again, for anybody in the  
24 audience, that is a matter that Ms. Atkins is telling us  
25 that there's some sort of conflict of interest under the

1 ethics rules that govern our members. We're allowed to  
2 recuse ourselves when that conflict of participate n  
3 discussion or the vote.

4 All right. Any other recusals or  
5 questions or comments regarding these 89 applications?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. JONES:

8 And the correction that Mr. Doss has  
9 pointed out to us --

10 MS. WEBER:

11 That was the investment amount. The  
12 overall project amount will be corrected during the  
13 filing of the Affidavit of Final Cost.

14 MR. JONES:

15 Great. Okay. Good deal.

16 Does that answer your concern, Mr. Doss?

17 MR. DOSS:

18 Thank you.

19 MR. JONES:

20 Good. Thank you very much.

21 Any other comments from the Board?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. JONES:

24 Any comments from the floor?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. JONES:

2 There being none, all in favor, "aye".

3 (Several members respond "aye".)

4 MR. JONES:

5 Any opposition?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. JONES:

8 There being none, that motion carries.

9 MS. WEBER:

10 All right. Under the Specials, the  
11 first is a Transfer of Tax Exemption Contract: Novolyte  
12 Technologies, Incorporated, this is basically all of  
13 their active contracts, is being transferred to BASF  
14 Corporation. That's in East Baton Rouge. Again, PL  
15 Midstream, LLC is requesting the change of name of all  
16 of their contracts to Boardwalk Louisiana Midstream,  
17 LLC, and I have Calcasieu and Iberville, also.

18 MR. JONES:

19 Do we have a motion to approve these  
20 transfers?

21 Motion from Mr. Lipsey. Second from  
22 Mr. Gonsoulin.

23 Any comments from the Board?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. JONES:

1                                   Any questions or comments from the  
2 floor?

3                                   (No response.)

4                                   MR. JONES:

5                                   There being none, all in favor, say  
6 "aye".

7                                   (Several members respond "aye".)

8                                   MR. JONES:

9                                   Any opposition?

10                                  (No response.)

11                                  MR. JONES:

12                                  There being none, that motion carries.

13                                  Next.

14                                  MS. WEBER:

15                                  All right. Cancellation of Contract, the  
16 first three cancelations are all directly related to the  
17 General Motors company. Obviously, all active contracts  
18 for General Motors are being requested to cancel. A.G.  
19 Simpson USA, Incorporated and AI-Shreveport, all of  
20 these plants are closed as a result of the closing of  
21 the General Motors facility. They're requesting the  
22 cancellation since they're no longer manufacturing.  
23 Temple-Inland, Webster Parish, the plant closed as of  
24 July 12, 2012, and the company requests cancellation.  
25 Reagan Equipment Company, 20080077, this company shut

1 down in manufacturing of their product Kilo Pak and sold  
2 the facility. They request cancelation. This is in  
3 Jefferson.

4 MR. JONES:

5 Motion to approve these cancelations.

6 MR. WINDHAM:

7 I have a question.

8 MR. JONES:

9 Let's have a motion first, and then  
10 we'll answer your question.

11 Motion by Ms. Atkins. Second from  
12 Representative Ponti.

13 Now, I'm sorry, Mr. Windham, your  
14 question.

15 MR. WINDHAM:

16 I thought last month we agreed to leave  
17 these in place and they will market the facility?

18 MS. WEBER:

19 No.

20 MR. JONES:

21 Excellent question. Ms. Weber.

22 MS. WEBER:

23 It was Racer Properties, Racer Trust.  
24 General Motors is actually moving all of their equipment  
25 out of state. Racer Properties and Racer Trust is



1 any these contracts we are moving for cancelation?

2 We have a motion and a second.

3 Any comments from the floor?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. JONES:

6 All in favor, say "aye".

7 (Several members respond "aye".)

8 MR. JONES:

9 Any opposition?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. JONES:

12 There being none, that motion passes.

13 MS. WEBER:

14 All right. Special Circumstances, and  
15 before I start this, I want to preface this with the  
16 original language that I put in the agenda. The  
17 situation has been resolved, and what I'm requesting is  
18 that we consider this application for approval.  
19 Basically the company went before the Tax Commission,  
20 got their property taxes refunded, and there no longer  
21 an issue with regard to property taxes having been paid  
22 on these assets, so staff is recommending approval of  
23 this application.

24 MR. JONES:

25 Thank you, Ms. Weber. To make sure --

1 well, first of all, let me get a motion to approve  
2 the -- what is Diversified Foods actually asking us to  
3 do, Ms. Weber?

4 MS. WEBER:

5 They're asking us to approve exemption  
6 on the assets from 2010 for a period of five years.

7 MR. JONES:

8 All right. Thank you very much for  
9 making that record clear.

10 Do we have a motion to approve this  
11 request?

12 From Ms. Potts-Roque. Second from  
13 Mr. Burgess.

14 Now, I guess I want to be sure I'm clear  
15 on, Ms. Weber, this situation was created because the  
16 taxes were paid?

17 MS. WEBER:

18 Correct. And the understanding of the  
19 staff was that the Tax Commission letter indicated that  
20 the taxes would be refunded if the Board approved the  
21 exemption, however, there was a misunderstanding, and  
22 the Tax Commission issued a change order. The property  
23 taxes were refunded, so, therefore, the issue became  
24 mute.

25 MR. JONES:

1                   And the point here -- and I'll make sure  
2                   the Board understands this, is, as you look over your  
3                   agenda -- I have some questions about this as well --  
4                   the rules are very clear for ITEP program that we cannot  
5                   get an exemption when you've already paid your taxes.  
6                   In this situation, Diversified Food had paid their  
7                   taxes, and then came back and asked that the Tax  
8                   Commission refund that payment. There was some question  
9                   about how the Tax Commission handled it, but at the end  
10                  of the day, the refund was actually make, and I think  
11                  it's not unusual. It has at least happened in the past  
12                  that this Board has recognized that when there is a  
13                  refund, we treat it as though the taxes were never paid.

14                   MS. WEBER:

15                   That's correct.

16                   MR. JONES:

17                   Therefore qualifying the applicant for  
18                  participation in the program; is that fair?

19                   MS. WEBER:

20                   Correct. And considering this a  
21                  miscellaneous tax exemption, therefore, it's only  
22                  eligible for five years, so it will expire in 2015.

23                   MR. JONES:

24                   All right. Very good.

25                   MR. HARRIS:

1                   Mr. Chairman, I think I would like to  
2                   speak on behalf of the rule that says you don't give the  
3                   money back. The local government obtains the revenue,  
4                   when it comes in, they can spend it. When you get it  
5                   back, it puts somebody in the hole, so I think it's a  
6                   pretty good idea not to give the money back.

7                   MR. JONES:

8                   Absolutely. There's a very valid reason  
9                   for the rule. This was a situation where as it  
10                  progressed through our system, I think there was some  
11                  miscommunication or information about how things were  
12                  happening, which caused this to be a special  
13                  circumstance in your packet.

14                  MS. WEBER:

15                  Correct.

16                  MR. JONES:

17                  It all come in at the end of last week,  
18                  at least we got good information.

19                  MS. WEBER:

20                  Yes, sir.

21                  MR. JONES:

22                  We have a motion to approve this request  
23                  from Diversified Foods. Any other comments from the  
24                  Board?

25                  (No response.)

1 MR. JONES:

2 Any comments from the floor?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. JONES:

5 All in favor, say "aye".

6 (Several members respond "aye".)

7 MR. JONES:

8 Any opposition?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. JONES:

11 There being none, that motion carries.

12 And then we have Renewals.

13 MS. WEBER:

14 Well, we do have a status update on

15 Intralox.

16 MR. JONES:

17 Oh, I'm sorry.

18 MS. WEBER:

19 We got information that as of Friday,

20 September 28th, they have a total of four molding work

21 cells relocated, reinstalled and recommissioned at the

22 Hammond plant. These came in from the Jefferson

23 facility, I believe. All four are currently running

24 production job for that Associated Blending. They went

25 on and explained about the additional moves, more

1 equipment and increasing the lines and that sort of  
2 thing, and the last four machines will be moved and  
3 installed by December the 1st, putting them at 15  
4 machines at the end of this project. I think  
5 Mr. Burgess can explain a little bit better because he  
6 actually went to the facility.

7 MR. BURGESS:

8 Yes. I have visited the plant several  
9 times, and as of today, they have -- the facility was  
10 open on September the 24th with two molding machines.  
11 Now, they went in full operation with 15 machines  
12 working 24/7, and that's November the 9th. And as of  
13 today, they are fully staffed. They have four  
14 processors, eight operators and one maintenance.

15 MS. WEBER:

16 Right. And the reason I'm bringing this  
17 to the Board's attention is because when we found out  
18 that the facility wasn't being utilized, one of the  
19 requirements by the Board was that they had to be in  
20 full operation by the end this year. And they are, and  
21 I think they're doing a wonderful job.

22 MR. JONES:

23 Very good. Thank you, Mr. Burgess.  
24 Thank you, Ms. Weber.

25 MS. WEBER:

1 Yes, sir.

2 MR. JONES:

3 All right now we have renewals.

4 MS. WEBER:

5 Renewals.

6 MR. JONES:

7 Yes.

8 MS. WEBER:

9 There are 14 renewals: Cameron  
10 International, CP Bo-K Holdings, Mid South Extrusion,  
11 Rapides-Grant Gin, Robert Real Estate, Toshiba Machine  
12 Acceptance, Westlake Petrochemical, Westlake Polymers,  
13 Westlake Styrene and WPT, LLC, all in Calcasieu Parish.  
14 The Westlakes are all in Calcasieu. That's it.

15 MR. JONES:

16 All right. Do we have a motion to  
17 approve these renewals?

18 Motion from Ms. Atkins. Second from  
19 Mr. Windham.

20 Any comments from the Board?

21 (No response.)

22 MR. JONES:

23 Any questions?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. JONES:

1                   There being none, any comments from the  
2 floor?

3                   (No response.)

4                   MR. JONES:

5                   There being none, all in favor, say  
6 "aye".

7                   (Several members respond "aye".)

8                   MR. JONES:

9                   Any opposition?

10                  (No response.)

11                  MR. JONES:

12                  Y'all were real strong at the beginning  
13 of the meeting. You kind of petered out toward the end.

14                  Okay. There is no opposition that the  
15 motion still passes.

16                  MS. WEBER:

17                  I just want to make one point, when the  
18 record is printed, that we will reflect addition of  
19 Diversified Foods as an amendment to the agenda;  
20 correct?

21                  MR. JONES:

22                  No?

23                  MS. WEBER:

24                  No? Just as a separate issue?

25                  MR. JONES:

1                   Just as a separate issue. It's a  
2 separate issue that we voted on separately. We did not  
3 amend the agenda.

4                   MS. WEBER:

5                   Okay.

6                   MR. JONES:

7                   Is that a problem?

8                   MS. WEBER:

9                   No.

10                  MR. JONES:

11                  Okay. I don't want the staff to be  
12 unhappy with me, of all of the people in this room.

13                  All right. Good deal.

14                  Mr. Grissom.

15                  MR. GRISSOM:

16                  Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

17                  I wanted to take this time to review  
18 briefly a few project announcements that were the result  
19 of much effort within the department and that  
20 participate access within some of the programs here  
21 under CMI. First is UPS Midstream Services Universal  
22 Plant Services announced a \$3.9-million capital  
23 investment in Gena, Louisiana, 95 new jobs, with the  
24 estimated average salaries of more than \$73,000. We  
25 project that an additional 121 new indirect jobs will

1 result from the 95 direct jobs, so for a total of more  
2 than 2,200 new jobs in Central Louisiana. The facility  
3 will be a machine shop, manufacturer of compressor  
4 equipment and should be an exciting project for the Gena  
5 area and surrounding area.

6 The second is a very significant project  
7 announced in Westlake, Sasol, and this occurred last  
8 week, announced the largest manufacturing investment in  
9 Louisiana history. The investment will create more than  
10 7,000 direct and indirect jobs. It's one of largest  
11 more direct investment manufacturing projects in the  
12 history of the US, actually. Sasol has agreed or plans  
13 to invest between 16 and \$21-million dollars in an  
14 integrated GTL and ethane cracker complex in Westlake,  
15 Louisiana. The estimated average salaries of those  
16 direct jobs are nearly \$88,000 per year. The project  
17 involves the production of high-quality transportation  
18 fuels, GTL diesel. This is a cleaner burning,  
19 high-performance fuel with significant admission  
20 benefits, and GTL diesel can be used in existing  
21 vehicles and fuel delivery systems without  
22 modifications, so it's able to be utilized within the  
23 existing infrastructure. It also involves an ethane  
24 cracker complex, and so they'll be chemical products as  
25 well manufactured at the facility.

1           Both of those projects, again, very exciting  
2 wins for the State. They both anticipate in using the  
3 Quality Jobs Program, as well as the Industrial Tax  
4 Exemption Program, so I do expect that we'll see those  
5 on the agendas in the coming months, and both I think  
6 are going to create very significant economic impacts  
7 for they respective regions.

8           Since January 2008, we have now secured  
9 projects that are creating more than 63,000 new direct  
10 and indirect jobs, as well as more than \$28-billion in  
11 new capital investments. So this has certainly been an  
12 exciting year and an exciting several years for the  
13 State. We continue to manage the project pipeline, and  
14 anticipate a number of new and exciting announcements in  
15 the coming months.

16           I want to thank all of you for your  
17 participation on this Board. Your efforts are very  
18 important to the State's overall economic development  
19 efforts, and I just want to thank you for this year of  
20 service.

21           I'll be happy to answer any questions.

22           MR. JONES:

23           Any questions or comments for  
24 Mr. Grissom?

25           MR. HARRIS:

1                   Mr. Chairman, maybe I missed -- am I to  
2 understand that Mr. Grissom is going to have the  
3 comments at this meeting looked at and studied with a  
4 proposal at next month's meeting or -- I want to go back  
5 to my point about --

6                   MR. JONES:

7                   I don't think we resolved that, but now  
8 is as good of a time as any.

9                   I think the point that Mayor Harris is  
10 raising is the questioning that goes to both his and  
11 Gale's point as to whether we have addressed the issue  
12 of communication about cancelation of contracts or not,  
13 and I think that's your concern, was have we  
14 communicated with the stakeholders. And I think that  
15 the question we have is, first of all, have we already  
16 addressed this in some sort of rulemaking, and if not,  
17 perhaps the staff could bring us some recommendations  
18 that we might consider, and, obviously, we're having  
19 such activity at the table, we must have some comments  
20 already.

21                   MR. HARRIS:

22                   Let me preface your remarks by saying,  
23 I'm not trying to be onerous with the staff. It's just  
24 that I notice a lot of people here in the audience, and  
25 they're here to make a living, and you have some

1 consultants and you have some economic development  
2 organizations and they work very hard to get to a point  
3 and then they may go away and even though these  
4 companies are supposed to be big boys and they're  
5 supposed to understand, sometimes this gets a little  
6 complicated. It would be nice to CC the consultant or  
7 whoever brought them to the table to say, "Hey, we're  
8 going to cancel your contract," or else we're going to  
9 end up with some of the reinstatements that we have.  
10 That's my preface.

11 MS. CLAPINSKI:

12 Danielle Clapinski, Staff Attorney with  
13 LED. I just wanted to clarify a little bit as to your  
14 question. We have a form called Disclosure  
15 Authorization Form, and the company fills it out,  
16 basically granting us the authority to speak with a  
17 third-party regarding their application or contract. If  
18 that form is filled out and we have a third-party that  
19 we're authorized to speak to, they're notified through  
20 these activities. If we do not have a Disclosure  
21 Authorization to discuss with a third-party, that is  
22 when that does not occur.

23 MR. HARRIS:

24 I understand. However, once a person  
25 says, "All right. I've put my business out there. I'm

1 going to get this incentive. I don't want anybody else  
2 to know my business." I can understand why they may not  
3 expand that notification to other people, but at the  
4 same time, I think that we need to create the  
5 environment, like we want to make every effort to notify  
6 you if things go south. And I understand that form, but  
7 I'm just wondering if it's a matter of marketing to say  
8 we want to make sure that you get what you applied for,  
9 unlike these companies that come forward and say, "Hey,  
10 I want to cancel the contract." Okay. That's fine.  
11 They're doing something active. That's my point.

12 MS. CLAPINSKI:

13 Okay.

14 MR. JONES:

15 Let's take a look and see, first of all,  
16 have we already handled this, and, B, if not, does the  
17 staff has any recommendation or modification for  
18 consideration. That would be very helpful.

19 Mr. Grissom.

20 MR. GRISSOM:

21 I mean, based on what I'm hearing, I  
22 think it would be useful for the LED team to sit town  
23 together and talk about the processes and the processes  
24 we use and the forms that might be completed and, you  
25 know, come back next meeting with just some comments

1 that, you know, "Here's our approach we're currently  
2 using. I think we need to keep it because of X, Y, Z  
3 reasons," or, "Here's the approach we're currently  
4 using, I think we can make a few adjustments that might  
5 increase our communications and we plan to implement  
6 those. That way, we have a full picture and we'll have  
7 all of the internal thoughts within the LED staff kind  
8 of discussed and pulled together by the time we get back  
9 to the Board.

10 MR. HARRIS:

11 One bit of information that as a Board  
12 member that I would like to know is, you know, what is  
13 the percentage, you know, what's the total number of  
14 applications we get, what's the percentage of companies  
15 go alone and make the application. If you could come up  
16 with some statistics, because it may be just a very  
17 minor portion. It may could be a large portioner. I  
18 just have no way to judge.

19 MR. GRISSOM:

20 Sure. We can pull that together.

21 MR. JONES:

22 That way, our consultants and  
23 stakeholders can understand how well we're doing in  
24 getting the message out.

25 And speaking of next meeting, I think

1 all of the Board members have at your place the schedule  
2 for the 2013 meetings as well as the seminars. We'll  
3 note that our next meeting of this Board is on February  
4 26th, and importantly, we will be having an election of  
5 the new chairman for that, so those of you who might be  
6 interesting, start your politicking now because we will  
7 have campaign signs. I have a business, we can sell  
8 those signs to you. We have ballots we'll sell, the  
9 whole nine yards. I'm kidding. This was just a joke,  
10 but in any event, we will be having an election on the  
11 26th. And, also, I want to -- this is relatively new  
12 for us, although, it's getting less and less new, but I  
13 think it's very special that we have today with us two  
14 of our legislators, Senator Martiny and Representative  
15 Ponti. We appreciate y'all taking time. I know there  
16 are members of the Board, but it's a lot for you guys to  
17 come in and serve with us, but we know it's special, the  
18 legislature put you on here with us and we appreciate  
19 your attendance.

20 MR. MARTINY:

21 Thank you.

22 MR. JONES:

23 Thank you for your input.

24 Anything else for the good of the order  
25 today?

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(No response.)

MR. JONES:

Going, going. Do I have a motion to adjourn?

MR. HARRIS:

So moved.

MR. JONES:

So moved. Second.

All in favor, say "aye".

(Several members respond "aye".)

MR. JONES:

We will see you on the 26th. Hope everybody has a great holiday.

(Meeting concludes at 2:23 p.m.)

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