

PUBLIC NOTICE
LOWER NINTH WARD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 5:30 PM

The Lower Ninth Ward Economic Development District Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 5:30 PM** at Andrew P. Sanchez Multi-Service Center located at 1616 Fats Domino Ave, New Orleans, LA 70117.

Join Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85247744867?pwd=R1FqcUJFeU9CTVdUa0hYK293azFUdz09>

Minutes Prepared by: Igenue Adams, L9EDD Administrative Assistant

1. Call to Order at 5:56pm

- i. The meeting was called to order by Keisha Henry.

2. Roll Call.

- i. L9EDD Board members present: Willie Calhoun, Keisha Henry, Otis Tucker, Randolph Davis, Bill Waiters, Kendall Parker (via Zoom), Yvonne Martin, Stephen Mosgrove, Igenue Adams
- ii. L9EDD Board members not present: Jean Morris, Leona Tate
- iii. NOLABA members present: Chandra Teddleton, Greg Lawson (via Zoom)

3. Adopt Agenda for Board Meeting

Mr. Randolph Davis made a motion to adopt the agenda. Dr. Kendall Parker seconded the motion.

4. Approve Minutes for Board Meeting

Mr. Otis Tucker made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 2023 meeting. Mr. Randolph Davis seconded the motion. A working meeting was conducted in February.

5. Chairman Report

Ms. Keisha Henry welcomed the new commissioners- Yvonne Martin and Stephen Mosgrove. Ms. Henry shared that the CEA is currently being audited. The financials and programs are currently being reviewed. Ms. Henry informed board members that Ethics Training is mandatory and will be held on March 21st. Board members were given an option to attend an in-person training through Eventbrite or participate in a Zoom meeting. The Zoom link will be provided subsequently.

6. Old Business

Ms. Keisha Henry stated all requirements have been submitted to the State Board of Commissions and CEA has been accepted- revisions will be finalized by the next month's meeting. Ms. Henry stated that the strategic plan is ongoing, and she provided board members with a copy of the Trep Wise +Discovery Plan, which serves a guide to create a strategic framework grounded in community needs and L9EDD capacity. The Strategic Plan will be completed by mid-May.

7. New Business

CEA Projects

Capital Outlay Committee

Mr. Otis Tucker reported the status of the Capital Outlay Committee. Mr. Tucker provided the upcoming meeting date which will be March 23, 2023, at 5:30 via Zoom. Mr. Tucker presented the RUDAT report. In addition, Mr. Tucker reported detailed prospective partnerships and possible future projects with the Urban Land Institute, St. Maurice Wharf and Light City. Mr. Calhoun added that the St. Maurice Wharf needs to be renovated and put back into commerce. Mr. Tucker and Mr. Calhoun noted that the Urban Land Institute is also interested in restoring blight in the Lower Ninth Ward. Ms. Henry suggested that the committee partner with Chicken Mart because of their unwavering commitment to the residents of the Lower Ninth Ward. The committee's primary goal is to create revenue in the Lower Nine instead of solely depending on the state. Members of the board and public were encouraged to join the committee. Commissioner Mosgrove and Ron Mazier expressed an interest in joining the committee.

Treasurer Report

Mr. Willie Calhoun presented the treasury report and stated that \$202,089 is in the bank. Mr. Calhoun stated that payments to fund programs and contractors are still being held until the audit concludes.

Strategic Plan

Ms. Henry provided an overview of the L9EDD Strategic Plan and discussed projects and next steps. The L9EDD will work with community members to discuss the L9EDD Strategic Plan.

Presentation

Mr. Leon Waters, the Chairperson of the Louisiana Museum of African American History, expressed his desire to partner with L9EDD to bring true economic development to the Lower Nine.

8. Public Comment(s)

Mr. Ron Mazier, a community member, requested access to previous meeting minutes that were not posted on the state’s website.

9. Adjourn Ms. Henry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM

Lower Ninth Ward Economic Development Commissioners

Appointing Entity Title/Name	Commissioner Appointed
Mayor LaToya Cantrell	Yvonne Martin
Mayor LaToya Cantrell	Stephen Mosgrove
City Council Oliver Thomas	Otis Tucker
City Council Oliver Thomas	Kendall Parker
State Representative Candace Newell	Randolph Davis
State Representative Candace Newell	Keisha Henry
State Senator Joe Bouie	Jean Morris
State Senator Joe Bouie	Bill Waiters
Lower Ninth Ward Neighborhood Association	Leona Tate
Table Connect Group	Rev. Willie Calhoun
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