

PUBLIC NOTICE
LOWER NINTH WARD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 5:30 PM

The Lower Ninth Ward Economic Development District Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 19, 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 and William Waiters, L9EDD Secretary

1. Call to Order at 5:46 pm

- 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, Jean Morris, Stephen Mosgrove and Igenue Adams
- ii. L9EDD Board members not present: Yvonne Martin and Leona Tate
- iii. Trepwise members present via Zoom: Khiry Van Allen and Haley Burns

3. Adopt Agenda for Board Meeting

Keisha Henry made a motion to adopt the agenda. Otis Tucker seconded the motion.

4. Approve Minutes for Board Meeting

Rev. Willie Calhoun made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 2023 meeting. Otis Tucker seconded the motion.

5. Chairman Report

Ms. Keisha Henry provided the CEA update. She reported the following information:

- The CEA programs are being audited.
- Trepwise is working with the L9EDD to develop a strategic plan.
- Fresh Start Phlebotomy Academy at MLK, one of the CEA programs, has begun.

New Business

CEA Projects

Keisha Henry shared pertinent information regarding the CEA projects that will be sponsored by the L9EDD:

1. Fresh Start Phlebotomy Academy
 - The program is offered to MLK students and 20 residents of the Lower Ninth Ward.
 - The program will train individuals to become licensed phlebotomists in Louisiana.
2. Forstall Park Clean Up Project for Youth Program
 - The program starts in the fall.
 - L9EDD will sponsor football equipment for youth ages 5-14.
3. Youth Business Development Program
 - The program is designed for students who are interested in entrepreneurship.
4. MLK Career Day
 - The event has been postponed and will occur in two weeks. A date has not been selected.
 - A committee will be formed to spearhead this project and a future date, time and particulars will be determined.
5. Yard Signs
 - Purchase yard signs that will focus on keeping the Lower Nine clean and provide information about the L9EDD.
 - Jean Morris will garner three bids from vendors who will design and reproduce the signs.
 - The anticipated date of completion is May 31, 2023.
6. Catch Basin
 - The breakdown of the storm drain filter budget was provided, and program details were discussed.

Committee Updates

Capital Outlay Committee

Otis Tucker has reached out to establish partnerships with Urban Land Institute and Make Right. Mr. Leon Waters, a committee member, expressed the importance of securing funding from multiple sources and examining the Infrastructure Bill. The committee's next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 5:30 PM.

Old Business

Strategic Planning Committee

Members of Trepwise, Khiry Van Allen and Haley Burns, discussed the L9EDD strategic planning process, which is expected to occur in four sessions: 1. Presentation of Discovery Report 2. Strategic Plan-Intro 3. Strategic Plan Priorities and Initiatives 4. Complete Strategic Plan Draft. The presentation of the Discovery Report will take place April 25, 2023, via zoom. Available dates for future sessions were provided. The Strategic Plan presentation for the community will take place June 6th or 8th.

Public Comment

Jean Morris announced that she is now a member of the Holy Cross Board. Bette Perez, Vice President of Holy Cross, stated the next Holy Cross meeting will be held Thursday, April 20,2023 at 6 PM at the St. Maurice Villa. Ms. Tammie Jackson, the head of Safety and Permits, will be in attendance. Everyone was urged to attend the meeting.

Adjournment

Keisha Henry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 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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