

**BioDistrict New Orleans
Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, June 25, 2015

935 Gravier Street, Suite 2020, New Orleans, LA

Commissioners Present: Dr. Gene D'Amour, Mr. John Hope, Mr. Henry Hays, Mr. Charles Rice, Jr., Ms. Sharon Courtney, Mr. Harold Gaspard, Ms. Kelisha Garrett (via phone), Mr. Darrick LaBoeuf (via phone)

Commissioners Absent: Mr. Andy Kopplin, Dr. Larry Hollier, Mr. Roger Ogden, Reverend Kaseem Short, Ms. Donna Klein, Ms. Yvette Jones, Ms. Kacie Kelly

Others: New Orleans Business Alliance staff (Melissa Ehlinger & Fernando Rivera); David Rieveschl & Paula Estrada-DeMartin, Baker Donelson; Jamie Guillory (via phone)

Quorum: Not Present

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 8:40 AM CST.

II. Roll Call

G. D'Amour performed a roll call of board commissioners. Quorum was not present.

III. Adopt Agenda for Board Meeting

IV. Introduction of Guest(s)

G. D'Amour recognized all of those individuals present in addition to the board. David Rieveschl of Baker Donelson gave a brief report on the Life Sciences Industry Survey that was developed. The Life Sciences Industry Survey will, among other things, highlight the strengths and weaknesses in the state. D. Reiveschl expressed that he would like NOLABA and BioDistrict to get involved with the survey by sharing it with NOLABA members and partners. The goal is to have the survey go public by November 2015.

V. Call for Public Input Cards on Agenda Items

No public input cards were received.

VI. Adoption of Minutes

G. D'Amour requested any changes to the previous meeting minutes from the present commissioners. No changes were requested. The minutes were not adopted due to lack of quorum.

VII. Financial Report

Financial report was distributed and G. D'Amour gave a verbal report on the current financial state of the organization. G. D'Amour reported, the District does have some cash reserves in the bank and is seeking funding through BioDistrict Associates Program to meet budget requirements.

VIII. Chairman's Report

G. D'Amour provided a verbal update on the McNamara case. G. D'Amour also confirmed that the state registration paperwork is complete and that the Board is current on those filing requirements.

IX. Update on New Orleans Business Alliance Initiatives

Melissa Ehlinger, Interim CEO of New Orleans Business Alliance ("NOLABA"), updated the board on the current bio work that is being coordinated by NOLABA and stressed the importance of the Bio Cluster as a high priority for NOLABA. M. Ehlinger also updated the board on the outcome of the NOLABA CEO search process and announced the incoming CEO, Quentin Messer, Jr. M. Ehlinger also informed the board that the final transition of the BioDistrict website has occurred and that all traffic will be rerouted from the old site to the NOLABA website.

X. Other Old Business

No old business were presented.

XI. New Business

No new business was presented.

XII. Public Comment(s)

No public comment(s) were made.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by J. Hope, with the approval of the commissioners present at 9:18 PM CST.