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MR. MEHROTRA :
I would like to welcome
everybody to our 2013 meeting of
the State of Louisiana Board of
Commerce and Industry. Can we
have the roll call, please.
MS . SORRELL:
Matt Parker for Governor Jindal. Steve Windham for Lt. Gov.

MR. WINDHAM:
Here.
MS . SORRELL:
Millie Atkins.
MS . ATKINS:
Here.
MS . SORRELL:
Lance Belcher.
MR. BELCHER:
Here.
MS. SORRELL:
Brian Bossier. Mayor
Brasseaux.
MR. BRASSEAUX :
Here.

MS. SORRELI:
Gordon Burgess.
MR.BURGESS :
Here.
MS . SORRELL:
Mark Delesdernier. Jeffrey
Elmore.
MR. ELMORE :
Here.
MS . SORRELL:
Andre Fruge. Richard
Gonsulin.
MR. GONSULIN:
Here.
MS . SORRELL:
Steve Grissom for Secretary Moret.

MR. GRISSOM:
Here.
MS . SORRELL :
Thomas Holden.
MR. HOLDEN :
Here.
MS . SORRELL:
Jerry Jones.

MR. JONES :
Here.
MS . SORRELL:
William King.
MR. KING:
Here.
MS . SORRELL:
Kevin Langley. Senator Danny
Martiny.
MS . DUCHARME :
Here.
MS . SORRELL:
Oh, Michelle. R.K. Mehrotra.
MR . MEHROTRA :
Here.
MS . SORRELL:
Steve Carter for
Representative Ponti.
MR. CARTER:
Here.
MS . SORRELL:
Representative Pugh. Senator
Riser. Gale Potts Roque. Wilda
Smith .
MS. SMITH:

Here.
MS . SORRELL:
Charles Soprano.
MR. SOPRANO:
Here.
MS . SORRELL:
We have a quorum.
MR. MEHROTRA :
Thank you. I would like to
welcome Representative Carter sitting in for Representative Ponti today. Thank you, Mr.

Carter.
If $I$ can get an approval of the minutes from our August 2013 meeting. Can $I$ have a motion? Mr. King, and second by Ms. Atkins.

All in favor.
ALL BOARD MEMBERS:
Aye.
MR. MEHROTRA :
All opposed? There was no opposition. If you would like to address the Board, please fill out a blue card and bring it up
to the desk. We will be happy to entertain any questions or concerns. Quality Jobs Program. Mr. Favaloro.

MR. FAVALORO:
Yes. I have a four Quality
Jobs applications. 20121249, ABC
Baton Rouge LLC in East Baton
Rouge. 20120781, Crompion
International, LLC in East Baton
Rouge. 20120993, Gremillion \& Pou and Associates, Inc. in Caddo.

20110035, Instrument and Valve
Services Company and
Fisher-Rosemont in Ascension.
That concludes the applications.
MR. MEHROTRA :
Thank you. Can $I$ get a motion
to approve? Mr. Elmore. Second by
Ms. Smith. Comments or
discussions from the floor?
MR. JONES:
Mr. Favaloro, even in Caddo
that's Gremillion \& Pou.
MR. FAVALORO:

Mr. Jones, I knew you were going to say that.
(LAUGHTER)
MR. MEHROTRA :
Thank you for clearing that
up for us. Any discussion from
the floor? Any comments or
discussion from the Board? All in
favor say aye.
ALL BOARD MEMBERS:
Aye.
MR. MEHROTRA :
All opposed? There is no
opposition.
MR. FAVALORO:
I have three renewal
applications. 20090154, Allen's
Electric Motor Service, Inc. in
Caddo. 20071010, Boeing Space
Operations Company, a wholly
owned subsidiary of the Boeing
Company in Orleans. And 070847,
Louisiana Elastomer, LLC in
Concordia. That concludes the
Renewals.

MR. MEHROTRA:
Thank you. Can I get a motion
to approve. Mayor Brasseaux.
Second by Mr. Jones. Comments or
discussion from the floor?
Comments or discussion from the
Board. All in favor say aye.
ALL BOARD MEMBERS:
Aye.
MR. MEHROTRA :
All opposed? There is no
opposition. Mr. Favaloro. Are
you --
MR. FAVALORO:
Yes, sir. That concludes
Quality Jobs.
MR. MEHROTRA :
Thank you, sir. Ms. Lambert.
MS . LAMBERT :
Good afternoon we have four
-- excuse me, five new
applications and one renewal for
Restoration Tax Abatement.
Beginning with Application No.
20100072 for Albertsons, LLC

Store No. 4038. 20121243 for
Butterbean Development Group, LLC. 20131091, John Lafargue. 20130103, Renaissance Gateway

Limited Partnership. 20121193,
Tcic-Wah Productions; for a total
of five Restoration Tax Abatement
Applications for a total
investment of $\$ 20,472,792$.
MR. MEHROTRA :
Thank you. Motion to approve.
Mr. Burgess. Second by Mr.
Elmore. Comments or discussion
from the floor? Comments or
discussion from the Board? All in
favor say aye.
ALL BOARD MEMBERS:
Aye.
MR. MEHROTRA :
All opposed? There is no
opposition.
MS . LAMBERT :
Okay. We have one renewal for
20071090. GHA Properties, LLC.

MR. MEHROTRA :

Thank you. Motion to approve
by Mr. Soprano. Second by Mr.
Windham. Comments or discussion
from the floor? Comments or
discussion from the Board? All in
favor say aye.
ALL BOARD MEMBERS:
Aye.
MR. MEHROTRA :
All opposed? There is no
opposition.
MS . LAMBERT :
Thank you.
MR. MEHROTRA :
Thank you, Ms. Lambert. Are
you going to be sitting in today?
Did I hear some comments over
there about this being your last meeting?

MS FRIEDKIN:
Yes, sir. I would like to
take a personal minute in the
board meeting and there's some of you guys $I$ have been serving with for years and then some of the
rest of you guys I have had short periods, but it's been a long road. I have been doing this for 19 years and whenever I started I never thought that $I$ would be sitting here saying this is my last one, but it is. I will be retiring December the 1st. I have 20 work days left, and Ms. Smith said something really nice because people keep asking me what I'm going to do and I'm not sure yet, but she said -- because

I said whatever the good Lord opens up for me, and she said yeah, you are going to be running down the halls until the God Lord opens the door, and that's what I'm going to be saying, so I
would like to take this time to thank everyone and to let you
know how much I have really enjoyed my tenure for the Board of Commerce and Industry. It's meant a lot to me. I have seen
some real exciting things working
for the Department, and I
wouldn't trade it for anything in
the world for these 19 years that
I have been here, so thank y'all
so much.
MR. MEHROTRA :
Well, on behalf of the Board,
I want to say we greatly
appreciate all of your service.
It's been a real pleasure to work
with you. You are a fantastic
professional and we can't thank
you enough for everything that
you have done to help us.
MS . FRIEDKIN :
Thank you very much. I tried
to get out of reading this,
but --
MR. MEHROTRA :
Well, we're glad you are
doing it.
MS . FRIEDKIN:
There are 20 applications.
20110312 for Chevron Oronite

Company, LLC.
20100972 for Chevron USA, Inc..

20101010 for Chevron USA,
Inc. .
20120972, Commercial Capital
Bank.
20100897 for Elite
Communication Services
Incorporated doing business as
Elite Communication Services,
Inc..
20101208, Epic Boats, LLC.
20120893, Gabriel Building
Supply Company Incorporated doing
business as Gabriel Building
Supply Company, Inc..
20120759, JAMJOMAR XII 12
Incorporated.
20110895 MWIII II
Incorporated doing business as MW
III II Incorporated.
20110027 New Hotel Monte --
MR. MEHROTRA :
Monteleone.

MS. FRIEDKIN:
Easy for me to say, huh --
Incorporated doing business as
Hotel Monteleone. Thank you. I practiced that a while ago.

Then we've got 20130549,
Payless Supermarket Incorporated doing business as LeBlanc Food Store No. 14.

20120998, Payless Supermarket Incorporated doing business as Payless Supermarket No. 7.

20101107, Rapides Healthcare
System, LLC doing business as
Rapides Regional Medical Center.
20110587, Red Stick Armature
Works Incorporated.
20120423, Service Machine and
Supply Incorporated.
20121235, TigerBytes IT
Solutions, LLC.
20121070, WDG Investments,
LLC.
20130107, Wings-Up of
Slidell, LLC.

20110763, Wright Moore Dehart
Dupuis \& Hutchinson CPA doing
business as WMDDH.
And 20111066, Zelia, LLC.
We have an apartment,
20071256, JAE Properties
Incorporated.
MR . MEHROTRA :
Thank you. We wanted to let
you read all of those. Thank you.
Can I get a motion to approve?
By Ms. Potts Roque. Second by Ms.
Smith. Comments or discussion
from the floor? Comments or
discussion from the Board? All in
favor say aye.
ALL BOARD MEMBERS:
Aye.
MR. MEHROTRA:
All opposed? There is no
opposition.
MS. FRIEDKIN:
We have two changes of
addresses for the EZ Site.
Contract No. 20120984, Diversify

One Staffing. They are moving
from Desiard Street to 501 North
Fifth Street in Monroe.
Then we've got Contract No.
20120794, Advanced Graphic
Engraving, LLC. They are moving
from New Iberia to 3105 Melancon
Road in Broussard.
MR. MEHROTRA :
Thank you. Motion to approve?
By Mr. Soprano. Second by Mr.
Jones. Comments or discussion
from the floor? Comments or
discussion from the Board? All in
favor say aye.
ALL BOARD MEMBERS:
Aye.
MR. MEHROTRA :
All opposed? There is no
opposition. Thank you.
MS . WEBER :
Are you ready for Industrial
Tax?
MR. MEHROTRA :
Yes, ma'am. Ms. Weber.

MS. WEBER :
Would you like me to read all
of them?
MR. MEHROTRA :
How many do we have?
MS . WEBER :
56.

MR. MEHROTRA :
56.

MR. JONES :
Mr. Chairman, I move that we accept all of them in globo all 56.

MR. MEHROTRA:
Okay. A motion by Mr. Jones to handle the reading in globo.

Can I have a second, please, by
Mr. King. All in favor say aye.
ALL BOARD MEMBERS:
Aye.
MS. ATKINS:
I need to (inaudible) --
Century Marketing Solution.
MR. MEHROTRA:
Ms. Atkins will abstain from
the Century Marketing Solution, LLC. So a motion to handle in
globo. All in favor say aye.
ALL BOARD MEMBERS:
Aye.
MR. MEHROTRA :
Anyone oppose?
MS . WEBER:
Next I have Transfer of Tax
Exemption Contract.
United States Aluminate
Company Incorporated, Contract
No. 070673. The new name will be
USALCO Port Allen Plant, LLC in
West Baton Rouge. Colfax Treating
Company, that is currently all
their active contracts to
Kisatchie Treating, LLC in
Rapides. Zappe Endeavors, LLC,
Contract 040968070009 and
20030637 to Utz Quality Foods
Incorporated in St. James. And,
last, Arrow Industries
Incorporated, Contract 060229 to
Dresser-Rand Services, LLC in La

Salle.
MR. MEHROTRA :
Thank you, Ms. Weber. Motion
to approve. Mr. Belcher and
second by Mr. Elmore.
Comments or discussion from
the floor? Comments or discussion
from the Board? All in favor say aye?

ALL BOARD MEMBERS:
Aye.
MR. MEHROTRA :
All opposed? There is no
opposition.
MS . WEBER:
All right. Partial Transfers.
Zappe Endeavors, LLC, Contract
No. 200806 -- 0063, and that's
one too many zeros in the 2000.
20080063, SRS Leasing-Gramercy
LP-Building. They received
\$898,519. Utz Quality Foods
Incorporated receives the equipment, which is $\$ 815,514$.

Zappe Endeavors, LLC,

Contract 062018, SRS Leasing
Gramercy for the building
receives $\$ 176,824$. Utz Quality
Foods receives the equipment in
the amount of $\$ 375,502$ with four
thousand of that restricted.
Zappe Endeavors, Contract No.
20038027, SRS Leasing Gramercy LP
receives $\$ 9,740$ in building. Utz
Quality Foods Incorporated
receives $\$ 563,628$ in equipment.
Zappe Endeavors, LLC, 20081156,
SRS Leasing Gramercy LP Building
receives $\$ 286,184$. Utz Quality
Foods Incorporated receives the
equipment in the amount of
$\$ 500,274$. This is all in St.
James.
MR. MEHROTRA:
Thank you, Ms. Weber. A
motion to approve. Motion to
approve by Mr. Burgess. A second
by Mr. Holden. Comments or
discussion from the floor?
Comments or -- yes, Mr. Jones.

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MR. JONES:
Mr. Windham and I are
struggling with this. Is this
Zapps Potato Chips folks?
MS . WEBER :
Yes.
MR. JONES :
What's happening? Are we going to be without our potato chips?

MS . WEBER:
No. But it's no longer a
Louisiana company.
MS. POTTS ROQUE:
Utz is a northeastern company.

MS . WEBER :
Yes. When Mr. Zapp died, they
struggled to keep the company running, and I believe this was Zapps best alternative. They are keeping the plant open in Louisiana.

MR. JONES :
They will keep the plant

## open?

MS. POTTS ROQUE:
Are they going to maintain
the name of Zapps for that
product line?
MS . WEBER :
No, ma'am. You should see it in the stores already. It's already listed as Utz.

MR. JONES :
So Zapps is now Utz ladies and gentlemen, you don't learn things unless you come to these meetings. We are a variable wealth of information.

MR. WINDHAM:
On the last one that you
read, Lori, the numbers don't add up. Does that make sense?

MS . WEBER :
Oh, yes. You are right. I
will have to correct that. I will
bring it up to the next Board
meeting. Thank you for catching
that. It may be that they had
some disposals, so --
MR. MEHROTRA :
Thank you, Mr. Windham. Any
more comments or discussion from
the floor on this? Anything
additional from the Board? All in
favor say aye.
ALL BOARD MEMBERS:
Aye.
MR. MEHROTRA :
All opposed? There is no
opposition.
MS . WEBER :
All right. Change in Location
Only. I have two. Gulf Coast
Manufacturing, LLC, 20080247.
They are moving from 2103 Coteau
Road to 3622 West Main Street in
Gray, Terrebonne Parish. And then
MSS Real Estate, 20080994. They
are still in the Livingston
Parish Industrial Park. They just have a specific street address of 15895 Industry Way in Walker.
That is Livingston.

MR. MEHROTRA :
Okay. Thank you. Motion to approve by Mr . Soprano. A second
by Mr. Windham. Comments or
discussion from the floor?
Comments or discussion from the
Board? All in favor say aye.
ALL BOARD MEMBERS :
Aye.
MR. MEHROTRA :
All opposed? There is no
opposition.
MS . WEBER :
All right. I have four
Cancellation of Contracts. Fiber
Form, LLC. Contract No. 0621808 A
and B. They are no longer
operating as a manufacturer, and this is according to their parent company. They have requested -we have requested the cancellation of contracts since they are no longer manufacturing. This is in Ouachita. The second one is Gulf Coast ThermoBlock,

LLC, 062490. They have been
closed and currently in
bankruptcy. Mail has been
returned. We can't contact them,
so I am recommending cancellation
of the contract. St. Tammany.
Tri Tech Machine, LLC,
Contract No. 070468, 20080467,
20090418, and 20100423. They were
sold to a non-manufacturing
entity and we are requesting
cancellation of these contracts.
This is in Lafayette Parish.
BNY Mellon RCC, LLC,
20120614. They requested
cancellation since they moved the
operations out of state. This was in DeSoto.

MR. MEHROTRA :
Thank you, Ms. Weber. Motion to approve by Ms. Potts Roque.

Second by Mr. Elmore.
Comments or discussion from
the floor? Comments or discussion
from the Board? All in favor say
aye.
ALL BOARD MEMBERS:
Aye.
MR. MEHROTRA :
All opposed? There is no
opposition.
MS . WEBER:
Okay. I do have one special circumstance, that is Dulac Shipyard, and basically the company is doing repair and renovation work at this time.

They indicated that they are trying to get more barges ordered by outside companies, but there is an issue with capital gains tax, so right now their clients are not ordering, and I told him that I would recommend approval for one year of the existing contracts but if they did not become a manufacturer by the end of October of next year, that we would recommend cancellations of these contracts, and he
completely understands that.
MR. MEHROTRA :
He was okay with that?
MS . WEBER:
Yes, sir. So it's in the 528 renewals.

MR. MEHROTRA :
Can I get a motion to approve the special circumstance? Mayor Brasseaux. Second by Ms.
Potts-Roque. Comments or
discussion from the floor?
Comments or discussion from the Board?

MR. JONES :
Question. Basically gives
them a one year?
MS WEBER :
Yes. Their contracts were due for renewal this year, but if we did not, they would expire, so what we're doing is allowing the contract to continue for this year into next year but if they do not become manufacturer by

October, then we would recommend cancellation.

MR. JONES :
Is this a renewal?
MS . WEBER:
It's a renewal.
MS . POTTS-ROQUE :
So at this time there's a
temporary lapse in manufacturing
for the company?
MS . WEBER :
Yes, ma'am. They are doing renovation and repair work, which
does involve some manufacturing but it's not the primary thrust of their original contract.

MS. POTTS ROQUE :
But they intend to get back to their regular manufacturing?

MS . WEBER :
They are trying, yes.
MR. MEHROTRA :
Any additional comments from the Board? All in favor say aye.

ALL BOARD MEMBERS:

Aye.
MR. MEHROTRA :
All opposed? There is no
opposition.
MS . WEBER :
Okay. Renewals.
MR. JONES :
Mr. Chairman, I move that we handle all 528 renewals line by
line -- no.
MS . WEBER :
I knew you were going to do
that.
MR. JONES :
I actually move -- well, I move to handle them in globo.

MR. MEHROTRA :
Motion by Mr. Jones to handle in globo all 528 renewals. Second by Ms. Atkins.

MS. ATKINS:
Yes. But I also want to abstain from the Century Marketing Solution.

MR. MEHROTRA :

Okay. We will have a second by Ms. Smith and then Ms. Atkins.

You would like to abstain from which one?

MS. ATKINS :
It's the Century Marketing
Solution.
MR. MEHROTRA :
Okay. Very good.
MS . WEBER:
And on a personal note, this

## is the largest renewals that $I$

have ever done, so --
MS. POTTS ROQUE:
I've never seen this many.
MS . WEBER :
I think people are deciding
to renew early.
MR. JONES :
Ms. Weber, you wish to read them?

MS WEBER:
No, sir.
MR. JONES :
I don't want to misinterpret
your comments.
MS . WEBER :
No. I don't. Thank you,
though.
MR. MEHROTRA :
Do we have any comments or
discussion from the floor on
anything? How about from the
Board? Handling the list in
globo, all in favor say aye.
ALL BOARD MEMBERS:
Aye.
MR . MEHROTRA:
All opposed? There is no opposition. Mr. Elmore.

MR. ELMORE:
Before we -- I know we
already voted and all, but going
back to the Cancellation of
Contracts, Tri Tech Machine in
Lafayette, what was the -- I'm just curious the reason for cancellation. It says it was sold.

MS WEBER:

Yes. They are sold to a
rental company, I believe, and I
called and spoke with the people
and they did -- they said that
they did buy the company and they
are not manufacturing, so --
MR. ELMORE :
Who purchased them?
MS . WEBER :
Honestly, I don't remember the name. It's some kind of rental company.

MR. ELMORE :
Got you. Okay. I was just curious. I wasn't aware of it. Thank you for the clarification.

MR. MEHROTRA :
Thank you, Mr. Elmore. Okay.
Mr. Grissom from LED. Comments.
MR. GRISSOM:
Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
First I would like to thank
Marilyn for her years of service and for the time that we have spent together. It's been a real
pleasure and I have learned quite a bit from working with Marilyn, so thank you very much and I appreciate all of your help and support.

I wanted to provide our Board with a bit of an overview of the economic activity in the state and provide a bit of information on our certified state program, which is one of the initiatives that we have in place to improve Louisiana's attractiveness and competitiveness on the new project opportunities.

So, first, with the overview, since January 2008, so beginning with the national recession, you would start -- of the administration, our state has attracted economic development projects. These are both in state expansion and relocations companies moving into the state that are resulting in more than

83,000 new jobs for the state, and more than $\$ 54$ billion in new capital investment, so that's just kind of a look back over the
last six years. We have had a
number of policy reforms at the
state level that are really
helping in the state's RAC
improvement for standings and
different climate rankings. Some
of those were enhanced
governmental ethics laws,
streamline work with development solutions and the elimination of the number of unorthodox business taxes, which were accelerated over the last several years.

Our state now ranks among the top ten business climates in the U.S. as judged by Site Selection Magazine, Area Development Magazine and Business Facilities Magazine. All of these are U.S. based magazines focused on economic development site
selection, so we're very excited
to be noted as in the top ten, and it's one of the things that we will continue to try to place our focus on.

In July business facilities
ranked our business climate No.
4, and this was the highest
ranking that we ever had for our state's business climate.

Our business taxes are some of the most competitive in the nation for new manufacturing projects according to the tax foundation KMMG, and our state's
energy crisis among the lowest in
the U.S., so a number of
fundamental assets in place to help us in winning those projects encouraging business to invest in the state.

We believe that a number of the site selectors at the corporate level and those that have their own firms are taking

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more and more notice of
Louisiana, and it's a number of
things. It involves some of our
highly customized incentive programs such as those that we work with here at the Board of

Commerce and Industry are overall strong and improved in business climate, low cost, I mentioned on the tax and energy side, and some of the aggressive site work that we have been doing, and I wanted to cover a bit of that program to give you a playlist of what it is trying to accomplish and where we are.

Most states, particularly
those in the south have some sort of programs where they either certify or ready sites or economic development project, primarily in the distribution and logistics space. Since around 2009 Louisiana has put together a certified sites program and we
are now at the point where we
have 34 sites across the state
that are certified through this program and a large portfolio of sites that are in the process of being certified, so this is something where we're now at a point where we have a nice mix of sites; some small, some larger.

All, you know, all areas of the state, different types of access to infrastructure. So this portfolio of certified sites are the sites that in competitive situations the site selection firms are most likely to look at first, so if the state has a certified site that meets their criteria, that is where they are going to hone their efforts. If they look across multiple states and none of the certified sites meet their criteria then they might go to the next level
analysis and look at some of

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those that aren't certified.
So, in general, what the
certification process means and what it involves. First, it
indicates that this set of sites
are competitive with what is
expected or what is seen in other
states. It means they're
development ready, so substantial
due diligence is being completed on the site. A lot of the basic site information has been gathered and documented in single location, and an independent
third party engineering firm has reviewed the site, the
documentation and certified that
it is ready for development.
This eliminates a lot of the uncertainty for the company as they are making their decision, and it also assured them --
assures them that there won't be any unforeseen obstacles for them, so we're proud of the
progress. We are going to continue to push the program and with the -- with those in the pipeline, $I$ believe we will be above 50 years short of, I would say likely within the next 12 months will be -- moved that from 34 to 50 sites.

So, you know, just one of the things that we're doing at LED to make our state more competitive, and that program, along with many reforms that have been put in place, our active marketing efforts, some of the incentive programs that we have leveraged are workforce programs with LED Fast Start really come together to provide a complete solution, and one of them we get -- or having the opportunity to put in front of more and more companies, so some real success there.

> I wanted to just review

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quickly some of the our recent
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project announcements. I will
just rattle these off and be
happy to answer any questions on
the projects, but a nice set of
announcements over the last
several months. Just the other
day, National Oil Well of Arco
announced a $\$ 23$ million facility
in New Iberia. Jogler announced a
relocation of manufacturing
facility from Texas to Baton
Rouge, 60 new direct jobs
associated with that project. We
recently just had the ground
breaking for the IBM Services
Center Baton Rouge in downtown
Baton Rouge with employment
projected to reach 800 direct jobs over the next several years.

Shin-Med (ph) announced a new healthcare software development code in New Orleans. This is a team that is going to be
developing a new software product
focused on healthcare, and this
is a company based out of Florida who chose Louisiana for that expansion.

Shell announced the company
selection of Ascension Parish for
a potential world scale gas and liquids facility resulting in 740 new direct jobs, and, I believe, \$12.5 billion in capital
investment. Very large capital project. Wingspan portfolio advisors announced 532 direct new jobs from northeast Louisiana.
There was a recent groundbreaking with BentMoore Still II in
Shreveport. This is a German
manufacturer of piping products.
Teleperformance announced in
Shreveport a center, basically a
business processing outsourcing
center with 740 new jobs, and we
have had BASF announced a new
investments in a new polyurethane
facility here in Geismar, and
then in the Lake Charles area

Juniper GTL announced \$100
million natural gas to liquids
facility with 141 direct and
indirect jobs.
So it just gives you a
flavor. A lot of very interesting
projects underway. You have projects in traditional sectors such as chemicals and oil field services. The GTL projects, those are applying new technologies and converting natural gas to liquids
fuels, and Louisiana's at the epicenter of that here in the U.S., and a number of software development projects where, you he, that pushed the Department's making to diversify our economy, and to leverage some of the incentive programs that we have in place are starting to come together and you see projects both in Baton Rouge and New Orleans, so we are real excited about that.

Again, I will be happy to
answer any questions. I wanted to
thank everyone for your
attendance and participation on
this Board. Your efforts are
greatly appreciated and very
important to the state's overall
efforts, but I will be happy to
answer any questions on the
projects or overall economic
development progress.
MR. MEHROTRA:
Mr. Carter.
MR. CARTER:
Thank you. It's a point of
privilege, No. 1, as chairman of
the House Education Committee, I can learn a lesson on how to run a very efficient well run meeting because ours lasts 15 hours.

Real quickly, Steven, I was in Boston this past weekend at a conference and just happened to be sitting at a table where a guy from IBM, who was in Washington,
made the comment, he said, you
are from Louisiana? I said,
Yes,sir. I'm in the legislature.
Relay the message back to your people in Louisiana that when they negotiated with IBM, our state was probably in a position to do more for them than any other state, and he just wanted to let us know that we did a marvelous job and that your organization, their support was second to none of any other state that they dealt with, so $I$ just wanted you to know that.

MR. GRISSOM:
Thank you very much. I
appreciate relying that message and appreciate the compliment.

MR. MEHROTRA :
Thank you, Mr. Carter. Mr.
Grissom, thank you. Outstanding work. We really appreciate all of y'alls hard work.

Okay. Any other comments?

Okay.
On behalf of the Board, we would like to thank the staff for all of $y$ 'all's hard work. Y'all are greatly appreciated. Y'all make our jobs so easy, so we can't thank y'all enough. I would like to thank everybody for attending. Motion to adjourn by Mr. Elmore. Second by Mr. Jones. Thank you.
(Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.)

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