

MEETING MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
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 26TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2012  
COMMENCING AT 1:38 P.M.

REPORTED BY: ELICIA H. WOODWORTH, CCR

1           Appearances of Board Members Present:

- 2           R.K. Mehrotra
- Charles Soprano
- 3           Millie Atkins
- Wilda Smith
- 4           William King
- Gale Potts-Roque
- 5           Michelle Ducharme
- Lance Belcher
- 6           Jeffrey Elmore
- Andre Fruge
- 7           Richard Gonsoulin
- Steve Windham
- 8           Bryan Bossier
- Mayor Ronnie Harris

9           Staff members present:

- 10          Michelle Sorrel
- Brenda Guess
- 11          Frank Favaloro
- Danielle Clapinski
- 12          Marylyn Friedkin
- Becky Lambert
- 13          Anne Villa
- Robin Tate
- 14          Roshanda Hanible
- Felipe Martinez

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MR. MEHROTRA:

I'd like to welcome everybody to the February 2013 Board meeting of the State of Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry. Welcome, everyone, and if you have a blue card, if you'd like to address the Board, please fill it out and we'll get to you as quickly as possible.

Ms. Sorrell, can we have rollcall, please?

MS. SORRELL:

Matt Parker for Governor Jindal.

(No response.)

MS. SORRELL:

Steve Windham for Lieutenant Governor.

MR. WINDHAM:

Here.

MS. SORRELL:

Millie Atkins.

MS. ATKINS:

Here.

MS. SORRELL:

Lance Belcher.

MR. BELCHER:

Here.

MS. SORRELL:

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Bryan Bossier.  
MR. BOSSIER:  
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MS. SORRELL:  
Mark Delesdenier.  
(No response.)  
MS. SORRELL:  
Jeffrey Elmore.  
MR. ELMORE:  
Here.  
MS. SORRELL:  
Andre Fruge.  
MR. FRUGE:  
Here.  
MS. SORRELL:  
Richard Gonsoulin.  
MR. GONSOULIN:  
Here.  
MS. SORRELL:  
Mayor Ronnie Harris.  
MAYOR HARRIS:  
Present.  
MS. SORRELL:  
Jerald Jones.  
(No response.)

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

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MS. SORRELL:

Representative Erich Ponti.

(No response.)

MS. SORRELL:

Michelle Ducharme for Senator Martiny.

MS. DUCHARME:

Here.

MS. SORRELL:

Joel Robideaux.

(No response.)

MS. SORRELL:

And Senator Neil Riser.

(No response.)

MS. SORRELL:

We have a quorum.

MR. MEHROTRA:

We have a quorum.

Can I get a motion to approve the  
minutes from our December 11, 2012 meeting?

Motion by Mr. Soprano. Second by Mayor  
Harris.

All in favor, say "aye".

(Several members respond "aye".)

MR. MEHROTRA:

1 All opposed?

2 (No response.)

3 MR. MEHROTRA:

4 There is no opposition.

5 Okay. On to the Quality Jobs Program,

6 Mr. Favaloro.

7 MR. FAVALORO:

8 Yes, sir. I have two applications for  
9 Quality Jobs Program: 20100836, Standard Crane & Hoist,  
10 LLC in Terrebonne, and 20110771, Hunt, Guillot &  
11 Associates, in East Baton Rouge Parish.

12 That concludes the applications.

13 MR. MEHROTRA:

14 Can I have a motion to approve?

15 Moved by Mr. Elmore, and second,

16 Mr. Fruge.

17 All in favor, say "aye".

18 (Several members respond "aye".)

19 MR. MEHROTRA:

20 All opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 MR. MEHROTRA:

23 There is no opposition.

24 MR. FAVALORO:

25 I have one Quality Jobs Renewal

1 application for 20080077, Starmount Life Insurance/H&J  
2 Capital, LLC in East Baton Rouge Parish.

3 That concludes the renewals.

4 MR. MEHROTRA:

5 Can I get a motion to approve?

6 Mr. Harris, second by Mr. Elmore.

7 All in favor, say "aye".)

8 (Several members respond "aye".)

9 MR. MEHROTRA:

10 All opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 MR. MEHROTRA:

13 There is no opposition.

14 MR. FAVALORO:

15 I have two Requests for Termination of  
16 following contracts: Valero Services, Inc, Contract  
17 2003-0328, applicant requested early termination  
18 effective July 31st, 2011. Company has met the  
19 requirements in St. Charles Parish. And Turner  
20 Industries Group, LLC, Contract Number 2009-0853, the  
21 applicant requests early termination effective 12/31/11.  
22 Company has met requirements as well, West Baton Rouge  
23 Parish.

24 MR. MEHROTRA:

25 Can I get a motion to approve?

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Mr. Elmore, Mrs. Atkins.

All in favor, say "aye".

(Several members respond "aye".)

MR. MEHROTRA:

All opposed?

(No response.)

MR. FAVALORO:

I have one Request to change the contract effective date only: LD Commodities Services, LLC, Contract 201-0760, the company requested that the contract effective date be changed from 5/26/11 to 1/1/2012. The original contract has not been executed, in West Baton Rouge Parish.

MR. MEHROTRA:

Thank you.

Can I get a motion to approve?

Mrs. Smith, Mr. Elmore second.

All in favor, say "aye".

(Several members respond "aye".)

MR. MEHROTRA:

All opposed.

(No response.)

MR. MEHROTRA:

There is no opposition.

MR. FAVALORO:

1 I have three Requests for change in name  
2 only: Contract Number 0709524, V.I. New media, Inc.,  
3 doing business as ISeatz.come to ISeatz, Inc; 2011-0996,  
4 The Schumacher Group of Delaware, Inc., and TSG  
5 Resources, Inc. to The Shumacher Group of Louisiana,  
6 Inc., and TSG Resources, Inc.; and 2011-0113, The  
7 Schumacher Group of Delaware, Inc., and TSG Resources,  
8 Inc. to The Schumacher Group of Louisiana, Inc., and TSG  
9 Resources, Inc.

10 MR. MEHROTRA:

11 Can I get a motion to approve?

12 Mr. Elmore, Mrs. Atkins, second.

13 All in favor, say "aye".

14 (Several members respond "aye".)

15 MR. MEHROTRA:

16 All opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. MEHROTRA:

19 There is no opposition.

20 MR. FAVALORO:

21 I have three Requests to change the  
22 operating site only: Baker Hughes Oilfield Operations,  
23 Inc., Contract Number 2009-0155 from 4920 Shed Road,  
24 Bossier City to 6970 West 70th Street, Shreveport,  
25 Louisiana. I have ISeatz, Inc., Contract Number 070594

1 from 365 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, to 643  
2 Magazine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, and Ronpak,  
3 Inc., Contract Number 2011-0858 from 10911 Doug Attaway  
4 Boulevard in Shreveport to 1 Nathan Sedley Way,  
5 Shreveport.

6 MR. MEHROTRA:  
7 Can I get a motion to approve?  
8 Mr. Windham, second by Mr. Elmore.  
9 All in favor, say "aye".

10 (Several members respond "aye".)

11 MR. MEHROTRA:  
12 All opposed?  
13 (No response.)

14 MR. MEHROTRA:  
15 There is no opposition.

16 MR. FAVALORO:  
17 That concludes Quality Jobs.

18 MR. MEHROTRA:  
19 Thank you, Mr. Favaloro.  
20 Now, go to Restoration Tax Abatement  
21 Program, Ms. Lambert.

22 MS. LAMBERT:  
23 Hello. I have five new applications.  
24 They are: Alex Bruno, 20110999; Elderly Housing of  
25 America, LLC, 20111120; Franz Building, LLC, 20110625;

1 HSB Design & Contractors, LLC, 20081082; and Laura  
2 Mauffray Borchert, APLC, 10121144.

3 This concludes the applications.

4 MR. MEHROTRA:

5 Thank you.

6 Can I get a motion to approve?

7 Mr. Fruge, second by Mr. Elmore.

8 All in favor, say "aye".

9 (Several members respond "aye".)

10 MR. MEHROTRA:

11 All opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. MEHROTRA:

14 There is no opposition.

15 MS. LAMBERT:

16 I have two Requests for full transfer of  
17 ownership from one owner to another: The first one is  
18 Contract 2000-0165-29 from Tchoupitoulas Properties, LLC  
19 to the new owner, Domenica Properties, LLC. The second  
20 one is 2003-0227 CHS Partners, LLC to Sunstone Canal,  
21 LLC.

22 MR. MEHROTRA:

23 Can I get a motion to approve?

24 So moved by Ms. Atkins, Ms. Smith.

25 All in favor, say "aye".

1 (Several members respond "aye".)

2 MR. MEHROTRA:

3 All opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. MEHROTRA:

6 There is no opposition.

7 MS. LAMBERT:

8 We have one partial transfer request,  
9 and this is a split transfer of ownership, whereas the  
10 original owner maintains partial ownership of the  
11 property, and the new owner has partial ownership. The  
12 Board has previously approved 15 of the 30 condominium  
13 units that have actually transferred ownership in  
14 previous Board meetings. This is one of the others  
15 that, as their sold, the units are sold, and the  
16 individual owners make a request, we'll be presenting  
17 them.

18 This is for Contract Number 050116. The  
19 previous and current owner of the of a portion of the  
20 property is 1301 N. Rampart, LLC. The new Contract  
21 Number for this specific unit is 050116P. The "P" is  
22 designating that there are letters A through O prior to  
23 that that have already been approved. The new owner is  
24 Sandra Hagen, and the address is the same, 1301 N.  
25 Rampart, Unit 404.

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MR. MEHROTRA:

Thank you.

Can I get a motion to approve?

Mr. Gonsoulin, and Mr. Fruge with a  
second.

All in favor, say "aye".

(Several members respond "aye".)

MR. MEHROTRA:

All opposed?

(No response.)

MR. MEHROTRA:

There is no opposition.

MS. LAMBERT:

The final action is a Contract  
Cancellation Request. The following company requests  
cancellation to position -- in their opinion, to position  
themselves better with the assessor to make a more fair  
assessment of the property. They have not paid the  
difference in what the assessor is asking them, and the  
assessor apparently, as I've explained the cancellation  
reasoning, will revisit the opportunity with the company  
once the cancellation is made. I advised them that once  
a contract is canceled, it doesn't get reactivated if  
they change their mind. They're understanding, and they  
want to move forward.

1 Contract Number 070801, Reliance-Carondelet  
2 Associates One, LP.

3 MR. MEHROTRA:

4 Okay.

5 MAYOR HARRIS:

6 I'll move to comment.

7 MR. MEHROTRA:

8 I'll second.

9 MR. HARRIS:

10 Very creative comments here, does this  
11 mean -- yes, we're canceling the contract, I understand  
12 that, but I guess my question is, are we going to have  
13 another application come before us, or we're finished  
14 with this? That's my question.

15 MR. MEHROTRA:

16 Ms. Kelly Longwell.

17 MS. LONGWELL:

18 You'll be finished with it. This is it.

19 MAYOR HARRIS:

20 Okay.

21 MR. MEHROTRA:

22 Thank you.

23 MS. LAMBERT:

24 I didn't know the representative was  
25 here. Thank you.

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MR. MEHROTRA:

Can I get a motion to approve?

MAYOR HARRIS:

So moved.

MR. MEHROTRA:

All in favor, say "aye".

(Several members respond "aye". )

MR. MEHROTRA:

All opposed?

(No response.)

MR. MEHROTRA:

There is no opposition.

Thank you, Ms. Lambert.

Okay. Enterprise Zone Program,  
Ms. Friedkin.

MS. HANIBLE:

Well, actually, it will be me.

MR. MEHROTRA:

Okay.

MS. HANIBLE:

We have 17 new applications to present  
before you guys for approval, beginning with Advanced  
Graphic Engraving, LLC in Iberia Parish; B&G Food  
Enterprises, LLC, doing business as Taco Bell Store  
Number 26772 in St. Tammany Parish; Cajun Land Hotel,

1            LLC, doing business as Amelia Extended Stay in St. Mary  
2            Parish; Camelot of Brookside, LLC, doing business as  
3            Jeff Davis; Community Care Center of Westwood, LLC,  
4            doing business as Westwood Manor Nursing & Rehab Center  
5            in Caddo Parish; Compass Behavioral Center in Houma,  
6            Incorporated located in Terrebonne Parish; CSC  
7            Investments, LLC, doing business as Panera Bread  
8            Covington, located in St. Tammany Parish; Dupre  
9            Logistics, LLC in Caddo Parish; Griggs Enterprises of  
10           Louisiana, LLC, doing business as McDonalds in Caddo  
11           Parish; Kennedy Rice Mill, LLC, doing business as  
12           Kennedy Rice Mill, in Morehouse; Laitram Machine Shop,  
13           LLC in Jefferson Parish; Loop Linen Service,  
14           Incorporated, located in Jefferson Parish; Sid Potts,  
15           Incorporated in Caddo Parish; The Fresh Market,  
16           Incorporated in Orleans Parish; Ulta Salon, Cosmetics &  
17           Fragrances & Fragrances, Incorporated, doing business as  
18           Ulta Beauty Store Number 529 in Jefferson Parish; Ulta  
19           Salon, Cosmetics & Fragrance, Incorporated, doing  
20           business as Ulta Beauty Store Number 534 in Lafayette  
21           Parish; and, finally, Walgreen Louisiana Company,  
22           Incorporated, doing business as Walgreens Store Number  
23           13925 in East Baton Rouge Parish.

24                            MR. MEHROTRA:

25                            Thank you.

1 Can I get --

2 MS. POTTS-ROQUE:

3 I have a question. Can you reread  
4 Camelot Brookside for the record, please?

5 MS. HANIBLE:

6 Yes, ma'am.

7 Camelot of Brookside, LLC in Jefferson  
8 Davis Parish.

9 MS. POTTS-ROQUE:

10 Thank you.

11 I'll offer.

12 MR. MEHROTRA:

13 Motion to approve by Ms. Potts-Roque,  
14 second by Ms. Atkins.

15 All in favor, say "aye".

16 (Several members respond "aye".)

17 MR. MEHROTRA:

18 All opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 MR. MEHROTRA:

21 The is no opposition.

22 MS. HANIBLE:

23 We have three Applications for  
24 Cancelation. The following applications were presented  
25 to the Board previously for approval, but there was

1 never a contract issued or executed. The first being  
2 Hotel Investors, LLC, Application Number 060422 in  
3 Jefferson Parish. The company has an outstanding  
4 objection with the Department of Revenue in December of  
5 2006. As of today, that objection still has not been  
6 lifted or the matter resolved with the Department of  
7 Revenue; Lanier& Associates Consulting Engineers,  
8 Incorporated, Application Number 060942 in Orleans  
9 Parish. The Board approved this application in June of  
10 '11, but the company believes they cannot meet the  
11 hiring requirements, so they would rather not engage in  
12 a contract; and, lastly, Lowe's Home Centers,  
13 Incorporated, doing business as Lowe's of Chalmette,  
14 Store Number 3016, Application Number 20090251 in St.  
15 Bernard Parish. Due to market conditions, the company  
16 is requesting cancelation of their application.

17 MR. MEHROTRA:

18 Thank you.

19 Can I get a motion to approve?

20 Mr. Soprano, second by Mr. Fruge.

21 All in favor, say "aye".

22 (Several members respond "aye".)

23 MR. MEHROTRA:

24 All opposed?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. MEHROTRA:

2 There is no opposition.

3 MS. HANIBLE:

4 We have seven Contract for Cancelation.  
5 These seven projects were presented and approved at the  
6 Board contract were issued. The first being Stine, LLC,  
7 Contract Number 20090706, the company did not meet the  
8 hiring requirements; Rusco Services, Incorporated,  
9 Contract Number 20090874, the company submitted their  
10 annual certification reports for the first reporting  
11 period and determined after their second final that they  
12 were unable to maintain the hiring requirements. The  
13 company has requested to cancel their contract; Liberty  
14 Healthcare Systems, LLC, Contract Number 20090944 in  
15 Ouachita Parish, the company submitted their employee  
16 certification reports and did not meet the hiring  
17 requirement. The company has requested to cancel their  
18 contract and withdraw from the Enterprise Zone Program;  
19 Liberty Care, LLC, Contract Number 051001 located in  
20 Morehouse Parish, the company submitted their employee  
21 certification reports and they did not meet to hiring  
22 requirement and have requested cancelation of their  
23 contract; S&B Property Holdings, LLC, Contract Number  
24 20091073 in Ouachita Parish, the company did not meet  
25 the hiring requirements after submitting their employee

1 certification reports; Sharon Green State Farm Insurance  
2 Company, Contract Number 00091076 in St. Tammany Parish,  
3 the company did not submit their employee certification  
4 reports and did not meet the hiring requirements and  
5 have requested that their contract be canceled; and,  
6 lastly, Morton Communication, Contract Number 20081200  
7 Ouachita Parish, the company submitted their employee  
8 certification, but did not meet the hiring requirements  
9 and have requested that their contract be canceled.

10 MR. MEHROTRA:

11 Thank you.

12 I'd like to mention that I'm going to  
13 have to abstain from the vote on this.

14 Can I have a motion to approve?

15 Ms. Potts-Roque, second by Mr. Elmore.

16 All in favor, say "aye".

17 (Several members respond "aye".)

18 MR. MEHROTRA:

19 All opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. MEHROTRA:

22 There is no opposition.

23 MS. HANIBLE:

24 And concluding the Enterprise Zone  
25 Program, we have one Request to Change Contract Name,

1 Contract Number 200912222, which is with Superior  
2 Seafood, LLC located in Orleans Parish, the company has  
3 submitted a name change request with the Secretary of  
4 State. They have approved it, and they're requesting  
5 their name be updated on the contract to Superior  
6 Seafood & Oyster Bar, LLC.

7 MR. MEHROTRA:

8 Thank you.

9 MAYOR HARRIS:

10 I move.

11 MR. MEHROTRA:

12 Motion to approve by Mr. Harris, second  
13 by Mr. Elmore.

14 All in favor, say "aye".

15 (Several members respond "aye".)

16 MR. MEHROTRA:

17 All opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 MAYOR MEHROTRA:

20 There is no opposition.

21 Thank you.

22 MS. HANIBLE:

23 You're welcome.

24 MR. MEHROTRA:

25 Mr. Favaloro, you're going to take care

1 of the Industrial Tax Exemption for us?

2 MR. FAVALORO:

3 Yes, sir.

4 I would like to alter the agenda related  
5 to the agenda correction from the December 2011/2012  
6 Board. Standard Crane & Hoist was included on the  
7 official agenda at that time. This application has been  
8 removed from further review, and a new agenda was  
9 submitted, but it was not included as part of the  
10 official record. The official approval includes this  
11 application, and staff wishes to correct the agenda for  
12 the record by removing it from the December agenda and  
13 placing it on this agenda.

14 MR. MEHROTRA:

15 Thank you.

16 Can I get a motion to approve?

17 MS. POTTS-ROQUE:

18 So moved.

19 MR. MEHROTRA:

20 Ms. Potts-Roque, second.

21 All in favor, say "aye".

22 (Several members respond "aye".)

23 MR. MEHROTRA:

24 All opposed?

25 (No response.)

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MR. MEHROTRA:

There is no opposition.

MR. FAVALORO:

Thank you.

Would you like all of the applications presented in globo or read individually?

MR. MEHROTRA:

We do have two people who would like to address to the Board on the Industrial Tax Program. Ms. Mangham and Ms. Sims, would y'all like to...

Please state your name.

MS. SIMS:

Phyllis Sims from the Law Firm of Kean Miller representing Louis Dreyfus Commodities.

MS. MANGHAM:

My name is Liz Mangham. I'm the managing partner of Southern Strategy Group, and we represent Louis Dreyfus Commodities.

MS. SIMS:

You'll see that the NCA Application is issued in the name of Imperial-Savannah. Well, Louis Dreyfus Commodities owns the stock in Imperial, that's why the name is retained as Imperial.

In short, the issue is, you will see on the agenda that this NCA application is eligible for a

1 shortened time period of five years. We are asking for  
2 special consideration that this NCA application be  
3 eligible for the full ten years, the initial five years,  
4 plus the five-year renewal, instead of the shortened  
5 five years, and we'll go into more background on that.

6 In December of 2011, there was a  
7 purchase of the sugar refinery in St. James Parish, and  
8 then there was a purchase of the sugar processing plant  
9 just after that, in early 2012, so the NCA application  
10 was timely filed on March 13th, 2012 by the Imperial  
11 employees. And then during this transition period where  
12 Louis Dreyfus was taking over the Imperial employees,  
13 some of them departed, including the person who was in  
14 charge of the application. This NCA application that  
15 was filed in the amount of \$7.6-million, so, therefore,  
16 it was over the \$5-million limit. Ms. Weber then tried  
17 to contact the employee who had then filed the  
18 application and she had already parted, so she wasn't  
19 able to get in touch with anyone. So had there not been  
20 this transition period of Louis Dreyfus taking over  
21 Imperial Sugar, certainly that could have been corrected  
22 by the March 31st deadline. So that's basically the  
23 issue is, now once Louis Dreyfus took over, I realized  
24 that there was an issue after going through all of the  
25 documents and e-mails, they discovered the issue in

1           October of 2012. They quickly corrected the issue  
2           November of 2012, and then split the original NCA  
3           application into two, one for obtaining equipment and  
4           one for the building. You-all approved the machinery  
5           and equipment of NCA at the December Board meeting, so  
6           the one before you is the \$2.6-million NCA application  
7           for the building. And, once again, asking for special  
8           consideration that this be eligible for 10 years instead  
9           of five years.

10                           A little history on Louis Dreyfus  
11           Commodities, the company is a global merchandiser of  
12           commodities and a processor of agricultural products.  
13           They operate around the globe. Their main office is  
14           actually in the Netherlands, and they operate in South  
15           America, the Mediterranean, the Black Sea, Asia and  
16           North American. They have several main offices here in  
17           North America, Connecticut, Memphis, Tennessee, Cancun  
18           and Florida. And they recently injected about  
19           \$175-million dollars into a project at the Port of Baton  
20           Rouge, West Baton Rouge Parish, and they have recently  
21           been approved for another \$50-million investment in a  
22           West Baton Rouge project. Liz can speak more to the  
23           details of that project.

24                           They purchased the stock of Imperial  
25           Sugar. Imperial Sugar was on the verge of bankruptcy,

1 so they saved the processing plant in St. James, and  
2 they anticipate another couple-of-million-dollar  
3 investment in the processing plant for 2013. And they  
4 are aggressively and eagerly looking for another  
5 agricultural investment in the State of Louisiana.

6 I'll stop there for questions.

7 MR. MEHROTRA:

8 Ms. Potts-Roque?

9 MS. POTTS-ROQUE:

10 I have a question for the staff in  
11 reference to the...

12 MR. MEHROTRA:

13 It's my understanding y'all have been  
14 working with Ms. Weber; correct.

15 MS. SIMS:

16 Yes. The assessor and Ms. Weber, that  
17 is correct.

18 MR. MEHROTRA:

19 And she's out today.

20 MS. SIMS:

21 Yes.

22 MR. MEHROTRA:

23 Okay. Let's go ahead and get question  
24 on the record.

25 MS. POTTS-ROQUE:

1                   No one at this time can answer my  
2 question, and she's not here. I just got certified by  
3 Mr. Favaloro that he could answer the question.

4                   MR. MEHROTRA:

5                   Would you like to go ahead and put the  
6 question on the record so it can be addressed?

7                   MS. POTTS-ROQUE:

8                   Yes. What I was wanting to know, it's  
9 my understanding -- and if there's someone that can  
10 correct me if I'm wrong -- that the business portion of  
11 it does have the 10 year eligibility, the first five  
12 years and then a second five-year renewal, the operating  
13 part of the business, the equipment?

14                  MS. SIMS:

15                  The machinery and equipment, yes. It  
16 was approved for the full 10-year eligibility at the  
17 December meeting, so it went into the initial five  
18 years, and then they filed a renewal as long as they  
19 meet all of the criteria.

20                  MS. POTTS-ROQUE:

21                  Okay. Now, for the building, is this  
22 something that is customary within the program, that  
23 because one part of it exceeds the dollar amount of the  
24 program limits, that we separate one portion of the  
25 business versus the other to be able to let all

1           participate within the program? Do you understand me?

2                       MR. WINDHAM:

3                               I think there may be other people that  
4           can answer that, but when I worked there, it was not  
5           uncommon for five to seven -- less-than-\$5-million  
6           miscellaneous applications to come in annually from the  
7           same company.

8                       MS. LAMBERT:

9                               I agree.

10                      MS. POTTS-ROQUE:

11                               Which had multiple contracts with 10  
12           years --

13                      MR. WINDHAM:

14                               Multiple contracts with 10 years on all  
15           of them.

16                      MS. POTTS-ROQUE:

17                               Okay. That answers my question.

18                      MR. FRUGE:

19                               Mr. Chairman?

20                      MR. MEHROTRA:

21                               Yes, Mr. Fruge.

22                      MR. FRUGE:

23                               Just a comment, then. I had a brief  
24           conversation with Ms. Sims and Ms. Mangham about this  
25           issue. I think there's compelling reason why we should

1 certainly re-examine the issue and see if it fits within  
2 the frame of rules, both rules and statutorily, and then  
3 since Ms. Weber is not present today, you know, I would  
4 suggest then that once she is able to do a reanalysis or  
5 reevaluation, that it -- you know, if there's nothing  
6 statutorily against us granting this five-year  
7 extension, that we consider it for a vote on the next  
8 meeting.

9 MAYOR HARRIS:

10 Ms. Sims?

11 MS. SIMS:

12 Yes.

13 MAYOR HARRIS:

14 The question that you're putting forward  
15 to the Department has been answered by them in this  
16 manner, on which you disagree. Is there any particular  
17 reason why they're saying only five and you can't have  
18 10? Since Ms. Weber is not here, I mean, how are we to  
19 better understand that dilemma you're in?

20 MS. SIMS:

21 All I can do is kind of relay our  
22 conversations. I certainly don't want to speak for  
23 Ms. Weber, so I'm afraid to do that.

24 MAYOR HARRIS:

25 I'm not asking you to. I'm just trying

1 to get enlightened.

2 MS. SIMS:

3 When I had gone to the assessor, we  
4 certainly would not be here if the assessor had any  
5 objection at all to the company getting a full 10 years  
6 exception. I had come back to Ms. Weber and relayed  
7 that information to her, and she basically said, "Oh, in  
8 a situation like this, this is how we treat it. We  
9 split them up and we consider one of the applications  
10 timely, and then we consider the other -- the second  
11 part of the application untimely and then reduce it by a  
12 number of years based upon the rules, it would be year  
13 per month up to a maximum of five years." It seemed to  
14 be some type of internal standard operating procedure.

15 MAYOR HARRIS:

16 Again, has there been an administrative  
17 decision based on, I imagine, guidance from rules, you  
18 know?

19 MS. LAMBERT:

20 That's correct.

21 MAYOR HARRIS:

22 So I do favor in tabling this so we have  
23 a better understanding and a better position from the  
24 Department. Meanwhile, I would like someone from the  
25 Department, prior to the next meeting, to explain

1 exactly what leeway does the Board have, because,  
2 obviously, staff said one thing. I don't want to go  
3 behind staff and say, "Oh, never mind that. Sure. It's  
4 okay," but at the same time, there must be a reason.

5 MS. POTTS-ROQUE:

6 I agree with you, Mayor. My sentiments  
7 are with you exactly.

8 MAYOR HARRIS:

9 One of our staff members, if there's a  
10 technical issue, then that's when it should be  
11 addressed.

12 MS. POTTS-ROQUE:

13 Well, it mirrors exactly what  
14 Mr. Fruge's saying, let's be certain that what we're  
15 doing are within the confines of the rules and statutory  
16 limits of what the company is asking us, and if it's by  
17 all chance doable, we'll be more than glad to do it.

18 I'd like to make a motion at this time  
19 to table it until the next meeting.

20 MR. MEHROTRA:

21 So we have a motion to table, and we  
22 have a second.

23 We have a motion to table Application  
24 Number 2011349, Imperial-Savannah, LP to the April  
25 meeting.

1                   Okay. Any others comments? Any  
2           comments from the Board?

3                   (No response.)

4           MR. MEHROTRA:

5                   All in favor, say "aye".

6                   (Several members respond "aye".)

7           MR. MEHROTRA:

8                   All opposed?

9                   (No response.)

10          MR. MEHROTRA:

11                   There is no opposition.

12          MS. SIMS:

13                   Thank you.

14          MS. POTTS-ROQUE:

15                   Thank you, members.

16          MR. MEHROTRA:

17                   Thank you, Mr. Favaloro.

18          MR. FAVALORO:

19                   Do you want me to read all of the  
20          applications or...

21          MR. MEHROTRA:

22                   Do we have a motion to in globo?

23                   Any comments?

24                   I see a motion by Mr. Fruge, second by  
25          Mayor Harris.

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All in favor, say "aye".

(Several members respond "aye".)

MR. MEHROTRA:

All opposed?

(No response.)

MR. MEHROTRA:

There is no opposition.

MR. FAVALORO:

There were two Requests of Transfer of Tax Exemption Contracts: Benoit Machine, LLC, Contracts 200339271, 050294, 060473, 070193, 20100192, 20110137 and 20120394 to Benoit Premium Threading, LLC in Terrebonne; Cuming Insulation Corporation, Contracts 20048014, 061123 and 070448 to Ameriforge Cuming Insulation, LLC in Iberia.

That concludes the transfers.

MR. MEHROTRA:

Thank you.

Can I get a motion to approve?

Mr. Windham, second by Ms. Smith.

Any comments from the floor?

(No response.)

MR. MEHROTRA:

Any comments from the Board?

(No response.)

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MR. MEHROTRA:

All in favor, say "aye".

(Several members respond "aye".)

MR. MEHROTRA:

All opposed?

(No response.)

MR. MEHROTRA:

There no opposition.

MR. FAVALORO:

I have two Requests of Change in Name  
Only on Tax Exception Contracts: American Warrior,  
Inc., Contracts 20010338, 20080202 and 20101017, to the  
new name, Regan Power & Compression, Inc., St. Martin;  
and Evonic Stockhausen, LLC, all active contracts, to  
Evonic Corporation in St. John the Baptist.

That concludes the change in names.

MR. MEHROTRA:

Thank you.

Can I get a motion to approve?

Mr. Soprano, second by Mr. Fruge.

Any comments from the floor?

(No response.)

MR. MEHROTRA:

Any comments from the Board?

(No response.)

1 MR. MEHROTRA:

2 All in favor, say "aye".

3 (Several members respond "aye". )

4 MR. MEHROTRA:

5 All opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. MEHROTRA:

8 There is no opposition.

9 MR. FAVALORO:

10 I have nine Partial Transfers: Laitram,  
11 LLC, Contract 20120314, total of \$1,086,643. They're  
12 going to retain \$249,285, and transfer to Intralox, LLC,  
13 Contract Number 20101093 receives \$837,358; Intralox,  
14 LLC, Contract Number 20020565, Intralox 201 Laitram Lane  
15 in Harahan retains \$6,541,531, Intralox 20145 Highway  
16 190E in Hammond receives \$402,054; Intralox Contract  
17 Number 050615 to Intralox 201 Laitram Lane, Harahan  
18 retains \$5,550,759, Intralox Highway 190E, Hammond  
19 retains \$1,108,897; Intralox, LLC, Contract Number  
20 051258, to Intralox in Harahan retains \$17,583,365, and  
21 Intralox in Hammond receives \$817,815; Intralox,  
22 Contract Number 040879, transferring to new owner  
23 Intralox in Harahan \$6,920,272, and Hammond receives  
24 \$500,555; Intralox, LLC, Contract Number 062420, to  
25 Intralox Harahan retained \$14,106,766, and Intralox

1 Hammond, \$8,115; Intralox, LLC, Contract Number  
2 20071341, to Intralox in Harahan, \$6,793,021, and  
3 Intralox Hammond Contract 070758 receives \$186,137;  
4 Intralox, LLC, Contract 20081300, to Intralox in  
5 Harahan, \$7,282,088, and Intralox in Hammond, Contract  
6 20100431 receives \$36,270; Intralox, LLC, Contract  
7 Number 20101093 to Intralox Harahan, \$2,006,368, and to  
8 Intralox in Hammond, \$24,651.

9 Wow. That concludes the Partial  
10 Transfers.

11 MR. MEHROTRA:

12 Thank you.

13 Can I get a motion to approve?

14 Ms. Potts-Roque, second by Ms. Smith.

15 Any comments from the floor?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. MEHROTRA:

18 Any comments from the Board?

19 (No response.)

20 MR. MEHROTRA:

21 All in favor, say "aye".

22 (Several members respond "aye".)

23 MR. MEHROTRA:

24 All opposed?

25 (No response.)

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MR. MEHROTRA:

There is no opposition.

MR. FAVALORO:

I have one Change in Location: Ronpak, Inc., Contract 20110858. The previous location was 10911 Doug Attaway Boulevard in Shreveport to 1 Nathan Sedley Way in Shreveport.

That concludes the change in location.

MR. MEHROTRA:

Thank you.

Can I get a motion to approve?

Mr. King, second by Mr. Elmore.

Any comments from the floor?

(No response.)

MR. MEHROTRA:

Any comments from the Board?

(No response.)

MR. MEHROTRA:

All in favor, say "aye".

(Several members respond "aye".)

MR. MEHROTRA:

All opposed?

(No response.)

MR. MEHROTRA:

There is no opposition.

1 MR. FAVALORO:

2 We have two Requests to Cancel the  
3 following contracts: Southern Recycling, Contract  
4 20100451, Assets were not purchased in the project  
5 timeframe, company has requested cancelation of this  
6 project in Orleans Parish; and Entergy Gulf States, LLC,  
7 Riverbend, Contract 20071311, project canceled by the  
8 company. Entergy is requesting cancelation of this  
9 contract in West Feliciana.

10 That concludes the cancelations.

11 MR. MEHROTRA:

12 Thank you.

13 Can I get a motion to approve?

14 Mr. Windham, second by Mr. Harris.

15 All in favor -- any comments from the  
16 floor?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. MEHROTRA:

19 Any comments from the Board?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. MEHROTRA:

22 All in favor, say "aye".

23 (Several members respond "aye".)

24 MR. MEHROTRA:

25 All opposed?

1 (No response.)

2 MR. MEHROTRA:

3 There is no opposition.

4 MR. FAVALORO:

5 One Special Circumstance: Prior to  
6 renewal, there was a renewal for Millard Food on this  
7 agenda. They sent their renewal contract with a note  
8 that the company had shut it's facility, but were  
9 actively pursuing a buyer for the plant and its  
10 processes. They have a potential buyer that would  
11 qualify as a manufacturer and intend to transfer all  
12 active contracts to this company. If the purchase would  
13 fall through, we will bring all Millard Food projects to  
14 the Board for cancelation at the end of the year.

15 MR. MEHROTRA:

16 Thank you.

17 Can I get a motion to approve?

18 Mr. Harris, second Mr. Elmore.

19 Any comments from the floor?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. MEHROTRA:

22 Any comments from the Board?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. MEHROTRA:

25 All in favor, say "aye".

1 (Several members respond "aye".)

2 MR. MEHROTRA:

3 All opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. MEHROTRA:

6 There is no opposition.

7 MR. FAVALORO:

8 And, lastly, we have 16 renewals:

9 20080262, AEP Elmwood, LLC in Plaquemines; 20080520,  
10 Allison Marine Holdings, LLC in St. Mary; 20080521  
11 Almond Bros. Lumber Company in Red River; 20080335  
12 Calumet Lubricants Company, LP in Webster; 20080272,  
13 Cargill, Incorporated in St. Martin; 061643, CF  
14 Industries, Incorporated in Ascension; 20080296, CF  
15 Industries, Incorporated in Ascension; 20080617,  
16 Columbian Chemicals Company in St. Mary; 062402, Exxon  
17 Mobil Corporation, East Baton Rouge; 20080388, Franke  
18 Consumer Products, Inc. in Lincoln; 20080606, Louisiana  
19 Hardwood Products LLC of St. Landry; 20080004, Louisiana  
20 State Printing, LLC in St. Landry; 050812, Millard Food,  
21 LLC in St. Tammany; 20020588, Monsanto Company, Lake  
22 Charles; 20080551, Placid Refining Company, LLC in West  
23 Baton Rouge; and 050797 Placid Refining Company, LLC,  
24 West Baton Rouge.

25 That concludes the renewals.

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MR. MEHROTRA:  
Thank you.  
Can I get a motion to approve?  
Mr. Gonsoulin, second by Mr. Fruge.  
Any comments from the floor?  
(No response.)  
MR. MEHROTRA:  
Any comments from the Board?  
(No response.)  
MR. MEHROTRA:  
All in favor, say "aye".  
(Several members respond "aye".)  
MR. MEHROTRA:  
All opposed?  
(No response.)  
MR. MEHROTRA:  
There is no opposition.  
Thank you.  
Okay. I would now like to open the  
floor to nominations for a chair and a vice chair for  
2013.  
MR. ELMORE:  
I would like to nominate R.K. Mehrotra  
for chairman.  
MAYOR HARRIS:

1 I'd like to second that.

2 MR. MEHROTRA:

3 I do accept.

4 Should would go ahead and vote for vice  
5 chairman?

6 MAYOR HARRIS:

7 I'd like to close the nominations.

8 MR. FRUGE:

9 I second that.

10 MR. MEHROTRA:

11 We have a second by Mr. Fruge.

12 We'll go ahead and take a vote on the  
13 chair position.

14 All in favor, say "aye".

15 (Several members respond "aye". )

16 MR. MEHROTRA:

17 All opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. HARRIS:

20 You win.

21 MR. MEHROTRA:

22 I would now like to open the floor to  
23 vice chair nominations, please.

24 MR. ELMORE:

25 I'd like to nominate Andre Fruge for

1 vice chair.

2 MR. MEHROTRA:

3 Mr. Fruge is nominated.

4 MR. GONSOULIN:

5 Second.

6 MR. MEHROTRA:

7 Mr. Gonsoulin seconds that.

8 MAYOR HARRIS:

9 I'd like nominations to be closed.

10 MR. MEHROTRA:

11 Motion to close the nomination. We have  
12 a second by Ms. Potts-Roque.

13 All in favor, say "aye".

14 (Several members respond "aye".)

15 MR. MEHROTRA:

16 All opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. MEHROTRA:

19 There is no opposition.

20 MS. POTTS-ROQUE:

21 Congratulations, gentlemen.

22 MR. MEHROTRA:

23 Any further business that we need to  
24 discuss?

25 (No response.)

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MR. MEHROTRA:

Can I get a motion to adjourn?

So moved by Mr. Soprano, second by  
Ms. Potts-Roque.

Thank you.

All in favor, say "aye".

(Several members respond "aye".)

MR. MEHROTRA:

All opposed?

(No response.)

MR. MEHROTRA:

Adjourned.

(Meeting concludes at 2:17 p.m.)

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