

**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at 4:00pm
J.S. Clark Administration Building, 2nd Floor,
Baton Rouge, LA

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

*Meeting was called to order by President Shields
Janene Tate, Communications Director, submitted affidavit attesting to notice of hearing.*

2. Roll Call and Acknowledgment of Quorum

Counsel called roll.

*Present: Dennis J. Shields, Commissioner
Patrice Aron, Commissioner
Craig Stevens, Commissioner
Matt Valliere, Commissioner
Absent: Erin Monroe, Commissioner*

A quorum was present.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

*Commissioner Valliere moved to adopt the agenda, and it was seconded by Commissioner Stevens.
Motion carried.*

4. Public Comments

Chauna Banks, Metro Council Member, District 2 – expressed her concern about the impact of the imposition of taxes on the residents of Scotlandville; if there would be overlap with the Scotlandville District; and how information would be disseminated.

5. Informational Items

A. Acknowledgment of Appointments – President Shields

President Shields welcomed the Commissioners; expressed his appreciation for their participation; and indicated that the EDD is aligned with one of his major pillars for the Southern University and A&M College, i.e., being a good steward of place.

6. Action Items

A. Consideration and Adoption of Bylaws for the District

Commissioner Stevens moved to adopt the Bylaws for the District. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Valliere. Motion carried.

B. Establish Terms for the Four Commissioners

Commissioner Valliere moved to establish a term of three (3) years for both him and Commissioner Aron; a term of two (2) years for Commissioners Stevens and Monroe. Commissioner Aron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Nomination and Election of Officers

Commissioner Valliere moved to have Commissioner Stevens elected as Secretary/Treasurer and himself elected as Vice Chair. Commissioner Aron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. Adopt a Resolution of the Board acknowledging the Board's intention to levy and collect (a) a one percent (1.0%) sales and use tax upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption and storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the district and (b) one percent (1.0%) of hotel occupancy taxes within the boundaries of the Southern University Economic Development District commencing November 1, 2024 and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Commissioner Valliere moved to adopt the proposed resolution and Commissioner Stevens seconded. Motion carried.

E. Adopt a Resolution of the Board providing notice to the public of its intention to levy and collect (a) a one percent (1.0%) sales and use tax upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption and storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the district and (b) one percent (1.0%) of hotel occupancy taxes within the boundaries of the Southern University Economic Development District commencing November 1, 2024 and otherwise providing with respect thereto and to provide any and all of the notices required by LSA-R.S. 19, LSA-R.S. 42:19.1 and LSA-R.S. 33:9038.39 of the Board in connection therewith in the forms attached to the Resolution.

Commissioner Valliere moved to adopt the proposed resolution and Commissioner Aron seconded. Motion carried.

F. To call and schedule the next meeting of the Board.

Commissioner Aron moved to tentatively schedule the next (second) Board meeting for September 25, 2024, at 4:00pm. Commissioner Valliere seconded and the motion carried.

7. Other Business

None

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned.