



**BioDistrict New Orleans
Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda
July 15, 2026 | 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Location: Greater New Orleans Foundation, 919 St. Charles Ave, New Orleans, LA 70130

- I. Call to Order
- II. Board Member Roll Call
- III. Introduction of Guest(s)
- IV. Adoption of previous board meeting minutes from March 4, 2025
- V. Financial Report
 - a. Update on City and State Funds
 - b. Update on Financial Processes Manual
 - c. NDO Insurance Renewal
 - d. Update on Congressionally-Directed Spending award to support Xavier Ochsner College of Medicine and SAM.gov Account
- VI. Financial Action Items
 - a. State Audit FY2025 Review and Approval
- VII. Action Items
 - a. Election of Officers
 - b. Authorization for Chair to sign contract with recommended legal services provider
 - c. Authorization for Chair to close existing non-public funds bank accounts and open Public Funds accounts, including interest-bearing accounts, at Hancock Whitney bank
 - d. Authorization for Chair to partner with NOBIC and Excel Regional Solutions to develop an industry entrepreneurship strategy and sign a CEA for \$14,608
 - e. Authorization for Chair to partner with NOBIC on presenting the BioChallenge 2026 economic development programming and sign a CEA
 - f. Authorization for Chair to partner with recommended youth educational partner STEM NOLA for educational programming to advance the development of the biosciences workforce and sign a CEA
- VIII. Chair's Report/Discussion Items
 - a. Welcome Chelsea Gonzales, Director, Business Development, Louisiana Economic Development to the Board

- b. Appreciation for Josh Fleig's service on the Board
- c. Update on EDA Funding Opportunity for BioDistrict
- d. Update on Charity Hospital Redevelopment
- e. Opportunity Zones 2.0 Tracts Nomination Process
- f. Update on Congressionally Directed Spending Requests
- g. Update on Groundwork New Orleans Tree Planting Project on Tulane Avenue
- h. Update on Bus Shelters & CEA with the RTA
- i. Update on RFP process
 - i Preparing to release RFP's for public realm and communications support
- j. Update on Governance Items
- k. Update on Public Engagement
 - i Urban Land Institute Panel & Bus Tour in June
 - ii Mid City Neighborhood Organization Tabling in May
 - iii National Security Commission of Emerging Biotechnology Visit in April
 - iv DC Innovation District Learning Visit in April
 - v BioDistrict presentations to Councilmember Willard and the Business Council in March
 - vi New Orleans Entrepreneur Week 2026 Panel and Bus Tour in March

IX. Vice Chair's Report/Discussion Items

- a. Update on biosciences entrepreneurship strategy

X. New Business

XI. Partner Updates

XII. Public Comment

XIII. Adjournment
