



BioDistrict New Orleans
Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda
March 14, 2024 | 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Location: NOLABA 1250 Poydras St. Suite 2150 New Orleans, LA 70113

I. Call to Order

The March BioDistrict Board Meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Andy Kopplin at 2:45pm.

II. Roll Call a. Board members present

Commissioners Present: Emily Arata, Kaneisha Bailey- Akinpelumi, Arnel Cosey, Sharon Courtney, Michael Hecht, Nicole Honoree, Brad Lambert, Charlotte Parent, Blake Stanfill, Andy Kopplin

Commissioner(s): Preset via Zoom: N/A

Commissioners Absent: Lowry Curley, Judith Dangerfield, Larissa Littleton-Steib, Roger Ogden, Gregoire Tillery

Quorum: Present

b. Adoption of Agenda for Board Meeting

Mr. Kopplin stated that he has been advised that adopting the agenda was not a necessary step.

c. Adoption of previous board meeting minutes from February 28, 2024

Mr. Kopplin requested the approval of the minutes from the previous BioDistrict board meeting on February 28, 2024. Ms. Parent motioned for approval, and Mr. Lambert seconded. There was no discussion or public comment and a vote on the motion was unanimously approved.

III. Introduction of Guest(s)

NOLABA Attendees: Sherelle K. Bowser (EA to President & CEO), Douglas Porter (Marketing & Events Coordinator), Andreas Pashos (Senior Director Partnerships, Talent & Emerging Industries) (Victoria Miles (VP of Finance)

Others Present: Leo John Arnett (GNO Inc.), Courtney Thomas Barnes (Greater New Orleans Foundation), Davon Barbour (DDD), Christina DeGiulio (HR&A), Bob Geolas (HR&A Advisors), Korey Patty (N.O. Bio Innovation Center), Mary Mysing-Gubala (Mid-City Neighborhood Association), Sharonda Williams (Counsel to BioDistrict).

IV. Review and Approve Strategic Planning Process

Ms. DeGiulio of HR&A provided an update on the recent changes made to the strategic plan since the last BioDistrict meeting.



The proposed changes to the strategic plan were presented to the board for consideration.

During the meeting and based upon discussion from the commissioners, Mr. Kopplin asked that HR&A make additional changes to the implementation timetables to reflect suggestions made by commissioners.

Mr. Stanfill moved and Ms. Courtney seconded a motion that the board approve the strategic plan as presented and with the amendments proposed during the current meeting, and the board approved the motion unanimously.

Commissioners commended HR&A advisors for their professionalism, expertise, and dedication to supporting the BioDistrict in developing a robust strategic master plan.

IX. Public Comment(s)

Ms. Sharonda Williams said that a lawsuit challenging the CEA between the BioDistrict and the State of Louisiana regarding Tax Increment Financing CEA was decided in favor of the BioDistrict.

X. Adjournment

Mr. Kopplin moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Honoree. The chair called for discussion and public comments, of which there were none, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:44pm.