

LaBIC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2015
Alexandria, Louisiana
2:00 – 2:30 pm

Chairman Rusovich called the meeting to order and began with roll call. The following committee members were in attendance:

1. Greg Rusovich
2. Steven Grissom
3. Rick Ranson
4. Kathe Falls

Absent were:

1. Jay Hardman
2. Dominik Knoll
3. John Manno, Jr.

Additional attendees included:

- Anthony Bodin

A quorum was declared.

Action items resulting from the 8th board meeting were discussed.

The LaBIC Review committee discussed the desire to meet between meetings and clarified what constitutes a meeting. LaBIC Review Subcommittee Chairman Rick Ranson said that he will discuss ideas with committee members individually so that the subcommittee can move toward a goal of finalizing the review process by the December meeting.

Chairman Rusovich discussed the need to better distinguish the roles of the Office of Multimodal Commerce and LaBIC, especially with project review responsibilities. Mr. Bodin indicated he represents LaBIC and Secretary Grissom represents LED on an advisory committee to select the new Commissioner of the Office of Multimodal Commerce. It was decided that Chairman Rusovich, Kathe Falls, Anthony Bodin, Sherri LeBas would meet with Senators Appel and Chabert to discuss ideas to better distinguish between these organizations. It was agreed that this meeting would happen before the next LaBIC meeting in December 2015.

Two concerns raised at the board meeting were discussed by Secretary Grissom – the need to better connect tourism with international economic development, and the role of LED's international representatives in calling on the headquarter operations of existing foreign direct investment investors in Louisiana. It was agreed that the Office of International Commerce would look at processes and ideas to address these concerns.

The concern of lack of attendance by some LaBIC board members was discussed. It was agreed that Chairman Rusovich and Kathe Falls would discuss methods to contact the nominating organizations of non-attendees and ask these organizations to encourage resignations or active participation so that we may have a board of fully engaged members.

During open discussion the Executive Committee agreed that the December meeting will follow the same format – subcommittee meetings followed by the board meeting with the executive committee meeting after the board meeting – as that format is working well. Rebecca Normand will send a “doodle” to determine if December 9 or 10 will work best for most board members.

Chairman Rusovich called for public comments, but hearing none, proceeded with closing comments where he thanked members of the Executive Committee for their service and CLEDA for sponsoring the 8th board meeting. The Committee agreed that the facility and food were outstanding. Rick Ranson offered use of the facility at future LaBIC meetings.

Chairman Rusovich adjourned the meeting.