***Meeting of the Southern Rail Commission***

June 7, 2019 9:00am-12:00pm

Baton Rouge Area Foundation

100 North Street, Suite 900

Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Conference Phone Number: **866.263.2052**

Access Code: **89999670#**

Chair Code: **89935**

**Call to Order:** *Chairman John Spain*

**Roll Call**

**Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer**

**Recognition of Special Guests and new Commissioners**

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

1. Approval of the minutes from the meeting of March 1, 2019
2. Update on JSU Study-*Toby Bennington*
3. Legislative Affairs Update - *John Robert Smith* (By Phone)
4. Financial and Administrative Report- *Wiley Blankenship/Debbie Vignes* (By Phone)
   1. Update on States Dues-*John Spain*
5. Communications and Media Update-*Haley Blakeman and Dan Dealy*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Report on Executive Committee activities - *Spain, Ross, Blankenship*
2. Update on Gulf Coast Working Group next steps - *Spain, Ross and John Robert Smith*
3. Update on station planning grants -*John Robert Smith*
4. State Reports:
   1. Louisiana:
      1. Update on New Orleans to Baton Rouge passenger rail project
      2. Results from Public Opinion Poll
      3. Conversation between Amtrak and KCS
   2. Mississippi:
      1. Update on the Gulf Coast funding
      2. Proposed bus bridge from Memphis to Birmingham
   3. Alabama:
      1. City of Mobile on Gulf Coast project
      2. Montgomery – Mobile Passenger Rail Feasibility Study Phase II

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Reports from Amtrak: Todd Stennis

**SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS**:

1. September 6, 2019 Alabama
2. December 6, 2109 Mississippi

**ADJOURNMENT**