



**JEDCO Board of Commissioners  
February 25, 2021 @ 8:30 A.M.  
Video Conference/Teleconference  
MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** 8:30 a.m.

**Attendance:** Mickal Adler, Jimmy Baum, Kenny Bertucci, Barry Breaux, Lloyd Clark, Anthony DiGerolamo, Joe Ewell, Michael Fahrenholt, Josline Frank, Leshia Freeland, Tom Gennaro, Brian Heiden, Larry Katz, Michael Kraft, Teresa Lawrence, Keith Merritt, Tricia Phillipott, Mayra Pineda, Stephen Robinson, Gene Sausse

**Staff:** Jerry Bologna, Lacey Bordelon, Lisa Cabrera, Janet Galati, Cynthia Grows, Annalisa Kelly, Jennifer Lapeyrouse, Jessica Lobue, Mary Martens, Pamela Manuel, Scott Rojas, Kelsey Scram, Penny Weeks, Kate Wendel

**Absences:** Floyd Simeon

**Attorney:** Reed Smith, Jefferson Parish

**Guests:** Michael Hecht, Dr. Stanton McNeely, Clark Castle, Rachel Shields

**I. Call to Order – Chairwoman, Teresa Lawrence**

- **Roll Call** – The above named Commissioners attended the virtual meeting.
- **Approval of Board absences for today, February 25, 2021** – There were no requests to be excused for this meeting.
- **Approval of Minutes for January 28, 2021** – Mayra Pineda motioned, seconded by Leshia Freeland to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Presentation: Michael Hecht, President & CEO of Greater New Orleans, Inc.** Mr. Hecht, provided updates related to Federal, State and Regional activities. Included in his updates related to Jefferson Parish, Mr. Hecht stated that GNO, Inc. and JEDCO are creating strong talent pipelines and a collaborative workforce ecosystem, and that GNO, Inc. continues to work closely with JEDCO to increase ridership and promote transportation options and workforce mobility in Jefferson Parish. Additionally, GNO, Inc. continues to work with JEDCO on active prospects for the Avondale Marine site, and with marketing, business development and business environment throughout the parish.

- **Presentation: Stanton McNeely, President of University of Holy Cross**  
Mr. McNeely gave quick facts about the campus, which was founded in 1916 by the Marianites of Holy Cross. In the fall of 2018 the Residence Hall opened and in the spring of 2020 the Health Sciences Center opened. In the spring of 2021, there were 1,110 students with a 10:1 student-faculty ratio; 17% male, 83% female and 50% students of color. Mr. McNeely's presentation outlined the undergraduate programs, as well as graduate programs, doctoral programs and online programs.

## II. Public Comments on Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

## III. Unfinished and New Business

- **A resolution approving professional services contract between Jefferson Parish Economic Development & Port District and Duplantis Design Group, PC, for wetland delineation services within Churchill Technology & Business Park, and providing for related matters including possible agreements with affected landowners - Lacey Bordelon**

Mickal Adler motioned, seconded by Teresa Lawrence to defer this item to the March 25, 2021 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

- **A resolution approving The Jefferson EDGE 2025 economic development strategic plan dated February 2021 and authorizing the plan for implementation, and recommending its adoption by the Jefferson Parish Council as the overall five-year economic development strategic plan for Jefferson Parish – Lacey Bordelon**

Lacey provided an overview of the five-year plan stating the plan is organized under three broad goals derived from the initial stakeholder input. The three goals are: Talent & Workforce, Innovation & Industry, and Quality of Place & Real Estate. Lacey also provided details regarding initiatives under each goal, the implementation process and next steps. Following discussion, Chairwoman Teresa Lawrence motioned to approve the resolution, which authorizes the plan's implementation by JEDCO, recommends adoption of the plan by the Jefferson Parish Council as the overall five-year economic development strategic plan for Jefferson Parish, and authorizes JEDCO's President and CEO to execute any and all documents required to carry out the provisions of the resolution. The motion was seconded by Stephen Robinson and passed unanimously.

## IV. Monthly Financial Report

- **January 2021 – Cynthia Grows**

Lloyd Clark motioned, seconded by Mayra Pineda to accept the report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

## V. President and CEO Report – Jerry Bologna

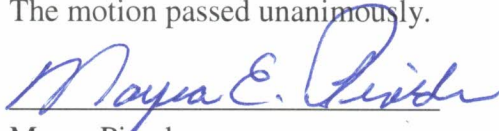
- Jerry advised the Commissioners that the 2020 Financial Disclosure Forms were mailed to each Commissioners' home address and the deadline to submit to the Louisiana Board of Ethics is May 15, 2021.

**VI. Other Updates or Comments from the JEDCO Board of Commissioner**

None

**VII. Adjournment** – Mayra Pineda motioned to adjourn, seconded by Stephen Robinson.

The motion passed unanimously.



Mayra Pineda

JEDCO, Secretary

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