

BioDistrict New Orleans
Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda
December 13, 2023 | 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Location: NOLABA 1250 Poydras St. Suite 2150 New Orleans, LA 70113

I. Call to Order

The December 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, Sharon Courtney, Lowry Curley, Michael Hecht, Brad Lambert, Andy Kopplin, Charlotte Parent, Blake Stanfill

Commissioner(s): Present via Zoom:

Commissioners Absent: Judith Dangerfield, Nicole Honoree, Larissa Littleton-Steib, Roger Ogden

Quorum: Present

b. Adoption of Agenda for Board Meeting

Mr. Kopplin requested to amend the agenda to adopt the signature for BioDistrict's CEA. Ms. Arata motioned for approval, and Mr. Lambert seconded.

There was no discussion or public comment and a vote on the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Kopplin requested to adopt the agenda as amended. Mr. Stanfill moved for approval, and Ms. Arata seconded.

There was no discussion or public comment and a vote on the motion was unanimously approved.

c. Adoption of previous board meeting minutes from August 9, 2023

Mr. Kopplin requested the approval of the minutes as amended from August 9th.

Mr. Kopplin requested the minutes from the previous BioDistrict board meeting held on August 9th, 2023, be approved by the board of commissioners. Mr. Lambert mentioned the incorrect date in the minutes presented and that they should reflect the date of August 9th and not March 8th. Mr. Lambert then motioned for approval of the minutes as amended and Ms. Parent seconded. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

III. Introduction of Guest(s)

NOLABA Attendees: Sherelle K. Bowser (EA to Interim President & CEO), Louis David (Interim President & CEO), Naomi Herr (Director, Community Engagement), Victoria Miles (VP of Finance).

Others Present: Courtney Thomas Barnes (Greater New Orleans Foundation), Tyler Correa (DDD), Maisha Mena (REMIXEcology), Shaun Mena (The Mena Law Firm), Sharonda Williams (Counsel of BioDistrict), Mary Mysing-Gubala (Mid-City Neighborhood Association).

IV. Call for Public Input Cards on Agenda Items

There were no public input cards submitted to board at this time during the meeting.

V. Financial Report by NOLABA

Ms. Miles reported that the current balance in the BioDistrict account was \$1, 810.32.

VI. Chairperson's Updates

a. CEA with the State of Louisiana Approved

Mr. Kopplin noted that the state would match up to \$25 million in revenue generated locally through the CEA between BioDistrict and the City of New Orleans, similar to the prior state action in support of projects in Lake Charles and Baton Rouge.

Mr. Kopplin mentioned the need to authorize the chair to sign the CEO on behalf of the BioDistrict with the state of Louisiana.

Ms. Arata motioned for approval, and Ms. Courtney seconded.

There was no discussion or public comment and a vote on the motion was unanimously approved.

b. BioDistrict's Strategic Plan Update

Mr. Kopplin mentioned the strategic plan is scheduled to be completed in March 2024.

Mr. Stanfield made mention that the research phase of this strategic plan has been completed by HR & A Advisors. Recommendations will be a part of the second phase of the plan. Final recommendations will be made in February 2024.

c. BioDistrict 2024 Budget for CEA with the City of New Orleans.

Mr. Kopplin said that the BioDistrict Budget would be submitted to the City Council for approval following strategic planning process.

VII. Partner Updates

Ms. Parent spoke about the expanding partnership between LCMC Health and Tulane, which are mission based non-profit organizations that call Southeast Louisiana home. The organizations have a long-standing relationship and shared commitments to train the next generation of healthcare providers and care for the community. This transformational will enhance a long history of collaboration to do more for patients, communities, and our region than would be possible as separate organizations. All employees at the three hospitals Tulane Medical Center, Tulane Lakeside Hospital, and Lakeview Regional Medical Center, will continue to have jobs under the existing partnership. Additionally, this partnership will bring LCMC Health and Tulane University employees new and expanded opportunities for both and advancement.

VIII. Executive Session: Pending Litigation and Threatened Litigation (La. C.E. Art. 506)
Kinney v. The BioDistrict New Orleans, Orleans Parish Civil District Court No. 2022-11481

Mr. Kopplin sought a motion to move into executive session regarding pending and threatened litigation. Ms. Courtney motioned, and Ms. Bailey-Akinpelumi seconded. There was no discussion or public comment, and a board yielded unanimous approval to enter executive session.

Mr. Kopplin sought a motion to move exiting out of executive session, noting no action had been taken in the executive session. Mr. Stanfill motioned, and Ms. Bailey-Akinpelumi seconded. There was no discussion or public comment and the vote to approve was unanimous.

IX. Public Comment(s)

There was no discussion or public comment.

X. Adjournment

Ms. Parent moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Hecht. The chair called for discussion and public comments, of which there were none, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20pm.