

**BioDistrict New Orleans**  
**Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, October 05, 2016**  
**935 Gravier Street, Suite 2020, New Orleans, LA**

**Commissioners Present:** Gene D'Amour, Sharon Courtney, Darrick LeBeouf, Harold Gaspard, Donna Klein, John Hope III, Rev. Kaseem Short, Kelisha Garrett, and Rebecca Conwell for Andy Kopplin

**Commissioners Absent:** Dr. Larry Hollier, Roger Ogden, Kacie Kelly, Charles Rice, Jr., Christopher D'Amour, Jamie Guillory

**Commissioners via Phone:** None

**Others:** New Orleans Business Alliance staff present (Quentin L. Messer, Jr., and Amritha Appaswami), Korak Sarkar- Ochsner/NOBIC

**Quorum:** 9 members present, quorum attained

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- I. **Call to Order**  
The meeting was called to order at 2.05pm CST.
- II. **Roll Call**  
Gene D'Amour performed a roll call of board commissioners at 2.08pm. Quorum was present.
- III. **Adopt Agenda for Board Meeting**  
Board commissioners adopted agenda for the current board meeting. No comments were made regarding the agenda.
- IV. **Introduction of Guest(s)**  
Korak Sarkar, Clinician-in-Residence at New Orleans Bioinnovation Center, Physician Ochsner Baptist
- V. **Call for Public Input Cards on Agenda Items**  
None
- VI. **Adoption of BioDistrict Minutes**

The Minutes from the June 02, 2016 BioDistrict Board of Commissioners meeting were adopted.

**VII. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Gene D'Amour provided no major updates at this meeting.

**VIII. Update on Associates Program**

Chairman Gene D'Amour appraised Board commissioners regarding two checks received from Tulane University and People's Health.

**IX. Update on New Orleans Business Alliance (NOLABA) Initiatives**

- a) Quentin L. Messer, Jr., CEO, and Amritha Appaswami, Director, Business Development & Strategy for the BIO Ecosystem, New Orleans Business Alliance provided an update on activities under Bio & Health innovation business development, marketing and ecosystem development since June 2016
- b) NOLABA initiated an open discussion on mechanisms for business attraction and ecosystem development. Board commissioners requested that NOLABA present recommendations for projects that the BioDistrict can undertake to develop the Bio & Health Economy, and present a vision for the future state of the BioDistrict.

**X. Other Old Business**

No other old business was presented.

**XI. New Business**

No new business was presented.

**XII. Public Comment(s)**

Guest attendee provided input on examples of other medical districts in the US that the New Orleans BioDistrict could potentially emulate

**XIII. Adjournment**

The motion to adjourn was presented by Gene D'Amour, with the approval of the commissioners present at 3.28pm CST.