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MEETING MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
OF THE  
LOUISIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
HELD AT  
LOUISIANA STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BUILDING  
FOURTH FLOOR BOARD ROOM  
8401 UNITED PLAZA BOULEVARD  
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA  
ON THE 26TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2014  
COMMENCING AT 1:32 P.M.

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BOARD OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

1    **Appearances of Board Members Present:**

- 2    **Andre Fruge**
- 3    **R.K. Mehrotra**
- 4    **Millie Atkins**
- 5    **William King**
- 6    **Jeffrey Elmore**
- 7    **Richard Gonsoulin**
- 8    **Gordon Burgess**
- 9    **Steven Grissom**
- 10   **Mayor Glenn Brasseaux**
- 11   **Wilda Smith**
- 12   **Thomas Holden**
- 13   **Charles Soprano**
- 14   **Michelle Ducharme**
- 15   **Bryan Bossier**
- 16   **Gale Potts-Roque**

17   **Staff members present:**

- 18   **Melissa Sorrell**
- 19   **Brenda Guess**
- 20   **Frank Favaloro**
- 21   **Danielle Clapinski**
- 22   **Becky Lambert**
- 23   **Anne Villa**
- 24   **Lori Weber**
- 25   **Susan Bigner**
- 26   **Joyce Metoyer**
- 27   **Roshanda Hanible**



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MR. FRUGE:

Good afternoon, everyone. Welcome to the August 26th, 2414 meeting of the Board of Commerce and Industry.

First order of business, Ms. Sorrell, would you call the roll, please?

MS. SORRELL:

Matt Parker for Governor Jindal.

(No response.)

MR. SORRELL:

Steve Windham for Lieutenant Governor Dardenne.

(No response.)

MS. SORRELL:

Millie Atkins.

MS. ATKINS:

Here.

MS. SORRELL:

Lance Belcher.

(No response.)

MS. SORRELL:

Bryan Bossier.

MR. BOSSIER:

Here.

MS. SORRELL:



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1 Mayor Brasseaux.  
2 MAYOR BRASSEAUX:  
3 Here.  
4 MS. SORRELL:  
5 Gordon Burgess.  
6 MR. BURGESS:  
7 Here.  
8 MS. SORRELL:  
9 Jeffrey Elmore.  
10 MR. ELMORE:  
11 Here.  
12 MS. SORRELL:  
13 Andre Fruge.  
14 MR. FRUGE:  
15 Here.  
16 MS. SORRELL:  
17 Richard Gonsoulin.  
18 MR. GONSOULIN:  
19 Here.  
20 MS. SORRELL:  
21 Steven Grissom for Secretary Moret.  
22 MR. GRISSOM:  
23 Here.  
24 MS. SORRELL:  
25 Thomas Holden.



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1 MR. HOLDEN:  
2 Here.  
3 MS. SORRELL:  
4 Jerry Jones.  
5 (No response.)  
6 MS. SORRELL:  
7 William King.  
8 MR. KING:  
9 Here.  
10 MS. SORRELL:  
11 Michelle Ducharme for Senator Martiny.  
12 MS. DECHARME:  
13 Here.  
14 MS. SORRELL:  
15 R.K. Mehrotra.  
16 MR. MEHROTRA:  
17 Here.  
18 MS. SORRELL:  
19 Representative Ponti.  
20 (No response.)  
21 MS. SORRELL:  
22 Representative Pugh.  
23 (No response.)  
24 MS. SORRELL:  
25 Senator Riser.



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(No response.)

MS. SORRELL:  
Gale Potts-Roque.

MS. POTTS-ROQUE:  
Here.

MS. SORRELL:  
Wilda Smith.

MS. SMITH:  
Here.

MS. SORRELL:  
And Charles Soprano.

MR. SOPRANO:  
Here.

MS. SORRELL:  
We have a quorum.

MR. FRUGE:  
Thank you.

Okay. Members, do I hear a motion for  
the approval of the minutes from June 17th?

MR. BURGESS:  
So moved.

MR. FRUGE:  
Moved by Mr. Burgess, second by Jeff  
Elmore.

Any discussion?



1 (No response.)

2 MR. FRUGE:

3 All in favor, signify by saying "aye".

4 (Several members respond "aye".)

5 MR. FRUGE:

6 Any opposition?

7 (No response.)

8 MR. FRUGE:

9 So ordered.

10 Okay. Before we move on to Quality  
11 Jobs, I just want to make one comment. I wanted to let  
12 everybody know congratulations are in order for Mayor  
13 Brasseaux, who is now re-elected without opposition, so  
14 congratulations to Mayor Brasseaux.

15 MAYOR BRASSEAU:

16 Thank you.

17 MR. FRUGE:

18 Mr. Favaloro.

19 MR. FAVALORO:

20 Oh, yes. I have 10 new applications for  
21 Quality Jobs: 20121254, Ameritas Technologies  
22 Corporation in East Baton Rouge Parish; 20140292,  
23 Geocent, LLC in Orleans; 20121215, Honeywell  
24 International in Ascension; 20121213 Honeywell  
25 International in East Baton Rouge; 20130849, IBM



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1 Corporation in East Baton Rouge; 20120962, Mechanical  
2 Equipment Company, Inc. In St. Tammany; 20120864, New  
3 Orleans Cold Storage and Warehouse Company, Limited, in  
4 Orleans; 20129999, Sasol North American, Inc. in  
5 Calcasieu; 20121212, UQP, LLC in Caddo; 20121211, UQP,  
6 LLC in East Baton Rouge.

7 That concludes the applications for  
8 Quality Jobs.

9 MR. FRUGE:

10 Do I hear a motion for acceptance?

11 MS. POTTS-ROQUE:

12 So moved.

13 MR. FRUGE:

14 Moved by Ms. Potts-Roque, second by Ms.  
15 Smith.

16 MR. SOPRANO:

17 Mr. Chairman?

18 MR. FRUGE:

19 Yes.

20 MR. SOPRANO:

21 I'd like for you to read that number on  
22 IBM to let the people know that Louisiana is  
23 progressing.

24 MR. FRUGE:

25 What is that?



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1 MR. SOPRANO:

2 The 800 permanent jobs over a period.

3 MR. FRUGE:

4 Yes. Your point is well taken. Eight  
5 hundred permanent jobs, 1.2-billion in salaries. Very  
6 good.

7 Any other discussion?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. FRUGE:

10 Okay. We have a motion and second. All  
11 in favor, signify by saying "aye".

12 (Several members respond "aye".)

13 MR. FRUGE:

14 All opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 MR. FRUGE:

17 So ordered.

18 As we have done in meetings past, I'll  
19 ask that the specials be read together and we'll have  
20 one motion.

21 MR. FAVALORO:

22 Yes, sir. I have two specials. The  
23 first is a request to revise the following approved  
24 application: Turnkey Cleaning Services GOM, LLC,  
25 Application Number 20130442. It was approved at the



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1 February 25th Board meeting. The applicant has  
2 requested to submit a revised application to correct job  
3 estimates and reflect a correct business structure in  
4 Lafourche Parish. The application is attached.

5 The next request is transfer of contract  
6 due to change in ownership. The Contract Number is  
7 20110680, Ormet Primary Aluminum Corporation to Almatris  
8 Burnside, Inc. in Ascension Parish.

9 That concludes the specials.

10 MR. FRUGE:

11 Do I hear a motion?

12 Motion by Mr. King, second by

13 Mr. Holden.

14 Any discussion on the motion?

15 (No response.)

16 MR. FRUGE:

17 All in favor, signify by saying "aye".

18 (Several members respond "aye".)

19 MR. FRUGE:

20 Any opposition?

21 (No response.)

22 MR. FRUGE:

23 So ordered.

24 Okay. Thank you, Mr. Favaloro.

25 Next, Restoration Tax Abatement, Becky



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1 Lambert.

2 MS. LAMBERT:

3 We have six applications for  
4 consideration: Application 20090075, 1000 Iberville  
5 Street, LLC in Orleans; 20121141, Alembic Myrtle Banks,  
6 LLC in Orleans; 20120325, HSP 1, LLC in Orleans Parish;  
7 20121002, Petroleum Building, LLC in Caddo; 20121043,  
8 Refresh New Orleans, LLC; and the last is 21121221,  
9 Revival Property NOLA103, LLC in Orleans Parish.

10 That concludes the applications for RTA.

11 MR. FRUGE:

12 Okay. Do I have a motion for  
13 acceptance?

14 Moved by Ms. Atkins, second by  
15 Mr. Soprano.

16 Any discussion on this motion?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. FRUGE:

19 Hearing none, all in favor, signify by  
20 saying "aye".

21 (Several members respond "aye".)

22 MR. FRUGE:

23 Any opposition?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. FRUGE:



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1                   So ordered.  
2                   Okay. Enterprise Zone, Joyce -- and I'm  
3 going to...

4                   MS. METOYER:  
5                   Metoyer.

6                   MR. FRUGE:  
7                   Metoyer. Thank you so much for helping  
8 me.

9                   MS. METOYER:  
10                  That's okay.  
11                  We have 21 new applications for  
12 Enterprise Zone: 20131156, Alpine Guest Care Center,  
13 LLC, Lincoln Parish; 20100939, Baton Rouge General  
14 Medical Center, East Baton Rouge Parish; 20130096, CSC  
15 Investments, LLC, doing business as Panera Bread Baton  
16 Rouge, EBR Parish; 20130733, Daughters of Charity  
17 Services of New Orleans, Orleans Parish; 20120830,  
18 Haliburton Energy Services, Incorporated, Lafayette  
19 Parish; 20120879, Hard Rock Cafe International,  
20 Incorporated, Orleans Parish; 20121257, International  
21 Paper Company, Natchitoches Parish; 20110224, James  
22 Construction Group, LLC, East Baton Rouge Parish;  
23 20121198, Kohl's Department Store, Incorporated, St.  
24 Tammany Parish; 20110975, Kohl's Department Store,  
25 Incorporated, Terrebonne Parish; 20130050, Monsanto



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1 Company, St. Charles Parish; 20120876, Multi-Chem Group,  
2 LLC, doing business as Multi Chem, Vermilion Parish;  
3 20120001, Noble Plastics, Incorporated, St. Landry  
4 Parish; 20111136, Our Lady of the Lake Ascension  
5 Community Hospital, doing business as St. Elizabeth  
6 Hospital, Ascension Parish; 20110955, Shaw Services,  
7 LLC, Ascension Parish; 20100979, Spectra Energy  
8 Operating Company, LLC, Acadia Parish; 20111031, St. Ann  
9 Lodging, LLC, doing business as Bourbon Orleans Hotel,  
10 Orleans Parish; 20110816, The Regional Health Systems of  
11 Acadiana, LLC, doing business as Regional Medical Center  
12 of Acadiana, Lafayette Parish; 20120222, Tubreaux  
13 Aviation Maintenance, LLC, Caddo Parish; 20120281,  
14 Tubreaux Aviation Services, LLC, Caddo Parish; 20120037,  
15 Weiser Security Services, Incorporated, Orleans Parish.

16 That concludes the applications for EZ.

17 MR. FRUGE:

18 Okay. Thank you.

19 Do I hear a motion for acceptance?

20 Moved by Mr. King, second by Ms. Atkins.

21 Any discussion on this motion?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. FRUGE:

24 Hearing none, all in favor, signify by  
25 saying "aye".



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1 (Several members respond "aye".)

2 MR. FRUGE:

3 Any opposition?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. FRUGE:

6 So ordered.

7 MS. METOYER:

8 The specials are: 20100808, Blue Bell  
9 Creameries, LP, Bossier Parish; 20071363, Chapel Creek  
10 Condominiums, LLC, St. Tammany; 20071224, Colonial  
11 Properties Services, LLC; 20071100, EMAC Partners 2007,  
12 Calcasieu; 20091009, K Partners Houma I, LLC, Terrebonne  
13 Parish; 20091215, K&B Machine Works, LLC, Terrebonne  
14 Parish; 20080649, SC SR Subtenant, LLC, Orleans Parish;  
15 20100034, Southern Recycling, LLC, St. Mary Parish;  
16 20100059, Southern Recycling, LLC, Orleans; 20100667,  
17 Windsor Court Hotel Partners, Orleans Parish; 20090057,  
18 Raising Canes Restaurants, LLC, Bossier City, and these  
19 are all requests for adding a new owner or transfer of  
20 ownership.

21 20111025, EnLink Midstream Operating,  
22 LP, with the new LLC member EnLink Midstream Operating,  
23 GP, LLC. That's in Acadia Parish; 20101148, Waskey  
24 Bridges, Incorporated, they added new LLC members.  
25 That's East Baton Rouge Parish.



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1                   Requests for Transfer of Ownership:  
2    20110757, TIN, Incorporated, the new name will be  
3    International Paper Company. That is Washington Parish.  
4                   And the name change request is:  
5    20111247, Superior Steel, Incorporated, and the new name  
6    will be Superior Steel, LLC. That's Livingston Parish.  
7                   That concludes the specials.

8                   MR. FRUGE:  
9                   Thank you.  
10                  I'll entertain a motion for acceptance.  
11                  Motion by Mayer Brasseaux, second by  
12    Mr. Burgess.

13                  Any discussion on this motion?  
14                  (No response.)

15                  MR. FRUGE:  
16                  All in favor, signify by saying "aye".  
17                  (Several members respond "aye".)

18                  MR. FRUGE:  
19                  Any opposition?  
20                  (No response.)

21                  MR. FRUGE:  
22                  Hearing none, so ordered.  
23                  Okay. Next we will have Ms. Weber with  
24    Industrial Tax Exemption Program, and, Ms. Weber, I'm  
25    sure that everyone is in agreement we're going to take



1 the new applications in globo and we also will take the  
2 renewals in globo.

3 MS. WEBER:

4 Do you want to do them both at the same  
5 time?

6 MR. FRUGE:

7 We can certainly do that.

8 MS. WEBER:

9 All right. I have 208 applications with  
10 an investment of \$5,260,470,730, new jobs is 1033, and  
11 then construction jobs is 12,422. That's for the new.  
12 I have 134 renewals.

13 That's it.

14 MR. FRUGE:

15 Okay. Very good. Ladies and gentlemen,  
16 I will take a motion for acceptance of all of these  
17 applications in renewals.

18 Motion by Ms. Smith, second by  
19 Mr. Holden.

20 MS. ATKINS:

21 Mr. Chairman?

22 MR. FRUGE:

23 Yes.

24 MS. ATKINS:

25 I'm requesting to be abstained from



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1 Century Marketing Solution. That's 20140746, Century  
2 Marketing Solution.

3 MR. FRUGE:

4 Did you get that, Ms. Weber? Do we have  
5 that for the record?

6 Okay. Let the record reflect abstention  
7 by Ms. Atkins on that one particular application.

8 Anything else? Any other discussion?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. FRUGE:

11 Okay. All in favor, signify by saying  
12 "aye".

13 (Several members respond "aye".)

14 MR. FRUGE:

15 Any opposition?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. FRUGE:

18 So ordered.

19 Okay. Great. And then we'll take the  
20 specials altogether. Thank you.

21 MS. WEBER:

22 All right. The following are Transfers  
23 of Tax Exemptions: Capital City Press, 050290, to  
24 Georges Media Group, LLC, doing business as Capital City  
25 Press, East Baton Rouge; WSP Chemicals & Technology,



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1 LLC, Contract 20120946, to Solvay USA, Inc., Caddo;  
2 Boise Packaging & Newsprint, LLC, all active contracts,  
3 there was 54 of them, to Boise Packaging & Newsprint, a  
4 wholly owned subsidiary of Packaging Corporation of  
5 America, Beauregard; Cleco Evangeline, LLC, and the list  
6 is all of the current, active contracts. They're going  
7 to Cleco Power in Evangeline; Bayou Coating, LLC,  
8 20140683, to Stupp Coatings, LLC in East Baton Rouge.

9           The following are Changes in Location  
10 Only: Gravois Aluminum Boats, LLC, doing business as  
11 Metal Shark Boats, 20140369, from 6816 East Admiral  
12 Doyle, Jeanerette in St. Martin to 6816 East Admiral  
13 Doyle, Jeanerette in Iberia. Spring Hill Resources  
14 Holdings, LLC, 20131184, from New Roads, East Baton  
15 Rouge, to New Roads, Pointe Coupee.

16           Change in Names, the following:  
17 Saint-Gobain Containers, all active contracts, to Ardagh  
18 Glass, Incorporated in Lincoln; Diversified Foods &  
19 Seasonings, Incorporated, their active contracts, to  
20 Diversified Foods & Seasonings, LLC in St. Tammany.

21           Partial Transfer: Coastal Engine Works,  
22 070686, the contract is 693,024, to Coastal Engine works  
23 retains 9,424. Custom Engine Works, LLC received  
24 683,600 in Iberia.

25           The following contracts are requests to



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1 be canceled: Air Liquide Large Industries, US, LP,  
2 20100489, assets were disposed of. Company will not  
3 review new the contract. Omega Protein, 20100494,  
4 assets have been sold. Company requests that the  
5 contract be canceled. Union Carbide, 077799, assets  
6 have been disposed of and company requests cancelation.

7 Those are all of the specials.

8 MR. FRUGE:

9 Very good.

10 Do I hear a motion for acceptance,  
11 please?

12 MS. POTTS-ROQUE:

13 So moved.

14 MR. FRUGE:

15 Motion by Ms. Gale Potts-Roque, second  
16 by Ricky Gonsoulin of Houma, Louisiana.

17 Is there any discussion on this motion?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. FRUGE:

20 Being none, so ordered.

21 Thank you, Ms. Weber.

22 MS. WEBER:

23 Thank you.

24 MR. FRUGE:

25 Okay. Next we will hear from Steven



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1 Grissom with LED for his report.

2 MR. GRISSOM:

3 Just a question for clarification, does  
4 the record reflect a vote on that last motion?

5 MR. FRUGE:

6 Did we have a motion and a second?

7 THE REPORTER:

8 Yes, the motion and a second.

9 MR. FRUGE:

10 Did we take a vote?

11 THE REPORTER:

12 No, sir.

13 MR. FRUGE:

14 Oh, I was real quick on the trigger.

15 Do you all recall the motion and the  
16 second? And there was no discussion, or is there a  
17 discussion?

18 (No response.)

19 There is none?

20 All in favor of that last motion, say  
21 "aye".

22 (Several members respond "aye".)

23 MR. FRUGE:

24 Any opposition?

25 (No response.)



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1 MR. FRUGE:

2 So ordered.

3 Thank you so much, Mr. Grissom, for  
4 catching that.

5 Now, please, enlighten us.

6 MR. GRISSOM:

7 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

8 This afternoon, I wanted to cover three  
9 topics briefly before we closed our meeting, and these  
10 reflect on some work we've been doing with business  
11 climate and pushing our rankings forward, some of our  
12 adverse-related workforce development and also  
13 universities partnerships.

14 So the first topic I wanted to cover was  
15 business climate. At the beginning of this month,  
16 Business Facilities Magazine named Louisiana as the  
17 Number 1 Business Climate in the United States. This is  
18 the first time Louisiana has been recognized as the top  
19 business climate in the U.S. by any publication that  
20 covers those topics, so a great milestone reached and  
21 very exciting for the State.

22 In addition, LED FastStart, Louisiana's  
23 customized workforce development program, earned the  
24 Number 1 ranking in the state workforce programs for the  
25 fifth year in a row, so we're also very proud and



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1 excited about that recognition.

2           These rankings are part of Business  
3 Facilities' 2014 State Records Report. They issue this  
4 report annually to gauge competitiveness of state  
5 economic programs and indicators across the nation.  
6 Louisiana was recognized in a number of other categories  
7 as well, in particular, recognized as Number 2 for  
8 Export Leaders and Number 3 for Economic Growth  
9 Potential.

10           Louisiana made it's initial appearance  
11 in the top 10 at Number 8 in 2010, and since that time,  
12 we've made steady progress in reaching Number 1 this  
13 year. As part of that report recognition, the magazine  
14 commented on Louisiana's first time first place ranking,  
15 and I just wanted to read the comment. "Pick a  
16 successful growth strategy other states are starting to  
17 replicate, and you'll discover that Louisiana has made  
18 it work on a grand scale. Nowhere is this more evident  
19 than in the unprecedented corporation between higher  
20 education resources and business in Louisiana." So  
21 we're excited to be recognized for our efforts and we're  
22 certainly excited that Business Facilities recognized  
23 the work that's going on in the state and we're very  
24 pleased with that recognition.

25           So Louisiana now ranks higher in every



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1 national business climate ranking than it ever did prior  
2 to 2008, and those include publications by Business  
3 Facilities, who I just mentioned, Area Development,  
4 Beacon Hill Institute, Chief Executive, CNBC, Forbes,  
5 Pollina Corporate Real Estate and Site Selection. In  
6 four of those national business climate rankings, we now  
7 rank in the top 10 states in the U.S., including being  
8 recognized by the Business Facilities as the Number 1  
9 Business Climate in the U.S.. So some great progress  
10 along that front and some great recognition, and this  
11 recognition is based on a whole host of factors,  
12 including efforts within the department, but also the  
13 overall performance of the economy, the reforms that  
14 have taken place over the last several years and a  
15 variety of other factors. So great for the State to  
16 receive that recognition.

17 The second thing I wanted to comment on  
18 was Louisiana Job Connection. At our last Board  
19 meeting, we had a presentation on Louisiana Job  
20 Connection, which is a new online system for matching  
21 job seekers with companies that are hiring, and on the  
22 18th of this month, we launched the system for job  
23 seekers. We had already been cultivating employers and  
24 getting them familiar with the system, having them post  
25 jobs and signing up for the system, so we were able to



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1 launch the system for job seekers just last week. The  
2 skills-base matching platform automatically matches job  
3 seekers with jobs which they're most qualified and has a  
4 number of automated features and advanced messaging  
5 features to enhance the job seeking experience for both  
6 employers and applicants, recognizing the growth in  
7 Louisiana economy, the job opportunities that are  
8 associated with a number of projects that are on the  
9 horizon. LBA, along with numerous partners across the  
10 state are making conservative effort to work towards  
11 meeting those workforce opportunities in the near term.  
12 More than 600 Louisiana employers are already  
13 participating on the Louisiana Job Connection, and on  
14 the first day, 700 job seekers signed up for the site  
15 and started participating on that online matching, so  
16 overall, the initial launch is going quite well. We  
17 continue to seek both employers and job applicants or  
18 job seekers to sign up. We're, again, excited about the  
19 system, excited about the launch. We want to continue  
20 that momentum and leverage that as a unique resource  
21 that Louisiana offers to any existing business in the  
22 state.

23 The system is modeled off of some of the  
24 work we have been doing with LED FastStart. LED  
25 FastStart and the work that was done with the program,



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1 that was recognized as the Number 1 program in the  
2 nation for the fifth year in a row. LED FastStart was  
3 producing these types of functionalities for a number of  
4 its clients, a number of companies that have looked in  
5 the state for investing, and we decided to essentially  
6 augment the platform and build it with a common  
7 interface and now offer that to any employer across the  
8 state. So a great initial launch, and we look forward  
9 to continued success with Louisiana Job Connection.

10 The final effort I want to mention was  
11 the new LSU Transformational Technology and Cyber  
12 Research Center, which was announced earlier this March,  
13 and this is an example of the partnership between higher  
14 education and the State. This particular partnership is  
15 focused on attracting major federal and commercial  
16 research projects and apply technology fields and the  
17 target for the new center is raising 34.5-million in  
18 these types of projects over the next three years.  
19 Thirty-million is targeted from external federal or  
20 private sources that are seeking the applied technology  
21 research projects and would involve a match of 3-million  
22 from the State and 1.5-million from LSU. The center is  
23 expected to collaborate with Stephenson Disaster  
24 Management Institute and other LSU research entities,  
25 and the research center's first director, Jeff Moulton,



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1 comes to LSU from Georgia Tech Research Institute, where  
2 he served as the Director of Program Development of a  
3 1,700-person entity that attracts more than \$300-million  
4 in annual research and development contracts. So we're  
5 excited about the new leadership, excited about the  
6 partnership, and with this partnership, we have a great  
7 opportunity to build new partnerships with private  
8 sectors and federal entities in the tech research fields  
9 and also to build and grow our workforce in these high  
10 fields as well with a particular focus in cyber  
11 researching.

12 So in covering these three topics, I  
13 just wanted to share, there's a whole host of efforts  
14 that the department works on, but when thinking about  
15 economic development and its mission of economic  
16 development, today I touched on some activities relating  
17 to business climates, workforce development, workforce  
18 recruitment and university partnerships. The team at  
19 LED focuses on marketing, business recruitment, business  
20 expansion and retention, small business innovation, a  
21 whole host of activities, incentive growth  
22 administration, in particular, what we see here. All of  
23 these activities come together to move the State forward  
24 and move forward in economic development, and so it's a  
25 great team and I'm very proud to be a part of that and a



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1 lot of great work going on in the department, and, in  
2 particular, with the Board of C&I.

3 So in conclusion, I want to thank you  
4 all of our Board members. Thank you for your service.  
5 Thank you for your participation today, and thank you  
6 for your support of economic development in the State of  
7 Louisiana.

8 I'll be happy to answer any questions.

9 MR. FRUGE:

10 Any questions for Mr. Grissom?

11 (No response.)

12 MR. SOPRANO:

13 I just want to thank you for your work  
14 y'all do.

15 MR. GRISSOM:

16 Thank you very much.

17 MR. FRUGE:

18 Well noted.

19 Anybody else have any other business to  
20 come before this Board, speak now and be heard.

21 (No response.)

22 MR. FRUGE:

23 Well, there being none, then, I'm going  
24 to call this meeting adjourned. Members, thank you for  
25 your service.



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(Meeting concludes at 1:59 p.m.)



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