

**St. Tammany Parish Development District
Board of Commissioners Meeting
Minutes | October 17, 2024**

Present: Elder Brown III, Joan Coffman, Mimi G. Dossett, Mike Gambrell, Albert M. Hamauei, Bruce Javery, Ross Lagarde, Paul Myers IV,

Absent: Louis Ochoa, Eric Schouest, Dr. William Wainwright

Staff: Chris Masingill, Timothy Billiot, Gabbi Brown, Kyle Buckley, Vincenzo Caronna, Sharon DeLong, Keith Espadron, Ashley Llewellyn, Kate Moore,

Counsel: Mark Balkin | Hardy Carey Chautin & Balkin

Guests: Kathleen Wilkins, small business advocate; Dariel Curren, Executive Vice President, Development Counsellors International (DCI)

Vice President Coffman called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. Commissioners present established quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comment on any agenda item.

CONSENT AGENDA

With no modifications, the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the September BOC Meeting Minutes, October Nominating Committee Meeting Minutes, and YTD Financial Statements, was approved. *Mike Gambrell, seconded by Mimi Dossett, motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented. All were in favor. Motion passed.*

PRESENTATIONS

Presentations of resolutions of recognition and appreciation were moved to the November meeting. The DCI Presentation was moved to Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Florida Marine Transporters Amendment

Kyle Buckley outlined details of the previous extension and stated that Florida Marine Transporters requested an additional thirty-day extension. *Paul Myers, seconded by Mike Gambrell, motioned to extend the forbearance date by sixty days. All were in favor of the extension. Motion carried.*

Nominating Committee Recommendation

Masingill reminded Commissioners of the nomination process. Masingill recognized Mimi Dossett, Mike Gambrell, Albert Hamauei, and Bruce Javery for their stalwart service to the Board of Commissioners, and whose terms will expire December 31, 2024. Masingill reported the Nominating Committee approved to recommend Mimi Dossett for a second term; Sandy Badinger, CEO of Slidell Memorial Hospital; and Sean Burkes of J.V. Burkes & Associates. Masingill noted the fourth position, replacing Bruce Javery, will be a member of senior leadership with ATMOS. ATMOS leadership is reviewing candidates and will send an application as soon as possible. *Albert Hamauei, seconded by Ross Lagarde, motioned to approve the recommendations presented by the Nominating Committee. Motion passed. These three candidates will be presented to Parish Council for final approval at its regular November 7 meeting.*

Nonprofit Foundation Discussion

Masingill stated with our increasing level of engagement with our partners, there is an identified need to potentially establish a foundation for specific contractual work and financial support without the use of public funds. Our organization is ready to support the structure of a foundation to augment current programming and leverage opportunities for increased collaboration and project management. Many investment opportunities are

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more readily received through a 501(c)3 entity. Masingill requested approval to explore the possibilities of establishing a nonprofit organization and responded to questions from Commissioners. *After the discussion, Paul Myers, seconded by Elder Brown, motioned to continue the exploration of creating a nonprofit organization. All were in favor. Motion passed.*

OLD BUSINESS

DCI Business Attraction and Marketing Presentation

Dariel Curren, Executive Vice President of DCI, presented Commissioners with the results of Board, Staff, and public input for the Business Attraction and Marketing Plan. She presented members with DCI's ideas and recommendations for voice, tone, key messages, logo and tagline and accepted feedback from the group. No formal action was taken.

Thank You Letter from the Council on Aging, St. Tammany Parish (COAST)

Albert Hamauei read a letter from the Executive Director of COAST that extended gratitude for the donation of office furnishings the District previously offered for public auction. The heartfelt letter was well received.

EXECUTIVE UPDATE

Office Relocation

Masingill invited Commissioners and staff to join him at the new office location following the meeting to view the progress at the facility.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m. on a motion by Bruce Javery and seconded by Mimi Dossett. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes reviewed and submitted by the STC Staff.