

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
TERREBONNE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018

President Nicholas Hebert called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. The prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Mrs. Tammy Haydel.

Members recorded as present were: Mr. Robert Barthel, Mr. C.J. Domangue, Dr. Michael Garcia, Mr. Nicholas Hebert, Mr. Ronald LaBauve (left the boardroom at 12:39 p.m.), Mr. Michael LaGarde, Mr. Christian Lapeyre, Mr. Ivan Williams and Mr. Jason Underwood. Also present were Mr. Matthew Rookard, TEDA's CEO, Mrs. Katherine Gilbert-Theriot, TEDA's Director of Business Retention & Expansion, Mrs. Tammy Haydel, TEDA's Executive Secretary, Mr. Mark Torbert, TPSD Supervisor of Secondary Education, Ms. Christina Falgout and Ms. Pam Maier, TPSD Counselors, Ms. Renee Fonseca, JAG Specialist, Mr. Reggie Dupre, Executive Director of Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District (TLCD) and Mr. Jacob Dagate, Legal Counsel - TLCD.

President Hebert made three calls for public wishing to address the committee with no response.

Motion for deviation from agenda to allow for the Jump Start Presentation by Mr. Lapeyre seconded by Mr. Barthel and passed unanimously.

Ms. Falgout and Ms. Maier presented the Jump Start Work Keys Program, which assists students to be job-ready after graduation. The program is a new curriculum pathway that the State implemented four years ago with its first graduating students last year. Graduating students now have two pathways: Jump Start and Tops University. A career doesn't necessarily involve a four-year college degree. Success can be found in two-year schools and in training schools. Career areas include electrician, hospitality-culinary-food services, business management, manufacturing, construction, emergency medical responders, HVAC, digital media/entertainment, welding, cosmetology, fashion design, certified nurse assistant and carpentry. They explained the difference between the pathways, as well as the various certifications and credentials needed for each pathway. Work Keys helps students build the essential skills employers demand in today's business environment with testing in workplace documents, applied math and graphic literacy. The certifications have four levels of scoring for determining career readiness.

Ms. Fonseca relayed that JAG is a service for students with barriers which teaches soft skills and assists with job placement. JAG has a 77% success rate with job placement. A discussion ensued regarding success rate statistics of the Jump Start Program.

Mr. Barthel motioned to return to the original agenda order, seconded by Mr. Williams and passed unanimously.

Mr. Barthel motioned to approve the October 9, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes as submitted, seconded by Dr. Garcia. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. LaBauve presented the October financial reports. Basically, financials are in line with previous months. All looks fine with the P&L, as well as YTD Comparison. Mr. Barthel motioned to approve the October financial reports as submitted, seconded by Mr. Lapeyre. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hebert updated the Board on the Levee Run progress. A tentative route has been mapped out in the Pointe au Chien-Montegut area. It is very preliminary. They have met with Mr. Reggie Dupre for route approval and will also meet with the parish president. The general concept for the run is for a ½ marathon, 10k and 5k. The goal is to get every race on the levee overseeing the wetlands at some point. This is a unique opportunity and will highlight the good work TLCD is doing. Mr. Dupre suggested to possibly partner with Wildlife & Fisheries in this project.

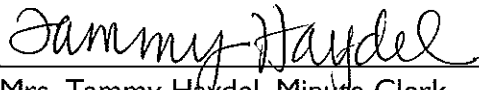
Ms. Theriot presented the BRE report noting that the performance metrics have exceeded the set goals. Cash flow is still posing a challenge for some businesses as a result of long periods awaiting accounts receivable payments. Work is being done by contractors on the Rebecca Plantation Certified Cite Project, which is a partially State-funded program and this will be the first shovel-ready development cite in Terrebonne Parish.

President Hebert congratulated Mr. LaGarde on his TPSB seat.

At 1:02 p.m., Mr. Barthel moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Williams. The motion passed unanimously.



Mr. Nicholas Hebert, President



Mrs. Tammy Haydel, Minute Clerk