

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAFAYETTE CONVENTION & VISITORS COMMISSION, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 15, 2021

The Board of Commissioners of the Lafayette Convention & Visitors Commission, State of Louisiana, met in person at the Lafayette Convention & Visitors Commission boardroom, 1100 Lafayette St., Lafayette, LA at 3:15pm.

In attendance were the board of Commissioners as follows: John O'Meara, Chair, Amos Batiste, Vice-Chair, Jim Doré, Nayan Patel, Ricky Patel, Jimmy Thackston and Chris Alack.

Commissioners Hardy and Trahan were absent due to prior commitments.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair O'Meara called the meeting to order.

MINUTES FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NOVEMBER 17, 2021

Vice Chair Batiste motioned to accept the **November 17, 2021**, Executive Committee minutes as written. Commissioner Alack seconded the motion. There was no public comment. Motion carried.

MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 17, 2021

Commissioner Thackston motioned to accept the **November 17, 2021**, regular meeting minutes as written. Vice-Chair Batiste seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NOVEMBER 2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORTS

Chair O'Meara presented the financial statement reports for the month of **November**. Vice-Chair Batiste motioned to approve the **November** financial statement reports as presented by Chair O'Meara. The motioned was seconded by Commissioner Thackston. There was no public comment. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT & CEO's REPORT

Mr. Berthelot reported a news conference was held to announce the move of the famous Randol's alligator to the the Lafayette Visitor Center on Evangeline Thruway. Mr. Berthelot reported that he also attended the tribute to Frank Randol and his family at the "Last Dance" at Randol's.

Mr. Berthelot reported that the Acadiana Center for the Arts has purchased the old hardware store building next to it with plans of turning it into a Music Museum. Mr. Berthelot reported that he gave the organization suggestions for funding sources including the EDA Grant.

Mr. Berthelot reported that he attended a reception for the French Ambassador to the United States when he was in town recently.

Mr. Berthelot reported that he served on a panel for the AAHOA Regional Conference in New Orleans, along with Louisiana Travel Association CEO Jill Kidder, New Orleans & Company Executive Vice-President Walt Leger, and Lobbyist Greg Gossen.

Mr. Berthelot reported that he received notice that LCVC would be receiving a total of \$1,759,689.80 from the State for COVID Relief Funding which includes the previously referenced \$585,000 Phase I funding.

Mr. Berthelot reported that he has been asked to serve on the on the U.S. Travel Destinations Council Board of Directors.

Mr. Berthelot reported that he and Chief Sales Officer Mike Roebuck recently met with Mayor-President Josh Guillory and Coach Duane Urbina regarding the State Powerlifting Championships beginning in 2023.

Mr. Berthelot reported that a three-year contract for the LHSAA State Volleyball Championships has been sent to the LHSAA for signature.

Mr. Berthelot reported that he attended one of the music roundtables held in Lafayette, Baton Rouge and Shreveport, which were facilitated by Kate Durio with Sound Diplomacy.

Mr. Berthelot also mentioned that at the January board meeting he would like to discuss the LCVC membership program.

NEW BUSINESS

Due to the amount of New Business, oral departmental board reports were omitted to keep the meeting on schedule. President & CEO Berthelot reported that all departmental board reports would be e-mailed to Commissioners for review.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND 2021 LCVC BUDGET

President & CEO Berthelot presented a resolution to approve the amended 2021 LCVC Budget:

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Lafayette Convention and Visitors Commission in a regularly scheduled meeting that:

SECTION I. The attached detailed amended estimate for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2021, is and the same is hereby adopted to serve as an Operating Budget of Revenues for the Lafayette Convention & Visitors Commission during the same period.

SECTION II. The attached amended estimate of Expenditures by departments for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2021, is and the same is hereby adopted to serve as a budget of expenditures for the Lafayette Convention & Visitors Commission during the same period.

SECTION III. The resolution shall be effective upon publication of such.

SECTION IV. The President & CEO, Benjamin J. Berthelot shall have the authority to make changes within individual line items (if the overall budget totals remain the same). Any other changes to the budget must be approved by the Lafayette Convention & Visitors Commission Board of Commissioners.

Said RESOLUTION having been introduced on December 15, 2021, and notice of public hearing having been published, said public hearing having been held, the title having been read the RESOLUTION considered, and record of vote was taken, and the following results were had:

Moved by Commissioner Doré, seconded by Commissioner R. Patel

YEAS: 7 (N. Patel, R. Patel, Doré, Thackston, Batiste, O'Meara, Alack)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 (Trahan, Hardy)

ABSTAINED: 0

And the Resolution was declared ADOPTED on this 15th day of December 2021.

Signed by John O'Meara, Chair

PRESENTATION OF AMENDED 2021 LCVC BUDGET FOR APPROVAL

President & CEO Berthelot presented the amended 2021 LCVC Budget to the board for approval. Motion by Vice-Chair Batiste to approve the amended 2021 LCVC Budget as presented by Mr. Berthelot. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Doré. There was no public comment. Motion carried.

2021/2022 LCVC BUDGET WORKSHEETS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Berthelot presented the 2021/2022 LCVC Budget Worksheets to the board for approval. Vice-Chair Batiste motioned to approve the 2021/2022 LCVC Budget Worksheets as presented by Mr. Berthelot. Commissioner R. Patel seconded the motion. There was no public comment. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES OF APPRECIATION

President & CEO Berthelot presented a plaque of appreciation to James Thackston for the conclusion of his service as board member to LCVC from 2009-2021.


Mr. Berthelot presented a plaque of appreciation to Amos Batiste for the conclusion of his service as board member to LCVC from 2008-2021.

Mr. Berthelot presented a plaque of appreciation to John O'Meara for his position as Chair of the Board of Commissioners in 2021.

NOMINATIONS OF LCVC OFFICERS FOR 2022

Commissioner Alack nominated Patrick Hardy for Chair, Jim Doré for Vice-Chair and Ricky Patel for Treasurer for 2022. Vice-Chair Batiste seconded the motion. There were no other nominations from the floor. There was no public comment. Motion carried.

There was no other business. Chair O'Meara adjourned the meeting.



John O'Meara
Chair



Benjamin J. Berthelot
President & CEO