

***PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAFAYETTE CONVENTION & VISITORS COMMISSION, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 17, 2023***

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 3:15 pm.

In attendance were the board of Commissioners as follows: Vincent June, Treasurer, Chris Alack, Gerald Breaux, Nayan Patel, and Brenda Trahan.

Commissioners Jim Doré, Ricky Patel, and John O'Meara were absent due to other commitments. Commissioner Patrick Hardy was absent due to illness.

***CALL TO ORDER***

Treasurer June called the meeting to order.

***MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING APRIL 26, 2023***

Commissioner Alack motioned to approve the **April 26, 2023**, regular meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Trahan seconded the motion. There was no public comment. Motion carried.

***APRIL FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT***

Treasurer June presented the **April** financial statement report to the Commissioners. Commissioner Breaux motioned to approve the **April** financial statement report presented by Treasurer June. Commissioner Alack seconded the motion. There was no public comment. Motion carried.

***PRESIDENT & CEO'S REPORT***

Ben Berthelot, President & CEO, reported on a successful National Travel and Tourism week with a presentation by Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser during the membership luncheon, a local familiarization tour, and social media highlighting the tourism industry.

Mr. Berthelot reported he is continuing to monitor the legislative session closely.

Mr. Berthelot stated he is finalizing the review of the Visitor Enterprise Fund applications and will be meeting with the grant committee soon.

Mr. Berthelot noted EatLafayette plans are moving forward, and Wings Global Travel will sponsor the trip giveaway to Savannah, GA.

Mr. Berthelot stated University of Louisiana international student Leo Jeanne has been hired as a summer intern.

Mr. Berthelot noted meeting with organizers of the new NOMAD Music Festival which will be held for the second time in August.

Mr. Berthelot reported on a meeting with skateboarding influencer Daniel Barousse regarding an event scheduled for the fall.

Mr. Berthelot noted he is co-chairing the Southeast Tourism Society Congressional Summit held in July.

Mr. Berthelot noted long-time LCVC volunteer, George DeGravelles, passed away.

Mr. Berthelot reported we have several television shows, including Adventure Cities and Crappie Machine, that will be filming around Acadiana during the fall.

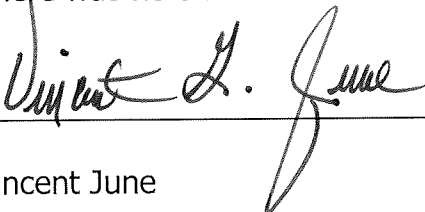
Mr. Berthelot updated commissioners on visits with local hoteliers regarding the recommendations of an indoor sports facility from the Huddle Up Group Sports Facilities report. He noted that a large majority are in favor of moving forward with the funding recommendations and at the time of this meeting, 32 owners had signed petitions in support.

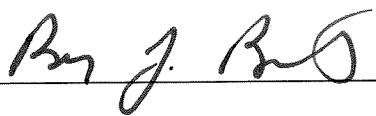
Mr. Berthelot stated he attended the grand re-opening of the Shadows on the Teche, noting the new executive director is John Warner Smith.

Mr. Berthelot reported additional meetings of Mayor-President Guillory's economic task force have proven beneficial.

### ***NEW BUSINESS***

There was no other business. Treasurer June adjourned the meeting.

  
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Vincent June  
Treasurer

  
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Benjamin J. Berthelot  
President & CEO