



SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Date and Time: June 17, 2021 at 12:00pm p.m.

Meeting Place: 5367 I-49 S. Service Road, Opelousas, LA 70570

AGENDA

- ❖ Welcome
- ❖ Pledge and Opening Prayer
- ❖ Roll Call
- ❖ **New Business**
 - Center for Planning Excellence
 - Presentation of ODDD Masterplan
 - Board Discussion + Open Floor Q&A
- ❖ **Adjourn**

The following members were present in person: Chairwoman Lena Charles, Keith Broussard, Sarah Branton, Robert Hillard and Ogden Pitre

The following members were absent: Pat Fontenot, Don D'Avy

The following SLED staff member was present in person: Bill Rodier/CEO, Taylor Lormand/E.D. Specialist and Janece Riser, Office Administrator

The following SLED staff members were absent: none

There were also present in person:

- Parish President Jessie Bellard
- Mayor Julius Alsandor
- Purvis Morrison – City of Opelousas
- Chief Martin McClendon – Opelousas Police Department
- Sheri McGovern – St. Landry Parish Assessor
- Patrice Begnaud - Opelousas Planning Commission
- Margaret Doucet - City of Opelousas
- Jerome Collins, Jr. – St. Landry Parish Assessor's Office
- Jerome Fontenot – Opelousas Planning Commission
- Sherese Roberts – City of Opelousas
- Milton Batiste – City of Opelousas
- Charles Cummings – City of Opelousas
- Herman Fusilier – St. Landry Parish Tourism
- Raquel Manuel – St. Landry Chamber of Commerce
- Candace Miles – St. Landry Parish Government
- Karia Raymi – St. Landry Parish Government
- Candace Papillion – Evangeline Bank/SLED Board Member
- Dr. Joe Guillory
- Adam Daigle – The Acadiana Advocate

It was determined that a quorum was present and Chairwoman Lena Charles opened the meeting at 12:12pm.

New Business:

➤ **Center for Planning Excellence**

- Presentation of ODDD Masterplan

Chairwoman Lena Charles began the discussion by expressing her sincere appreciation for everyone in attendance and giving a brief overview of the history of the masterplan project before turning the meeting over to Camille Manning-Broome, President and CEO of The Center for Planning Excellence.

Ms. Manning-Broome gave a more in depth explanation of the history of the plan and the steps taken to arrive at this draft, she also expressed her appreciation for the community support received over the course of the project and closed by stating, “The leadership in this room has made this plan possible.”

Following Ms. Manning-Broome was Janet Tharpe who did an in-depth presentation on the entire plan. The presentation covered the following sections of the plan:

- Schedule of plan process
 - Vision Statement
 - Guiding Principles
 - Character Areas (5):
 - Downtown
 - Innovation Sub-District
 - Neighborhood and Community Services Sub-District
 - Highway/Commercial Sub-District
 - Commercial Corridor
 - Chapter 1 – Intro
 - Chapter 2 – The Vision
 - Chapter 3 – Draft Recommendations
- Board Discussion + Open Floor Q&A
- Chairwoman Charles concluded the presentation portion of the plan and asked for the ODDD Board of Commissioners to give any comments, there were none.

Chairwoman Charles then opened the floor for public comment and discussion. Comments were given by (recording available upon request):

- Charles Cummings
- Dr. Joe Guillory
- Jerome Fontenot
- Mayor Alsandor

Seeing no further discussion, Chairwoman Charles brought the Q&A session to a close. “Now the work begins, we need to work together to make sure the plan is successful,” said Ms. Charles as she thanked all in attendance and called for adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Keith Broussard, seconded by Robert Hillard and unanimously approved that the meeting is adjourned at 12:56 pm.

The next scheduled meeting will be on Friday, June 25, 2021, at 9:00 am at SLED.


Secretary


Chairman