

LOUISIANA STADIUM AND EXPOSITION DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
FROM THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 17, 2014 MEETING

PRESENT: J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Julio Melara, Dave Roberts

ABSENT: Ron Forman, Gregg Patterson, Bill Windham

I. ROLL CALL and WELCOME

Commissioner Melara presided over the LSED Board Meeting today as Chairman Forman was out of town. Present were Commissioners Melara, Brignac, Bruno and Roberts. Absent were Commissioners Windham, Patterson and Forman. There was a quorum for the meeting.

Commissioner Melara advised the public of its right to speak between each agenda item and at the end of the meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Bruno, seconded by Commissioner Brignac, the Minutes of the November 19, 2014 Board Meeting were adopted. Voting in Favor: J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Julio Melara, Dave Roberts. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Ron Forman, Gregg Patterson, Bill Windham.

II. SMG REPORT

Doug Thornton took the lead on the SMG Report. He covered a number of topics including: the long term trend for increased hotel taxes; the possible refund of certain “over collected taxes” by the State; an update on our bond rating agency performance; and the very busy end of year and early 2015 schedule.

Evan Holmes then provided an update concerning: progress at TPC-Louisiana with Luke Farabaugh and Pat Tobler working together on those projects; the Zephyr Field work including resurfacing, the delay in the dug-out club suites, and moving those projects along to meet the needs of the team and the LSED.

Alan Freeman then provided his monthly event report which included: attendance figures for Saints home games and Pelicans home games; the success of the 2014 Bayou Classic; the LHSAA High School Championship games; the upcoming New Orleans Bowl; concerts at Champions Square; planning for the Sugar Bowl – College Football Playoff game with Alabama and Ohio State; concerts including Eric Church and the Trans-Siberian Orchestra; shows such as WWE, Marvel Universal Live, and Disney On Ice; the LSED/SMG work with Sugar Bowl, the Sports Foundation, the Convention and Business Bureau and the Convention Center for bids on national events such as WrestleMania, Microsoft and other major conventions.

Alan Freeman and Doug Thornton then provided information concerning the mechanics of the college football playoff system, the bid and rotation process, and the likelihood of New Orleans hosting those games going forward. Commissioner Bruno then provided comments concerning the success of the current LSED as we move forward toward the 2015 election cycle and what this may mean for future event bidding/proposals. Alan Freeman and Doug Thornton then provided further information concerning selection factors for events such as the Super Bowl, Final Four and the BCS Playoff System.

III. FINANCE REPORT

David Weidler provided the Financial Report including: the upward trend of the hotel/motel tax; higher receipts for license plate revenue; lower risk management premiums; the better than budget performance for the Superdome and the Smoothie King Center; below budget performance (but improving) for Champions Square; and the successful audit by the Legislative Auditors Office.

IV. CONSTRUCTION REPORT

Pat Tobler then provided a detailed Construction Report on several ongoing projects. These included: substantial completion of the re-roofing project at the Superdome with Brazos; completion and turnover of the Lot 4 chemical storage building; the ongoing video board study for the Superdome and scoreboard study for the Smoothie King Center; the punch list and close out process for the Smoothie King Center, Phase II work; the TPC-Louisiana renovation project with contract approval set for Dynamic Constructors, Inc.; the weatherproofing project which is nearing completion at the Alario Center; the upcoming bid process for a sports lighting project at the Alario Center, which will be rebid in early January 2015; and the Strategic Plan, Phase I at Zephyr Field.

V. FINANCE REPORT

The LSED then received updated information from Steve Romig and Dawn LaBorde concerning the clean opinion/audit from the Legislative Auditors Office with congratulations by the LSED to David Weidler and the SMG Staff for their quality work performance.

VI. LEGAL REPORT

Mr. Roedel then addressed the Legal Report for December which included 5 Resolutions as follows:

On motion of Commissioner Brignac, seconded by Commissioner Bruno, the LSED authorized and approved the Certificate of Substantial Completion between Brazos Industries, LLC and the LSED for the Superdome Roof Re-coating Project, which is now complete. The signature of Ron Forman and/or Pat Tobler was approved, to be followed by recordation of the Certificate in the Orleans Parish public records. Voting in Favor: J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Julio Melara, Dave Roberts. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Ron Forman, Gregg Patterson, Bill Windham. The **motion 14-85** passed.

Following discussion by a number of Commissioners relative to warranty and maintenance responsibilities, with questions answered by Mr. Tobler and Mr. Roedel, on motion of Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Bruno, the LSED approved a Capital Reserve Account allocation of \$45,000 to cover additional testing relative to the Roof Re-coating Project. This testing will facilitate a "base line" set of information so that, during the 10 year warranty period, the LSED/SMG will be able to hold the manufacturer accountable for cleanliness and discoloration. Voting in Favor: J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Julio Melara, Dave Roberts. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Ron Forman, Gregg Patterson, Bill Windham. The **motion 14-86** passed.

Following discussion concerning the Concession Stand 111 at the Smoothie King Center, on motion of Commissioner Brignac, seconded by Commissioner Bruno, the LSED authorized and approved the Assignment of Subcontract Agreement between Citadel Builders and the LSED so that a small portion of the work under the Citadel Contract could be rebid subject to the public bid process to facilitate the completion of Concession Stand 111. Chairman Forman is authorized to sign the Assignment of Subcontract Agreement on behalf of the LSED. Thereafter, Pat Tobler will conduct the public bid process to complete the work. Voting in Favor: J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Julio Melara, Dave Roberts. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Ron Forman, Gregg Patterson, Bill Windham. The **motion 14-87** passed.

Following discussion and information provided by Luke Farabaugh of the TPC-Louisiana, on motion of Commissioner Bruno, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, the LSED authorized and approved the lowest responsive bid by Dynamic Constructors, LLC for the TPC-Louisiana Project, with the Base Bid, plus Alternatives No. 1 and 2 equaling \$374,980. The Contract has been finalized and is ready to be signed, with Chairman Forman authorized to sign the Contract on behalf of the LSED. Voting in Favor: J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Julio Melara, Dave Roberts. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Ron Forman, Gregg Patterson, Bill Windham. The **motion 14-88** passed.

On motion of Commissioner Brignac, seconded by Commissioner Bruno, the LSED authorized and approved an expenditure of \$12,258 at Zephyr Stadium, with the source of funding being the Renewal and Replacement Fund, to pay the SYDCO Concrete Polishing & Coatings, Inc. Proposal/Quotation. Sufficient funds exist to support the Resolution. Voting in Favor: J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Julio Melara, Dave Roberts. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Ron Forman, Gregg Patterson, Bill Windham. The **motion 14-89** passed.

VII. BOARD REPORTS

None.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Thornton then informed the LSED that the next public meeting will be held on January 14, 2015 and not on January 21, 2015.

There was no need for an Executive Session. The Louisiana Sports and Entertainment District meeting was cancelled.

There were no additional speakers from the general public.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The public meeting was then adjourned on unanimous motion by the LSED Commissioners.