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BOARD OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
BEING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2024  
AT THE LASALLE BUILDING  
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12			12 TEDRA CHEATHAM
13			13 MICHAELA ADEGBE
14			14 JOLEASIA CAMPBELL
15			15 PAIGE CARTER
16			16 EMMA WAGNER
17			17 SPEAKERS FROM THE PUBLIC:
18			18 MIKE SOKOL, VICE PRESIDENT, BAGWELL ENERGY
19			19 SERVICES, INC.
20			20 ALLISON SAVELA, CPA, C&C MARINE AND REPAIR, LLC
21			21 PAULA TRAHAN, GRAVOIS ALUMINUM BOATS D/B/A METAL
22			22 SHARK
23			23 ALLEN ORGANICK, PRESIDENT, INFERNO MANUFACTURING
24			24 JOHN SOMMER, RELIABLE EDM, LLC AND SOMMER BROTHERS
25			25 ENTERPRISE, LLC
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3	CHARLES R. "ROBBY" MILLER, (DESIGNEE FOR		3 EDM, LLC AND SOMMER BROTHERS ENTERPRISE, LLC
4	CHAIRMAN JERALD JONES)		4
5	REPRESENTATIVE DARYL A. DESHOTEL (ABSENT)		5
6	STUART A. MOSS		6
7	ANDEE MILLER, DESIGNEE FOR GOVERNOR		7
8	SECRETARY SUSAN BONNETT BOURGEOIS		8
9	MICHAEL J. TANNER		9 REPORTED BY:
10	LETICIA A. "LETTI" LOWE-ARDOIN, (ABSENT)		10 KELLY S. PERRIN, CERTIFIED COURT REPORTER
11	MAYOR DAVID H. TOUPS		11
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15	DAVID B. DOSS		15
16	SENATOR FRANKLIN FOIL		16
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19	DAVID M. AMOSS		19
20	SCOTT A. NIEMEYER		20
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22	ERWIN G. THOMPSON, III		22
23	WESLEY BLAKE WHEELIS		23
24	RIDGE MIGUEZ		24
25	HAROLD J. CALLAIS, II		25
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1 PROCEEDINGS  
2 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
3 All right. We'll call our meeting to  
4 order. Good morning, Everyone to the Board of  
5 Commerce and Industry meeting. I will  
6 apologize from the beginning that I am filling  
7 in for a pro. You have maybe an amateur. I  
8 do want to make one reminder real quick, that  
9 when you speak, pull the mic down and speak  
10 into the mic so the court reporter can hear  
11 you. And if you come to the tables, identify  
12 yourself, who you are, and what company you're  
13 representing.  
14 With that being said, we'll call the  
15 meeting to order. And we'll get the roll  
16 call, please.  
17 MS. SIMMONS:  
18 Good morning, everyone.  
19 Stuart Moss?  
20 MR. MOSS:  
21 Present.  
22 MS. SIMMONS:  
23 Mayor David Toups?  
24 MAYOR TOUPS:  
25 Present.

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1 (No response.)  
2 MS. SIMMONS:  
3 Kyle P. Polozola? Sorry if I mess up  
4 your name.  
5 MR. POLOZOLA:  
6 Here.  
7 MS. SIMMONS:  
8 Gerald Jones?  
9 (No response.)  
10 MS. SIMMONS:  
11 Ronald Remedies?  
12 MR. REMEDIES:  
13 Here.  
14 MS. SIMMONS:  
15 Senator Beth Mizell?  
16 SENATOR MIZELL:  
17 Here.  
18 MS. SIMMONS:  
19 Proxy for Representative Julie Emerson,  
20 Barbara Freiberg?  
21 (No response.)  
22 MS. SIMMONS:  
23 Michael Tanner?  
24 MR. TANNER:  
25 Here.

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1 MS. SIMMONS:  
2 David Amoss?  
3 MR. AMOSS:  
4 Present.  
5 MS. SIMMONS:  
6 John Austin?  
7 MR. AUSTIN:  
8 Here.  
9 MS. SIMMONS:  
10 David Doss?  
11 MR. DOSS:  
12 Here.  
13 MS. SIMMONS:  
14 Barry Mele?  
15 MR. MELE:  
16 Present.  
17 MS. SIMMONS:  
18 Scott Niemeyer?  
19 MR. NIEMEYER:  
20 Here.  
21 MS. SIMMONS:  
22 Representative Daryl Deshotel?  
23 (No response.)  
24 MS. SIMMONS:  
25 Senator Franklin Foil?

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1 MS. SIMMONS:  
2 Secretary Susan Bourgeois?  
3 SECRETARY BOURGEOIS:  
4 Here.  
5 MS. SIMMONS:  
6 George Nassar?  
7 MR. NASSAR:  
8 Here.  
9 MS. SIMMONS:  
10 Erwin Thompson, III?  
11 MR. THOMPSON:  
12 Here.  
13 MS. SIMMONS:  
14 Harold Callais?  
15 MR. CALLAIS:  
16 Here.  
17 MS. SIMMONS:  
18 Ridge Miguez?  
19 MR. MIQUEZ:  
20 Here.  
21 MS. SIMMONS:  
22 Wesley Blake Wheelis?  
23 MR. WHEELIS:  
24 Here.  
25 MS. SIMMONS:

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1 Lettie Ardoin?  
 2 (No response.)  
 3 Robby Miller?  
 4 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 5 Here.  
 6 MS. SIMMONS:  
 7 Designee for the Governor, Andree'  
 8 Miller?  
 9 MS. MILLER:  
 10 Here.  
 11 MS. SIMMONS:  
 12 Mr. Chairman, you have a quorum.  
 13 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 14 Thank you very much. And Board Members,  
 15 if I can't see your sign or if you make a  
 16 motion, I may have to ask you your name. But  
 17 we'll move on to the next name or first Item  
 18 for approval of the minutes from the June 26th  
 19 meeting. If you've had a chance to review  
 20 them, I would entertain a motion to accept.  
 21 MR. NASSAR:  
 22 So moved.  
 23 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 24 George Nassar motions, second by  
 25 Mr. Toups.

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1 All in favor?  
 2 ALL:  
 3 Aye.  
 4 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 5 Any opposed?  
 6 Thank you. Minutes approved.  
 7 Next is Quality Jobs. I think Mr. Frank  
 8 is going to do those. Quality Jobs?  
 9 MR. FAVALORO:  
 10 Yes, sir. Good morning. We have one new  
 11 Quality Jobs application, Magnolia Power  
 12 Management Company, LLC in Iberville Parish.  
 13 That concludes the Quality Jobs new  
 14 application.  
 15 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 16 Thank you. Do we have a motion?  
 17 SECRETARY BOURGEOIS:  
 18 So moved.  
 19 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 20 Secretary Bourgeois.  
 21 MR. MOSS:  
 22 Second.  
 23 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 24 Second by Mr. Moss. Any questions? Any  
 25 input? Any questions or comments from the

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1 public or the Board?  
 2 All in favor?  
 3 ALL:  
 4 Aye.  
 5 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 6 Any opposed?  
 7 Thank you. Quality Jobs new applications  
 8 are approved.  
 9 Renewals, sir.  
 10 MR. FAVALORO:  
 11 Next, we have one Quality Jobs Renewal  
 12 application, 20190337, ControlWorx, LLC in  
 13 Ascension Parish.  
 14 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 15 And they've met all --  
 16 MR. FAVALORO:  
 17 Qualifications for renewals.  
 18 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 19 Thank you. Okay. Mr. Nassar has a  
 20 motion. Mr. Toups seconds. Any questions or  
 21 comments from anyone, the Board or public?  
 22 All in favor?  
 23 ALL:  
 24 Aye.  
 25 CHAIRMAN MILLER:

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1 Any opposed?  
 2 The Renewals for Quality Jobs are  
 3 approved.  
 4 So we're moving to Restoration Tax  
 5 Abatement, Mr. Rosenberg?  
 6 MR. ROSENBERG:  
 7 Good morning. There are two new  
 8 applications, 20220320 for Echo Development  
 9 South Grand in Ouachita Parish and 20230382  
 10 for Fairmont Housing Associates Limited  
 11 Partnership in Caddo Parish.  
 12 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 13 Thank you. Just a note for everyone's  
 14 knowledge, on the Quality -- excuse me,  
 15 Restoration Tax Abatement Program, the locals  
 16 have to approve prior to their application or  
 17 with their application. So the local  
 18 governing authorities have approved these  
 19 applications.  
 20 With that being said, I'll entertain a  
 21 motion.  
 22 Senator Mizell. Second by Mr. Doss. Any  
 23 questions or comments regarding Restoration  
 24 Abatement?  
 25 All in favor?

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1 ALL:  
2 Aye.  
3 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
4 Any opposed?  
5 No opposed? Approved. Thank you. Do  
6 you have any Renewals?  
7 MR. ROSENBERG:  
8 No, sir. That concludes the RTA.  
9 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
10 Thank you very much. Enterprise Zone,  
11 Ms. Metoyer?  
12 MS. METOYER:  
13 Good morning.  
14 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
15 Good morning.  
16 MS. METOYER:  
17 There are 14 new Enterprise Zone  
18 Applications. My eyesight is a little blurry,  
19 forgive me, 20151239, Excel Fabrication &  
20 Construction, Inc., Ascension Parish;  
21 20210036, Family Grocers, LLC, Ascension  
22 Parish; 20210422, Laitram Machine Shop,  
23 Jefferson Parish; 20190358, OFCH, LLC,  
24 Lafayette Parish; 20190300, Ochsner Clinic  
25 Foundation, St. Martin Parish; 20190452,

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1 Ochsner Clinic Foundation, East Baton Rouge  
2 Parish; 20200297, Ochsner Clinic Foundation,  
3 East Baton Rouge Parish; 20210042, Ochsner  
4 Clinic Foundation, Orleans Parish; 20210045,  
5 Ochsner Clinic Foundation, East Baton Rouge  
6 Parish; 20210046, Ochsner Clinic Foundation,  
7 East Baton Rouge Parish; 20210319, Ochsner  
8 Clinic Foundation, Jefferson Parish; 20220147,  
9 PMG OPCO Broussard, LLC, Lafayette Parish;  
10 20220148, PMG OPCO, Jennings, LLC, Jefferson  
11 Davis Parish; and 20200096, Performance Food  
12 Group, Incorporated, Lafourche Parish.  
13 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
14 Entertain a motion.  
15 MR. MOSS:  
16 So moved.  
17 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
18 Mr. Moss, seconded by Secretary  
19 Bourgeois. Any comments or questions  
20 regarding our Enterprise Zone?  
21 With that, all in favor?  
22 ALL:  
23 Aye.  
24 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
25 Any opposed?

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1 Enterprise Zones have been approved.  
2 Okay. Terminations?  
3 MS. METOYER:  
4 We have five Terminations:  
5 20180046, Hunt Forest Products, LLC,  
6 LaSalle Parish. The existing contract is  
7 5/15/2020 to 5/14/2025. The requested term  
8 date is 5/14/2023. The program requirements  
9 have been met. No additional jobs are  
10 anticipated.  
11 20180227, Lafayette General Health  
12 System, Inc., Vermilion Parish. The existing  
13 contract is June 1, 2018 through -- that's a  
14 typo. Oh, no, I'm sorry. I'm sorry. This is  
15 the contract June 1, 2018 through 12/1/2020.  
16 The requested term date is 12/1/2020. The  
17 program requirements have been met. No  
18 additional jobs are anticipated.  
19 That is a typo because the contract is  
20 five full years, so that should be 5/31/2023  
21 for the full five years. Existing contract  
22 period, that is a typo.  
23 20180491, Performance Contractors  
24 Incorporated, West Baton Rouge Parish.  
25 Existing contract is 8/13/20 through

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1 8/12/2025. The requested term date is  
2 February 13, 2023. The program requirements  
3 have been met. No additional jobs are  
4 anticipated.  
5 20180165, Performance Contractors,  
6 Incorporated, East Baton Parish. The existing  
7 contract is 6/13/2020 to 6/12/2025. The  
8 requested term date is 12/13/2022. The  
9 program requirements have been met. No  
10 additional jobs are anticipated.  
11 And 20200225, Restic Construction, LLC,  
12 West Baton Rouge Parish. And the existing  
13 contract is 7/18/2020 to 7/17/2025. The  
14 requested term date is January 17, 2023. The  
15 program requirements have been met. No  
16 additional jobs are anticipated.  
17 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
18 Thank you. And Ms. Metoyer, you said it  
19 more than once, that the program requirements  
20 have been met. They're just early, so they  
21 terminate them early so they don't have to  
22 keep tracking it. It's good for everybody.  
23 They created jobs, they did everything they're  
24 supposed to do and received their benefit.  
25 So with that being said, I will entertain

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1 a motion for contract Terminations.  
2 MR. NASSAR:  
3 So moved.  
4 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
5 Mr. Nassar and Mr. Remedies. There we  
6 go. I got it? Any questions, comments? Yes,  
7 sir?  
8 MR. REMEDIES:  
9 I just --  
10 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
11 Pull your mic down, please.  
12 MR. REMEDIES:  
13 I just wanted to be clear that the  
14 correct dates that she indicated were properly  
15 recorded, so they didn't have an issue with  
16 the --  
17 MS. METOYER:  
18 You want me to say it again? I can.  
19 MR. REMEDIES:  
20 If you would, just for the --  
21 MS. METOYER:  
22 It's 20180227, Lafayette General Health  
23 System, Incorporated, Vermilion Parish.  
24 Existing contract is 6/1/18 through 5/31/2023,  
25 which is the full five years. They requested

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1 to be termed on February 13, 2023, which met  
2 the 30 months. And the program requirements  
3 have been met. No additional jobs are  
4 anticipated.  
5 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
6 All right. With that motion being  
7 updated, any comments or questions other than  
8 that?  
9 Thank you. All in favor?  
10 ALL:  
11 Aye.  
12 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
13 Any opposed?  
14 Contract Terminations for Enterprise Zone  
15 have been accepted.  
16 Next Item, Secretary Bourgeois is going  
17 to handle for us.  
18 MS. PORTER:  
19 I'm sorry.  
20 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
21 Oh, I'm sorry.  
22 MS. PORTER:  
23 I'm sorry. Oh, I'm sorry, correction.  
24 Joyce, come back up. We're just going to have  
25 to make a correction so you don't have to do a

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1 motion to reconsider because --  
2 MS. METOYER:  
3 I read the wrong one.  
4 MS. PORTER:  
5 Yes.  
6 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
7 On correcting the --  
8 MS. PORTER:  
9 Yes.  
10 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
11 -- correction on the correction.  
12 MS. PORTER:  
13 Yes. Right. I'm so sorry.  
14 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
15 So we're going to do a new motion, and  
16 you're going to read the contract that we're  
17 talking about.  
18 MS. METOYER:  
19 Read it now.  
20 MS. PORTER:  
21 Thank you.  
22 MS. METOYER:  
23 20180227, Lafayette General Health  
24 System, Incorporated, Vermilion Parish. The  
25 existing contract period is June 1, 2018. The

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1 ending date should be May 31, 2023. And the  
2 requested term date is 12/1/2020.  
3 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
4 So everybody knows, we're revisiting the  
5 Enterprise Zone Contract Terminations. Do I  
6 have a motion by --  
7 SECRETARY BOURGEOIS:  
8 So I'd like to make a motion to amend Mr.  
9 Remedies's motion with those corrected dates  
10 to terminate that contract.  
11 MR. REMEDIES:  
12 Excuse me, that was his motion, but I  
13 just --  
14 SECRETARY BOURGEOIS:  
15 Nassar's motion. Thank you.  
16 MR. REMEDIES:  
17 Sorry about that.  
18 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
19 Do I need a second on that?  
20 MS. PORTER:  
21 Yes.  
22 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
23 Remedies again? Do I have any comments?  
24 No one want to talk about it?  
25 All right. All in favor?

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1 ALL:  
2 Aye.  
3 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
4 Any opposed?  
5 Now, they're officially officially  
6 accepted. Now, a motion to amend the  
7 previously adopted motion, Secretary  
8 Bourgeois.  
9 SECRETARY BOURGEOIS:  
10 Oh, I think my primary role is amending  
11 amended motions. So last meeting, if you  
12 remember, we had a very lengthy motion to  
13 clean up some language for one particular  
14 issue that had presented itself, and there's  
15 some additional clean up language. So I  
16 submit the following:  
17 Whereas, during the June 26th, 2024 Board  
18 of Commerce and Industry meeting, Board  
19 Members previously adopted a motion to amend  
20 and reinstate the Board of Commerce and  
21 Industry's April 28th, 2021 motion with regard  
22 to the Board's consideration of amendments to  
23 ITEP Exhibit A as requested by companies;  
24 Whereas, the previous adoption of the  
25 April 28th, 2021 amendment, a reinstated

1 motion was to sustain the perspective  
2 requisite for ITEP Exhibit A amendments to  
3 jobs, payroll, and compliance terms and  
4 account for applicable of said amendments and  
5 terms and conditions to be no earlier than the  
6 project year in which the company secures the  
7 necessary approvals from the local governing  
8 authorities with approval from the Board;  
9 Whereas, because Section 2 of the  
10 previously adopted April 28th, 2021 amendment  
11 and reinstated motion included unintended  
12 language identified as quote, "whichever comes  
13 last," closed quote, said language should be  
14 eliminated with no replacement.  
15 Therefore, Chairman Miller, I move to  
16 amend the previously adopted motion to amend  
17 and restate the April 28th, 2021 motion by the  
18 Board during the June 26th, 2028 -- no,  
19 June 26th, 2024 -- June 26th, 2024 Board  
20 meeting. By striking the language, quote,  
21 whichever comes first -- "whichever comes  
22 last", rather from Section 2 of the previously  
23 adopted motion; whereby, Section 2 shall now  
24 read as follows:  
25 Section 2, amendments to jobs, payroll,

1 or compliance terms or conditions will be  
2 prospective and applicable no earlier than the  
3 project year in which the company secures the  
4 necessary approvals from the local governing  
5 authorities with Board approval of the  
6 amendment.  
7 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
8 All right. That's it? Okay. So there's  
9 the motion. We need a second. I'm sure we  
10 all understand that a hundred percent.  
11 Ms. Miller seconded. Any comments or  
12 questions?  
13 Really? Okay. With that said, all in  
14 favor of accepting the motion as presented?  
15 ALL:  
16 Aye.  
17 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
18 Any opposed?  
19 We have the new amendment to the  
20 previously adopted motion.  
21 All right. Hud and Kristen, we're going  
22 to enter into the Industrial Tax Exemption  
23 section.  
24 MR. USIE:  
25 Good morning.

1 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
2 Hold on a second.  
3 MR. POLOZOLA:  
4 Mr. Chairman, it's necessary for me to  
5 recuse myself from a few matters on this  
6 docket, the one involving Coca Cola Bottling,  
7 the one involving Lotte Chemical, Supreme Rice  
8 LLC, and Westlake Vinyls Company.  
9 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
10 Thank you very much.  
11 MR. MIGUEZ:  
12 I need to request a recusal on --  
13 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
14 Y'all got that? Mr. Miguez, can you  
15 repeat that?  
16 MR. MIQUEZ:  
17 I need to request a recusal on Coastal  
18 Chemical Company.  
19 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
20 Are we ready to move ahead?  
21 MS. JOHNSON:  
22 Good morning.  
23 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
24 Good morning.  
25 MS. JOHNSON:

1 We have 13 New 2018 Rules Applications.  
 2 Before we start, two are requesting deferral:  
 3 20210492, Coastal Chemical Company in  
 4 Vermilion Parish; and 20220075, The Proctor  
 5 and Gamble Manufacturing Company.  
 6 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 7 Can we get a motion to --  
 8 MAYOR TOUPS:  
 9 Make a motion to defer those two.  
 10 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 11 We have a motion to defer by Mr. Toups.  
 12 Seconded by Mr. Moss. Any comments or  
 13 questions on that?  
 14 All in favor?  
 15 ALL:  
 16 Aye.  
 17 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 18 Any opposed?  
 19 Those two are deferred.  
 20 MS. JOHNSON:  
 21 We have 11 New 2018 Applications:  
 22 20230152, Coca-Cola Bottling Company United  
 23 Gulf Coast, LLC, Jefferson Parish; 20220110-A,  
 24 Georgia Pacific Port Hudson, LLC, East Baton  
 25 Rouge Parish; 20220543, K&B Machine Works,

1 LLC, Terrebonne Parish; 20220453-A Lotte  
 2 Chemical -- sorry, Lotte Chemical Louisiana,  
 3 LLC, Calcasieu Parish; 20220484, Prolec GE  
 4 USA, LLC, Caddo Parish; 20230309, Steel  
 5 Forgings, Inc., Caddo Parish; 20220493,  
 6 Stuller, Inc., Lafayette Parish; 20210465,  
 7 Supreme Rice, LLC, Acadia Parish; 20210531,  
 8 Supreme Rice, LLC, Acadia Parish; 20200407,  
 9 Westfield Fluid Controls, Inc., Lafayette  
 10 Parish; and 20190290-C, Westlake Vinyls  
 11 Company, LP in Ascension Parish.  
 12 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 13 Thank you very much. I'll entertain a  
 14 motion for the new Post Executive Order 2018  
 15 Rules. We have a motion by Mr. Nassar, second  
 16 by Mr. Doss. Any comments or questions or  
 17 input?  
 18 All right. All in favor?  
 19 ALL:  
 20 Aye.  
 21 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 22 Any opposed?  
 23 Those 11 have been approved.  
 24 MS. JOHNSON:  
 25 Next, we have two new applications that

1 are the Post EO 2024 Emergency Rules:  
 2 20240218, Inferno Manufacturing Corp. in Caddo  
 3 Parish and 20240293, St. Bernard Renewables,  
 4 LLC in St. Bernard Parish.  
 5 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 6 Okay. Motion?  
 7 MR. CALLAIS:  
 8 So moved.  
 9 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 10 Mr. Callais. Second, Secretary  
 11 Bourgeois. Any comments or questions?  
 12 All in favor?  
 13 ALL:  
 14 Aye.  
 15 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 16 Any opposed?  
 17 Those are approved.  
 18 MS. JOHNSON:  
 19 We have four Pre-Executive Order Timely  
 20 Renewals: 20160706, Cleco Power, LLC, St.  
 21 Mary Parish; 20161510-A, Epic Piping, LLC,  
 22 Livingston Parish; 20141578-A, Shell Chemical  
 23 Company, LP, St. Charles Parish; and 20161514,  
 24 UTLX Manufacturing, LLC in Rapides Parish.  
 25 MR. POLOZOLA:

1 Mr. Chairman, it's necessary for me to  
 2 recuse myself from the matter involving Cleco  
 3 and Shell Chemical.  
 4 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 5 Okay.  
 6 MR. MIQUEZ:  
 7 Mr. Chairman, I need to recuse myself  
 8 from Cleco Power and UPLX Manufacturing.  
 9 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 10 Got those. All right. So I'll entertain  
 11 a motion to approve -- I'll entertain a motion  
 12 to approve for the Pre-EO Renewals.  
 13 MR. DOSS:  
 14 So moved.  
 15 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 16 Mr. Doss. Second, Mr. Remedies. I'm  
 17 going to get it right eventually, Mr.  
 18 Remedies. Any comments or questions?  
 19 All in favor?  
 20 ALL:  
 21 Aye.  
 22 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 23 Any opposed?  
 24 Those Renewals are approved.  
 25 Post-Executive Order?



1 MS. JOHNSON:  
2 We have three Post-Executive Order 2018  
3 Rules, Timely Renewals. Two were requesting  
4 deferral. It's 20180403, Indorama Ventures  
5 Olefins, LLC in Calcasieu Parish and  
6 20180403-A Indorama Ventures Olefins, LLC  
7 Calcasieu Parish.  
8 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
9 Those two are being deferred. Any --  
10 excuse me, motion, Mr. Wheelis? Is that  
11 right?  
12 MR. WHEELIS:  
13 Yes.  
14 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
15 Wheelis. And seconded by Secretary  
16 Bourgeois. Any comments or questions?  
17 All in favor of those deferrals?  
18 ALL:  
19 Aye.  
20 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
21 Any opposed?  
22 Okay. We have deferred those two.  
23 MS. JOHNSON:  
24 We have 20170616, Alliance Compressors,  
25 LLC in Natchitoches Parish.

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1 MS. JOHNSON:  
2 Deferred.  
3 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
4 Deferred.  
5 MS. JOHNSON:  
6 To the next meeting.  
7 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
8 To the next meeting. I have a motion?  
9 MAYOR TOUPS:  
10 Motion.  
11 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
12 Motion, Mr. Toups.  
13 MR. NASSAR:  
14 Second.  
15 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
16 Mr. Nassar, a second. Any comments or  
17 questions for this deferral?  
18 All in favor of the deferral?  
19 ALL:  
20 Aye.  
21 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
22 Any opposed?  
23 All right. Next?  
24 MS. JOHNSON:  
25 We have one Transfer of Tax Exemption

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1 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
2 Entertain a motion?  
3 MR. CALLAIS:  
4 Move.  
5 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
6 Mr. Callais.  
7 MR. DOSS:  
8 Second.  
9 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
10 We have a second by Mr. Doss. Any  
11 comments or questions?  
12 All in favor?  
13 ALL:  
14 Aye.  
15 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
16 Any opposed?  
17 That Renewal is approved.  
18 MS. JOHNSON:  
19 We have one Post-EO 2018 Rules Late  
20 Renewal Application, but that company is  
21 requesting deferral, and that is 20180110,  
22 Service Machine & Supply, Inc. in Lafayette  
23 Parish.  
24 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
25 So they are requesting to be withdrawn?

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1 Contract Amendment Request, that's UBE  
2 America, Inc., Contract 2023023 in Jefferson  
3 Parish -- oh, I'm sorry, 20230256 in Jefferson  
4 Parish, and it's being transferred to UBE C1  
5 Chemicals America, Inc.  
6 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
7 Motion?  
8 MR. DOSS:  
9 Motion.  
10 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
11 By Mr. Doss. Second by Secretary  
12 Bourgeois. Any comments or questions about  
13 this Transfer?  
14 All in favor?  
15 ALL:  
16 Aye.  
17 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
18 Any opposed?  
19 Transfer is approved.  
20 MS. JOHNSON:  
21 We have fifteen Contract Cancellation  
22 Requests:  
23 Bio-Lab, Inc., Contracts 20150503 and  
24 20160771 in Calcasieu Parish, company requests  
25 cancellation.

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1 Cleco Power, LLC, Contracts 20150670,  
 2 20161020, and 20161033 in St. Mary Parish,  
 3 company requests cancellation.  
 4 Lamb Weston, Inc., Contract 20200134 in  
 5 Richland Parish, company requests  
 6 cancellation.  
 7 Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC, 20150284,  
 8 20150285, 20150286, 20150296, 20150297,  
 9 20150299, and 20150300 in St. James Parish,  
 10 company requests cancellation.  
 11 And Veracity Machine, LLC, 20150734 and  
 12 20161117 in Terrebonne Parish, company also  
 13 requests cancellation.  
 14 MR. POLOZOLA:  
 15 Mr. Chairman, it's necessary for me to  
 16 recuse myself from the matter involving Cleco  
 17 and Mosaic Fertilizer.  
 18 MR. MIQUEZ:  
 19 Mr. Chairman, I need to recuse myself  
 20 from Cleco Power.  
 21 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 22 All right. All right. I'll entertain a  
 23 motion to accept the Cancellation on these  
 24 contracts.  
 25 MR. CALLAIS:

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1 So moved.  
 2 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 3 Moved by Mr. Callais. Seconded by  
 4 Mr. Nassar. Any comments or questions about  
 5 these?  
 6 All in favor?  
 7 ALL:  
 8 Aye.  
 9 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 10 Any opposed?  
 11 Those Contracts are canceled.  
 12 Special Requests?  
 13 MS. JOHNSON:  
 14 We have eight Special Requests starting  
 15 with Bagwell Energy Services, Inc., Contracts  
 16 20180323, 20180323-A, 20180323-B, and  
 17 20180323-C. Bagwell Energy Services is  
 18 requesting to amend their Exhibit A Agreement  
 19 for Contracts 20180323, 20180323-A,  
 20 20180323-B, and 20180323-C to lower the  
 21 required number of new direct jobs from 150 to  
 22 35 and new direct payroll from 10.5 million to  
 23 2 million.  
 24 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 25 And the locals have been contacted and

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1 they're --  
 2 MS. JOHNSON:  
 3 We've received resolutions approving this  
 4 Amendment.  
 5 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 6 This Request, this Amendment.  
 7 We have a motion by Mr. Nassar. Second  
 8 by Mr. Doss. Any comments or questions?  
 9 Okay. Senator?  
 10 SENATOR MIZELL:  
 11 Yeah. Do we know why? I mean that's a  
 12 big difference in the number of jobs.  
 13 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 14 Is Bagwell -- I think -- is someone here  
 15 from Bagwell this time?  
 16 MR. SOKOL:  
 17 Yes.  
 18 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 19 From what we understand from the  
 20 previous. Would you like to come address that  
 21 question, please?  
 22 MR. SOKOL:  
 23 Sure.  
 24 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 25 If you don't mind, when you get here,

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1 state your name and, obviously, your company,  
 2 and then speak into the mic.  
 3 MR. SOKOL:  
 4 Yeah, my name is Mike -- I'm sorry. My  
 5 name is Mike Sokol. I'm VP of Bagwell Energy.  
 6 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 7 Did you hear the question from Senator  
 8 Mizell?  
 9 MR. SOKOL:  
 10 Yes. Yes, I think when this program  
 11 first started, we were early on and COVID --  
 12 let's see, prior to COVID, there was a -- the  
 13 oil industry had crashed, and then COVID hit  
 14 at the same time. So we -- we probably  
 15 overshot our numbers early on. And but during  
 16 this whole time, we continued to spend  
 17 millions and millions on new equipment.  
 18 So the new equipment and the high tech  
 19 equipment that we've invested in kind of  
 20 lowered some of the payroll as far as new  
 21 employees, but it made us a better company.  
 22 And so early on is probably why we overshot  
 23 those numbers.  
 24 SENATOR MIZELL:  
 25 So you see yourself as a solid 35 and it

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1 was an iffy 150 in your employee count?  
 2 MR. SOKOL:  
 3 Yes, ma'am.  
 4 MS. JOHNSON:  
 5 And I do want to mention this is new  
 6 employment over their baseline. So they have  
 7 -- this is new jobs over the baseline that  
 8 they have retained.  
 9 SENATOR MIZELL:  
 10 Okay. Okay. Thank you. I was curious  
 11 if it was something that you couldn't find the  
 12 workforce, you know, if there was something  
 13 that was fallen short of resources of what we  
 14 have available in the State or if it was --  
 15 MR. SOKOL:  
 16 Sometimes it is a resource, but I think  
 17 we've worked with the local Iberia Parish on  
 18 training people and working with the colleges,  
 19 you know, the junior college, to get new  
 20 employees, to get the younger generation. We  
 21 hire a lot of ex-military guys coming in. So  
 22 we're starting to get a better handle on a lot  
 23 of the younger people. And we do a lot of  
 24 internal training, and that's been a big plus  
 25 for us.

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1 SENATOR MIZELL:  
 2 Thank you. Thank you. Thank you,  
 3 Mr. Chairman.  
 4 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 5 All right. Any other questions?  
 6 And to reiterate, the local authorities  
 7 have sent resolutions in support of this  
 8 Amendment. So, obviously, Bagwell has been a  
 9 good corporate citizen of that area and the  
 10 locals recognize that and want to keep them  
 11 with the best they can. I have a motion?  
 12 Senator Mizell?  
 13 MS. SIMMONS:  
 14 We have one already, sir.  
 15 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 16 Oh, we do? Whose that? We have done a  
 17 motion and a second?  
 18 MS. SIMMONS:  
 19 Nassar, and Doss and a second.  
 20 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 21 No second? So second by Senator Mizell?  
 22 MS. SIMMONS:  
 23 No, it's been seconded.  
 24 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 25 Oh, okay.

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1 MS. SIMMONS:  
 2 It has.  
 3 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 4 Oh, we just have to vote.  
 5 MS. SIMMONS:  
 6 Yes.  
 7 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 8 Okay. Thank you.  
 9 MS. SIMMONS:  
 10 Yes, sir.  
 11 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 12 I told y'all you had an amateur.  
 13 All in favor?  
 14 ALL:  
 15 Aye.  
 16 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 17 Any opposed?  
 18 All right. Bagwell's Special Request has  
 19 been approved. Thank you, sir.  
 20 MR. SOKOL:  
 21 Thank you. Thank you.  
 22 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 23 Appreciate you investing in Louisiana.  
 24 MS. JOHNSON:  
 25 Next, we have Taminco U.S., LLC, Contract

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1 20180142. Taminco U.S., LLC is requesting to  
 2 amend the existing Exhibit A Agreement for  
 3 contract 20180142 to lower the required number  
 4 of retained jobs from 106 to 100.  
 5 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 6 Again, the locals -- we have support from  
 7 the local governing authorities?  
 8 MS. JOHNSON:  
 9 Yes, sir.  
 10 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 11 Okay. We have a motion by Mr. Doss.  
 12 Second by Mr. Callais. Any comments or  
 13 questions?  
 14 Okay. All in favor?  
 15 ALL:  
 16 Aye.  
 17 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 18 Any opposed?  
 19 All right. Their Request to Amend the  
 20 contract is approved.  
 21 And we have one more?  
 22 MS. JOHNSON:  
 23 We have one more for Weyerhaeuser NR  
 24 Company for Contracts 20210148, 20210148-A,  
 25 and 20210148-B. Weyerhaeuser NR Company is

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1 requesting to amend their existing Exhibit A  
 2 Agreement for Contracts 20210148, 20210148-A,  
 3 and 20210148-B to lower the required number of  
 4 retained jobs from 134 to 125 and required  
 5 payroll from \$8,461,371 to \$6,893,000.  
 6 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 7 And the same question, the locals have  
 8 done their support of this?  
 9 MS. JOHNSON:  
 10 Yes, sir.  
 11 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 12 We have a motion to approve by Mr. Toups.  
 13 Second by Secretary Bourgeois. Any comments  
 14 or questions regarding this approval or this  
 15 recommendation?  
 16 All in favor?  
 17 ALL:  
 18 Aye.  
 19 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 20 Any opposed?  
 21 The Special Request is approved.  
 22 MS. JOHNSON:  
 23 Next, we are on to the Noncompliance for  
 24 the Post EO 2018 Contracts.  
 25 CHAIRMAN MILLER:

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1 Go ahead.  
 2 MS. JOHNSON:  
 3 We have two Contracts, 20180323A and  
 4 20180323B for Bagwell Energy Services in  
 5 Iberia Parish. They were noncompliant for the  
 6 2020, 2021, and 2022 reporting periods. The  
 7 requirements for 2020 were 40 jobs with  
 8 \$2.8 million in payroll. The actual jobs  
 9 created and maintained for project year 2020  
 10 were 27 jobs and \$276,950 in payroll. The  
 11 requirements for project year 2021 was 60 jobs  
 12 with \$4.2 million in payroll. The actual jobs  
 13 created and maintained in 2021 was 16 jobs  
 14 with \$435,628 in payroll. And for project  
 15 year 2022, they were required to create 90  
 16 jobs with \$6.3 million in payroll. And the  
 17 actual jobs created and maintained was 16 jobs  
 18 with \$848,796 in payroll.  
 19 We have gone the last two meetings, I  
 20 believe, we've visited this noncompliance.  
 21 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 22 That's also the one we just did the  
 23 Special --  
 24 MS. JOHNSON:  
 25 Yes, we did the Special and it's

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1 perspective. So that's only going forward for  
 2 the Amendment, so we still do need to deal  
 3 with the noncompliance for these three years,  
 4 but they did get new resolutions from the  
 5 Parish Council and the School Board. And the  
 6 Sheriff did not approve the exemption to begin  
 7 with, so he was not required to respond to  
 8 this.  
 9 The Parish is requesting or stating that  
 10 they share a lenient mindset with the BC&I and  
 11 request no penalties regarding the jobs and  
 12 payroll shortfalls for 2020, 2021, and 2022,  
 13 as currently committed to in the Exhibit A for  
 14 the original ITEP application Contract  
 15 20180323, including Contracts 20180323-A and  
 16 20180323-B. And then, School Board originally  
 17 stated they wanted to terminate, but they have  
 18 now stated that the School Board shares a  
 19 lenient mindset with the BC&I requests no  
 20 contract cancellation penalties regarding the  
 21 jobs and payroll shortfalls for 2020, 2021,  
 22 and 2022 as currently committed to in the  
 23 Exhibit A for the original ITEP application  
 24 Contract 20180323, including Contracts  
 25 20180323-A, and 20180323-B.

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1 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 2 Okay. I want to remind the Board that  
 3 we, this Board has the authority to rule any  
 4 way we want about this, whether we penalize  
 5 them, don't penalize them or not. This is a  
 6 local -- and the second reminder is this is a  
 7 local tax that is either granted or exempted.  
 8 The locals have said that they're okay with  
 9 this, with their getting the exemption.  
 10 With that being said, I'll entertain a  
 11 motion whatever form or fashion you want to  
 12 make it.  
 13 MR. NASSAR:  
 14 I make a motion that we take no action.  
 15 MAYOR TOUPS:  
 16 Second.  
 17 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 18 Okay. We have a motion to take no action  
 19 from Mr. Nassar. We have a second by Mr.  
 20 Toups. Do we have any comments or questions?  
 21 Any input?  
 22 SECRETARY BOURGEOIS:  
 23 Just for clarity, so the taking no action  
 24 is no penalty; they just proceed under their  
 25 contract as it exists.

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1 MS. JOHNSON:  
2 Yes, ma'am.  
3 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
4 Thank you.  
5 MR. MELE:  
6 I have a question.  
7 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
8 Yes, sir.  
9 MR. MELE:  
10 So how does this play into the testimony  
11 just a few minutes ago? Are they all -- is it  
12 one in the same?  
13 MS. JOHNSON:  
14 So they -- this is the same company, same  
15 contract. These are years previously, so that  
16 Special Request does not apply to these.  
17 Therefore, the job requirement was not lowered  
18 in these years. They still do need to create  
19 the new requirement of 35 jobs and \$2 million  
20 in payroll starting from 2024.  
21 MR. MELE:  
22 Okay. Thank you.  
23 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
24 Well, the locals did send support to take  
25 no action on the past, and that's what we have

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1 a motion for right now. So any other  
2 questions or comments? I want to make sure we  
3 give full amount of time.  
4 MR. CALLAIS:  
5 Okay. So the motion at hand is sort of  
6 like we're kind of backtracking saying, please  
7 forgive us for the mistakes we made previously  
8 and irregardless of the changes to the  
9 contract, right? Is that kind of what this is  
10 like approving those previous things? Is this  
11 just kind of like -- I'm just trying to make  
12 sure I understand it correctly.  
13 MS. JOHNSON:  
14 Okay. So it's noncompliance for previous  
15 years and they're saying that they don't want  
16 y'all to take any negative action.  
17 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
18 No penalty?  
19 MS. JOHNSON:  
20 Or any action.  
21 SECRETARY BOURGEOIS:  
22 So we're not being punitive for past  
23 that -- and we have allowed them to amend  
24 their contract for the future.  
25 CHAIRMAN MILLER:

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1 Move forward.  
2 MR. CALLAIS:  
3 Yeah. So even with the amendment, we  
4 still have to approve the noncompliance.  
5 MS. JOHNSON:  
6 Right, because the amendment is  
7 perspective from 2024.  
8 MR. CALLAIS:  
9 Understood. Thank you.  
10 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
11 We all good now? We're ready to vote?  
12 All in favor?  
13 ALL:  
14 Aye.  
15 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
16 Any opposed?  
17 Thank you.  
18 MR. USIE:  
19 Next, we have one Contract, 20210013-A  
20 for C&C Marine and Repair, LLC in Plaquemines  
21 Parish that is noncompliant for the 2022  
22 reporting period. The Exhibit A for the  
23 contract requires the company create and  
24 maintain five jobs with \$150,000 in payroll.  
25 The actual jobs and payroll created and

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1 maintained was two jobs with \$31,506 in  
2 payroll.  
3 The Parish denied the exemption, so they  
4 were not required to submit a recommendation.  
5 And the School Board and Sheriff both did not  
6 submit recommendations.  
7 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
8 So if we -- in the past, the Board has  
9 taken the position that if we receive no  
10 response, that we would consider that  
11 equivalent to take no action. If it wasn't  
12 important enough for them to contribute input,  
13 then it's take no action. Explain -- tell me  
14 though where the Parish denied it initially.  
15 MR. USIE:  
16 In the initial application, so we never  
17 had an exemption from the Parish.  
18 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
19 So the action we take today does not  
20 change that; we're only talking about the  
21 other two.  
22 MR. USIE:  
23 The School Board and Sheriff.  
24 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
25 Okay. With that being said and our

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1 normal action, I'll entertain a motion however  
 2 you would like to present it regarding C&C  
 3 Marine.  
 4 MAYOR TOUPS:  
 5 I'll make a motion to no penalties.  
 6 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 7 We have a motion by Mr. Toups for take no  
 8 action, I guess the easiest way to say it, and  
 9 a second by Mr. Austin. Any comments or  
 10 questions?  
 11 MR. CALLAIS:  
 12 I have a question.  
 13 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 14 Yes, sir?  
 15 MR. CALLAIS:  
 16 So if you look at the salaries versus  
 17 jobs on both actuals and, you know, in the  
 18 expectations, the requirements, it looks like  
 19 the pay is half of what was projected. And  
 20 I'm wondering if we could have any discussion  
 21 or reasoning around that? It looks like a  
 22 \$15,000 average salary in the actuals versus  
 23 \$30,000 average salary in the expectations.  
 24 So I'm kind of wondering, is there any  
 25 reasoning around that?

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1 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 2 Any input on that or is there anyone here  
 3 from C&C?  
 4 MR. USIE:  
 5 The company can confirm, but I believe if  
 6 I recall correctly, they may have hired them  
 7 later in the year, so it's only a fraction of  
 8 their annual payroll.  
 9 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 10 Would you like to come up to the mic,  
 11 please, or was that answer accurate?  
 12 MS. SAVELA:  
 13 (Inaudible.)  
 14 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 15 Okay. Hold on and wait until you get up  
 16 here and tell us who you are, who you're with,  
 17 and then you can answer the question.  
 18 Presumably, you're with C&C.  
 19 MS. SAVELA:  
 20 I'm Allison Savela, I'm the CPA for C&C.  
 21 I have been consulting with them on these  
 22 projects for years, so yeah. So, yeah, part  
 23 of the reason is a lot of the headcount that  
 24 ended up getting applied to the new jobs for  
 25 this particular contract were hired later in

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1 the year, so the salaries that counted were  
 2 lower. Over a year, the -- I think I'm  
 3 probably too far from this.  
 4 So over a year, the salaries would well  
 5 exceed the requirements. The other thing is,  
 6 also, as part of the EO at the time, you have  
 7 to end up backfilling. So there were some  
 8 issues with backfilling to get to baselines  
 9 for not only this contract, as well as other  
 10 contracts that they have in action.  
 11 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 12 All right. Thank you. Any other  
 13 questions or comments?  
 14 All right. I think we've got a motion  
 15 and a second.  
 16 All in favor?  
 17 ALL:  
 18 Aye.  
 19 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 20 Any opposed?  
 21 Thank you.  
 22 MS. SAVELA:  
 23 Thank you.  
 24 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 25 Appreciate you.

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1 MS. SAVELA:  
 2 No, I appreciate y'all.  
 3 MR. USIE:  
 4 Next, we have one Contract, 20170416 for  
 5 Cornerstone Chemical Company in Jefferson  
 6 Parish that is noncompliant for the 2022  
 7 reporting period. The Exhibit A for the  
 8 Contract requires the company create and  
 9 maintain eight jobs with \$838,450 in payroll.  
 10 The actual jobs and payroll created and  
 11 maintained was zero.  
 12 The Parish and Sheriff did not respond  
 13 with recommendations. The School Board  
 14 submitted a resolution stating to take no  
 15 action regarding the noncompliance.  
 16 MR. POLOZOLA:  
 17 Mr. Chairman, I need to recuse myself  
 18 from the matter regarding Cornerstone  
 19 Chemical.  
 20 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 21 You good this time?  
 22 MR. MIQUEZ:  
 23 I need to recuse myself from Gravois,  
 24 which is the next one.  
 25 CHAIRMAN MILLER:

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1 The next one, okay. Don't get too far  
 2 ahead of me. Remember, I'm an amateur at  
 3 this. Again, take no action from the School  
 4 Board, I believe is what we have, and no  
 5 response from the other two entities. We  
 6 typically take that as take no action.  
 7 I would ask -- I want to ask though  
 8 before Cornerstone, this didn't create any new  
 9 jobs. How many jobs were retained in the  
 10 whole -- in the facility? Anybody?  
 11 MR. USIE:  
 12 I don't have that number on hand.  
 13 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 14 Two people in the audience are looking at  
 15 each other. Approximately, how many are  
 16 employed at Cornerstone?  
 17 UNKNOWN:  
 18 Four hundred.  
 19 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 20 Approximately, 400 people are employed at  
 21 Cornerstone. Thank you. That's what I was  
 22 trying to get to.  
 23 All right. With that said, I'll  
 24 entertain a motion for no action.  
 25 MAYOR TOUPS:

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1 Based on School Board says take no  
 2 action, I would make a motion to --  
 3 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 4 Take no action.  
 5 MAYOR TOUPS:  
 6 -- take no action.  
 7 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 8 Motion by Mr. Troups. Second by Mr. Doss.  
 9 Any other comments or questions?  
 10 All in favor?  
 11 ALL:  
 12 Aye.  
 13 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 14 Any opposed?  
 15 Thank you very much.  
 16 MR. USIE:  
 17 Next, we have one Contract 20200220 for  
 18 Gravois Aluminum Boats, LLC in St. Mary Parish  
 19 that is noncompliant for the 2022 reporting  
 20 period. The Exhibit A for the Contract  
 21 requires the company create and maintain two  
 22 jobs with \$72,800 in payroll. The actual jobs  
 23 and payroll created and maintained was zero.  
 24 The Parish, Sheriff, and City did not  
 25 respond with recommendations. The School

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1 Board submitted a resolution recommending the  
 2 Contract be reduced by one year as a  
 3 consequence for the noncompliance.  
 4 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 5 Okay. Everybody understands that?  
 6 We have a motion?  
 7 MR. NASSAR:  
 8 I'll make a --  
 9 MR. MELE:  
 10 I have a question. So as I look at the  
 11 ad valorem tax, at what point do they receive  
 12 this benefit?  
 13 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 14 Each year that the contract is in play,  
 15 right?  
 16 MR. USIE:  
 17 As soon as the contract is placed in  
 18 service.  
 19 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 20 Yeah. And this one started in 2020.  
 21 MR. MELE:  
 22 So the benefit has been received.  
 23 There's no one here representing them though.  
 24 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 25 Is there anybody here from Gravois?

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1 MR. MELE:  
 2 I have a problem with that.  
 3 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 4 State your name and who you represent.  
 5 MS. TRAHAN:  
 6 Hi, my name is Paula Trahan, I'm  
 7 representing Gravois Aluminum Boats D/B/A  
 8 Metal Shark.  
 9 MR. MELE:  
 10 So can you give me some explanation? The  
 11 benefits have been received, but all of them  
 12 are noncompliant. What's the story?  
 13 MS. TRAHAN:  
 14 When the contract was started, when we  
 15 began working on it in 2018, we had  
 16 (indiscernible) ferry boats for New York, five  
 17 of which we had 235 employees working in  
 18 Franklin, Louisiana. As COVID came through,  
 19 the (indiscernible) boats completely went  
 20 away, so we have had to diversify into  
 21 autonomy wind farm boats, Baltimore, Northeast  
 22 Boats, but have not been able to get back to  
 23 our 235.  
 24 MR. MELE:  
 25 So --

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1 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
2 How many have you retained?  
3 MS. TRAHAN:  
4 We have 120 in Franklin right now.  
5 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
6 What did you start with?  
7 MS. TRAHAN:  
8 Two thirty-five was in 2018, when we were  
9 working on (indiscernible).  
10 MR. MELE:  
11 Where do benefits received by the  
12 government go in COVID, because I consistently  
13 hear COVID is the issue. So for the companies  
14 that have received the benefit, whether it be  
15 with regard to employees, where does that  
16 factor in to then the grace that the Board is  
17 supposed to show on having already received  
18 these property tax benefits, but not being  
19 compliant with the terms?  
20 MS. TRAHAN:  
21 I don't -- I don't understand the  
22 question.  
23 MR. MELE:  
24 Well, did the company -- in going through  
25 COVID, a lot of companies applied for federal

1 two jobs, they didn't create the new jobs, but  
2 they couldn't even get back to where they were  
3 at zero.  
4 So it was discussed in one of the  
5 previous meetings that we since have  
6 eliminated the job requirements from that  
7 because we or the Administration agreed, and  
8 we voted on it, that it was not as important,  
9 because it's -- I just feel like if we go down  
10 that road, it just kind of makes Louisiana  
11 appear as a bear trap, you know, and then you  
12 could be impugned later for something that was  
13 beyond your control. So that was just my  
14 understanding of what we've done in the past  
15 to try to be fair to these companies that were  
16 affected by this COVID.  
17 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
18 Okay. Thank you.  
19 MR. WHEELIS:  
20 Can you restate for me what the School  
21 Board recommended?  
22 MR. USIE:  
23 They stated in a resolution, the Contract  
24 should be reduced by one year as consequence  
25 for the noncompliance. So rather than a

1 relief.  
2 MS. TRAHAN:  
3 Uh-huh.  
4 MR. MELE:  
5 Much of it was paid and possibly Gravois  
6 was one.  
7 MS. TRAHAN:  
8 Uh-huh.  
9 MR. MELE:  
10 And now with this contract, Gravois is  
11 asking for grace for being noncompliant. So  
12 where does the Board -- what's the history of  
13 the Board in deciding such matters?  
14 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
15 Anybody prior that would have an idea?  
16 MR. REMEDIES:  
17 I believe in one of the other cases, we  
18 were -- I felt what we were attempting to be  
19 sensitive to not impugned companies that took  
20 a chance on Louisiana that were lost jobs  
21 through the COVID and couldn't recover back to  
22 the point of zero. I believe that the ad  
23 valorem tax relief was on the annual taxes  
24 paid on the equipment that they purchased. So  
25 they purchased the equipment, but they came up

1 five-year initial exemption, they're saying  
2 cut it down to four years.  
3 MR. WHEELIS:  
4 All right.  
5 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
6 All right. If they do that, that's the  
7 fifth, presumably the fifth year of the first,  
8 of the initial Contract, so the company would  
9 pay property tax?  
10 MR. USIE:  
11 Shakes head.  
12 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
13 No?  
14 MR. USIE:  
15 No, they would just be eligible to renew  
16 it one year earlier. And if they renewed it,  
17 they would get nine years instead of --  
18 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
19 Okay. That's what I was getting to, to  
20 make sure that the gap didn't force them to  
21 lose all five on the renewal, if they renew  
22 sooner.  
23 MR. WHEELIS:  
24 But that was the only response we had  
25 from locals?



1 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
2 That's correct.  
3 MS. JOHNSON:  
4 I do want to clarify that noncompliance  
5 is always going to come after a company has  
6 already received the exemption, because  
7 compliance is filed in April of the year  
8 following the year that they receive the  
9 exemption for each year. So this one is for  
10 2022, it was filed in 2023, if that makes  
11 sense.  
12 MR. NASSAR:  
13 Now, I believe what we have done in the  
14 past is what the locals recommend was normally  
15 what we did. And if I remember correctly, we  
16 would penalize the company by taking one year  
17 of the exemption away for the noncompliance,  
18 because the company has already received their  
19 benefits too, right, as far as their  
20 exemptions. So I'm thinking that's the way  
21 we've always did it.  
22 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
23 Okay. Do we have any other questions?  
24 SECRETARY BOURGEOIS:  
25 Yes, so this is purely for -- y'all

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1 on the table, so I'll entertain a motion  
2 regarding the Gravois Contract?  
3 MR. DOSS:  
4 I move. It sounds to me like though, the  
5 recommendation of the locals is exactly what  
6 we have done in the past, so I would make that  
7 motion.  
8 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
9 The motion includes a reduction of one  
10 year by the School Board with no action on the  
11 other two entities.  
12 MR. NASSAR:  
13 Second.  
14 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
15 Mr. Doss motions.  
16 MR. NASSAR:  
17 Second.  
18 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
19 Mr. Nassar seconds. Any other comments  
20 or questions?  
21 All right. All in favor?  
22 ALL:  
23 Aye.  
24 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
25 Any opposed?

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1 operate as Metal Shark, correct?  
2 MS. TRAHAN:  
3 Yes, ma'am, we do business as Metal  
4 Shark.  
5 SECRETARY BOURGEOIS:  
6 Right. So just for an antidotal piece of  
7 this, about a week after I was appointed the  
8 Secretary of LED, there was an article about  
9 how the owner of Metal Shark had sold the  
10 business in Mobile and taken his profits to  
11 reinvest in his business in Louisiana, and he  
12 was the first private sector individual I  
13 reached out to in this role to thank -- Chris  
14 Allard, correct?  
15 MS. TRAHAN:  
16 Yes, ma'am.  
17 SECRETARY BOURGEOIS:  
18 And I've never met Chris face to face, so  
19 this is not personal at all, but to thank  
20 Chris for reinvesting in Louisiana and taking  
21 the chance on Louisiana instead of staying in  
22 Mobile and shutting down his Louisiana shop  
23 and going to Alabama, just for some color.  
24 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
25 Any other input? We do not have a motion

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1 And thank you very much.  
2 MS. TRAHAN:  
3 Thank you. Appreciate your time.  
4 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
5 Like Secretary Bourgeois said, the idea  
6 that you decided to sell other assets to  
7 invest in Louisiana is admirable. We greatly  
8 appreciate that.  
9 MS. TRAHAN:  
10 Thank you very much.  
11 MR. USIE:  
12 We have one Contract, 20180099 for  
13 Inferno Manufacturing in Caddo Parish that is  
14 noncompliant for the 2022 reporting period.  
15 The Exhibit A for the contract required the  
16 company to create and maintain two jobs with  
17 \$100,000 in payroll. The actual jobs and  
18 payroll created and maintained was zero.  
19 The Parish, Sheriff, and City did not  
20 respond with recommendations. The School  
21 Board confirmed that the Board and Company  
22 agreed upon a default payment, and the payment  
23 was made to the Board. And the School Board  
24 is satisfied with that.  
25 CHAIRMAN MILLER:

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1 So does that mean the School Board is  
2 willing to just continue with the contract?  
3 MR. USIE:  
4 Continue as is. A default payment in  
5 place of the noncompliance.  
6 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
7 And out of curiosity, do we know the  
8 number of jobs Inferno actually still  
9 maintains? Just say it.  
10 MR. ORGANICK:  
11 We're at 25.  
12 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
13 Twenty-five jobs. Thank you. And I'll  
14 entertain a motion to accept.  
15 MR. REMEDIES:  
16 So moved.  
17 MR. MOSS:  
18 I'll second.  
19 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
20 Mr. Moss and Mr. Remedies. Any comments  
21 or questions?  
22 All in favor?  
23 ALL:  
24 Aye.  
25 CHAIRMAN MILLER:

1 Any opposed?  
2 MR. USIE:  
3 Next, we have one Contract, 20200058 for  
4 Kitchen MAJGEK, LLC - Ren's Kitchen in  
5 Lafayette Parish that is noncompliant for the  
6 2022 reporting period. The Exhibit A for the  
7 contract requires the company to create and  
8 maintain 50 jobs with \$1,040,000 in payroll.  
9 The actual jobs and payroll created and  
10 maintained was zero. No jobs and payroll  
11 could be considered, because on the company's  
12 Certificate of Compliance, the company  
13 confirmed no basic health benefits plan was  
14 offered to employees, and that is a  
15 requirement in order to be considered a job as  
16 defined in the Exhibit A Agreement.  
17 The Parish, the School Board, nor the  
18 Sheriff responded with recommendations.  
19 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
20 All right. Guess I'll entertain a  
21 motion. There's no response from the locals.  
22 MR. CALLAIS:  
23 No response from the locals?  
24 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
25 That's correct. No response from the

1 locals, that's correct.  
2 MR. CALLAIS:  
3 So what has the Commerce and Industry  
4 Board done in previous situations where you  
5 have no response and noncompliant and in  
6 similar situations? Is there any precedence  
7 for this?  
8 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
9 For the most part, the Board has taken  
10 that as the same as take no action.  
11 MR. CALLAIS:  
12 All right.  
13 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
14 As we have done the last four years or  
15 so.  
16 MR. REMEDIES:  
17 Do we have any representatives from this  
18 company here?  
19 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
20 Anybody here from Kitchen MAJGEK? We do  
21 not.  
22 MR. REMEDIES:  
23 I was just curious of what happened with  
24 this. That's a great big swing from -- to  
25 zero from 50, not two.

1 MR. CALLAIS:  
2 They didn't offer healthcare.  
3 MR. REMEDIES:  
4 Oh, I see. Yeah, okay.  
5 MR. CALLAIS:  
6 Yeah, so it sounds like it's noncompliant  
7 because it's not that they don't have the  
8 jobs; it's that they didn't provide  
9 healthcare.  
10 MR. REMEDIES:  
11 Okay. Yeah.  
12 MR. MELE:  
13 How many employees does the company have?  
14 MR. USIE:  
15 I don't have those numbers offhand. I do  
16 know they did create some jobs, but it had to  
17 be zeroed out because no one was offered those  
18 health benefits, so those don't count as new  
19 jobs.  
20 MR. CALLAIS:  
21 That feels like they didn't follow the  
22 rules of the program after benefiting from tax  
23 exemptions. And without a representative,  
24 it's hard to make that determination.  
25 CHAIRMAN MILLER:

1 You're welcome to make a motion however  
 2 you would like it, and the Board can consider  
 3 it. The locals did not respond and they were  
 4 made aware. We know they were.  
 5 MR. WHEELIS:  
 6 Were they given notice that they can  
 7 appear at this meeting?  
 8 MR. USIE:  
 9 They did. I sent out an email and they  
 10 were notified.  
 11 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 12 And they were noticed that this would be  
 13 taken up.  
 14 MR. CALLAIS:  
 15 Yeah, so I would move to have a deferral  
 16 until the next meeting.  
 17 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 18 See if they'll show up.  
 19 MR. NASSAR:  
 20 Second.  
 21 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 22 So we'll make a motion to defer and ask  
 23 the company to have a representative here at  
 24 the next meeting to discuss. We have a motion  
 25 by Mr. Callais and a second by --

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1 MR. AMOSS:  
 2 Amoss.  
 3 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 4 -- by Mr. Amoss. All right. Any more  
 5 discussion or questions?  
 6 All in favor of the deferment?  
 7 ALL:  
 8 Aye.  
 9 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 10 Any opposed?  
 11 All right. Next?  
 12 MR. USIE:  
 13 We have one Contract, 20190153 for  
 14 Reagent Chemical & Research, Inc. in Ascension  
 15 Parish that is noncompliant for the 2022  
 16 reporting period. The Exhibit A for the  
 17 Contract requires the company create and  
 18 maintain one job with \$50,000 in payroll. The  
 19 actual jobs and payroll created and maintained  
 20 was zero.  
 21 The School Board and Sheriff each  
 22 submitted recommendations stating to not  
 23 penalize the company and take no action for  
 24 the noncompliance. The agenda was finalized  
 25 with a no response from the Parish. However,

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1 this past Monday, we received a resolution to  
 2 not penalize the company from the Parish, and  
 3 they apparently forgot to send an email.  
 4 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 5 Okay. So we actually have take no  
 6 action?  
 7 MR. USIE:  
 8 We have take no action from all three.  
 9 It just has no response from the Parish,  
 10 because they didn't respond before the agenda  
 11 was finalized.  
 12 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 13 Motion by Mr. Nassar to take no action  
 14 and seconded by Secretary Bourgeois. Any  
 15 comments or questions?  
 16 All in favor?  
 17 ALL:  
 18 Aye.  
 19 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 20 Any opposed?  
 21 Next?  
 22 MR. USIE:  
 23 Next, we have two Contracts, 20200449 for  
 24 Reliable EDM, LLC; and 20200442 for Sommer  
 25 Brothers Enterprise, LLC in Lafayette Parish

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1 that are noncompliant for the 2022 and 2023  
 2 reporting periods. Sommer Brothers is a real  
 3 estate holding company only and the contracts  
 4 cover the one project at the same site. The  
 5 Exhibit A for the Contracts require Reliable  
 6 EDM to create and maintain one job with  
 7 \$41,600 in payroll.  
 8 For the 2022 reporting period, the jobs  
 9 and payroll created and maintained was zero  
 10 and 2022 was also filed late. It was due  
 11 April 30th, 2023, but not received until May 4  
 12 of 2023 upon notice of the missed deadline by  
 13 LED.  
 14 For 2023 reporting period, the jobs and  
 15 payroll created and maintained was also zero.  
 16 The Parish, the School Board, the Sheriff, nor  
 17 the City responded with recommendations.  
 18 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 19 And to make note, it's two different  
 20 companies because one is the landlord and one  
 21 is the operator.  
 22 MR. USIE:  
 23 Correct.  
 24 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 25 But no response from anyone. I'll

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<p>1 entertain a motion.  2 MR. CALLAIS:  3 Any representatives here?  4 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  5 Any representatives?  6 Come on up.  7 MR. CALLAIS:  8 I just had a quick question if you can  9 give us some color, some texture.  10 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  11 Before you begin, tell us who you are and  12 who you represent.  13 MR. SOMMER:  14 Yes, I'm John Sommer with Reliable EDM  15 and the Sommer Brothers Enterprises.  16 MR. CALLAIS:  17 Thank you, sir. I was hoping you would  18 give us a little texture as to what happened,  19 why there's no retained jobs.  20 MR. SOMMER:  21 Well, we've been looking. It's a pretty  22 narrow field that's EDM, it cuts metal, and we  23 have had some social media -- it's four jobs.  24 And they are actively looking for another  25 person, but...</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 74</p>	<p>1 All right. And, Ms. Rhonda, you have  2 something to say? State your name and --  3 MS. BOATNER:  4 Rhonda Boatner, Didier Consultants. Just  5 a note. We have been engaged since this  6 initial filing was late, and so all of the  7 subsequent filings will be filed timely. So I  8 just wanted everyone to know, the company did  9 reach out when their filing was late. And  10 we've taken over since then, so there will be  11 no more late filings.  12 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  13 Thank you. We have a motion and a  14 second. Any other comments or questions?  15 All in favor?  16 ALL:  17 Aye.  18 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  19 Any opposed?  20 Thank you.  21 MR. USIE:  22 Last, we have 20190204 for ToMakk Glass  23 Partners, LLC in Caddo Parish, and they  24 actually asked to defer to the October Board  25 meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 76</p>
<p>1 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  2 How many jobs did you have? Is this a  3 new company or you are expanding?  4 MR. SOMMER:  5 We are expanding from Texas in to  6 Louisiana, and so we are hoping that --  7 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  8 And how many jobs do you have?  9 MR. SOMMER:  10 Here in Louisiana, four.  11 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  12 Looking to add five, but you didn't make  13 any during this term.  14 MR. SOMMER:  15 We tried, but we had signs up, and we  16 couldn't attract anybody.  17 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  18 We have, again, no response from the  19 locals, correct?  20 I'll entertain a motion.  21 MAYOR TOUPS:  22 I'll make a motion to take no action.  23 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  24 Motion by Mr. Troups. Who was the second?  25 Mr. Mele.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 75</p>	<p>1 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  2 We have a motion to accept the request?  3 Mr. Remedies. Polozola seconds. Any comments  4 or questions about the deferral?  5 All in favor?  6 ALL:  7 Aye.  8 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  9 Any opposed?  10 And we made it through the noncompliance.  11 Other business?  12 Mr. Polozola, if you will please give us  13 a brief update on the ITEP Rules Committee  14 status.  15 MR. POLOZOLA:  16 Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chairman. The ITEP  17 Rules Committee have been meeting over the  18 last several months. We've had four meetings.  19 We had an organizational meeting first. After  20 that, we had several weeks later a meeting  21 where we invited Industry stakeholders to come  22 in and give whatever comments that they wished  23 to give on the Governor's Executive Order and  24 the whole ITEP revision process, and they did  25 so.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 77</p>

1 After that meeting, LED had an  
 2 opportunity to make their presentation. In  
 3 the course of that presentation, other  
 4 officials, like from the parishes, that I  
 5 remember Cameron Parish in particular came and  
 6 gave some input during the course of LED's  
 7 presentation. After we heard from the  
 8 Economic Development Department, the next  
 9 meeting was any other stakeholders.  
 10 So in each of these meetings, we end the  
 11 meeting with who we'd like to hear from next.  
 12 Okay. And so the last meeting we had heard  
 13 from any other stakeholders that had any  
 14 interests whatsoever, okay. And that was a  
 15 meeting held in this room and it was very  
 16 productive. The upshot of all the meetings so  
 17 far has been that people really appreciate the  
 18 opportunity to give input.  
 19 We are not rushing the process at all.  
 20 We're giving people time to give their input,  
 21 circle back around, you know, just because  
 22 Industry may have talked in the first meeting,  
 23 they're present at all the others, so they may  
 24 have input in a different meeting and vice  
 25 versa for other stakeholders as to Industry

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1 is. So they are very wide ranging. They've  
 2 gone very well.  
 3 We're at the process now where we've kind  
 4 of heard from sort of everyone. And so the  
 5 next meeting is going to be a discussion from  
 6 anyone about kind of where to go from here,  
 7 which I believe we will start, it will  
 8 probably result in going to some red lines,  
 9 you know, actually redlining the rule and  
 10 start to get, like, a good draft of actual red  
 11 lines. That will then be, you know,  
 12 promulgated out to everyone to review. And  
 13 then we'll probably have another meeting to  
 14 take input on these red lines, okay.  
 15 So it's just a process, but I want to  
 16 just assure you that it's going very well. I  
 17 think people are feeling heard. They  
 18 appreciate that. And so, you know, we'll  
 19 eventually get to the actual formal rule, but  
 20 we're not quite right there yet.  
 21 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 22 Thank you very much. Next item of Other  
 23 Business, we have to renew the ITEP Emergency  
 24 Rule and Authorization Publication of Notice  
 25 of Intent. Secretary Bourgeois has input on

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1 that.  
 2 SECRETARY BOURGEOIS:  
 3 Thank you. I was going to ask Stephanie  
 4 LeGrange from our Legal Department to come and  
 5 give us a brief on why we're doing this before  
 6 I offer the motion.  
 7 MS. LEGRANGE:  
 8 Good morning, Members. Stephanie  
 9 LeGrange, Deputy Counsel with LED. Just to  
 10 give you some color in regard to the motion.  
 11 As many of you know and as Mr. Polozola has  
 12 discussed, the BCI Rules Subcommittee has been  
 13 meeting to discuss with stakeholders their  
 14 suggestions and input on the rules, but the  
 15 Emergency Rules for the ITEP program, though  
 16 were published in April, are effective for 180  
 17 days and they are set to expire a few days  
 18 before the next regularly-scheduled Board  
 19 meeting of this full Board.  
 20 So all the motion before you does is  
 21 delegate the authority from the full Board  
 22 down to the Rules Subcommittee to authorize  
 23 LED at the appropriate time and one necessary  
 24 to do two things: One, to renew the Emergency  
 25 Rule for the ITEP program; and then two,

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1 again, falling on Mr. Polozola's discussion,  
 2 once the red line is in a version of the rule  
 3 that the subcommittee is in alignment with to  
 4 authorize the Department to begin what I'm  
 5 going to sell is the regular rule making  
 6 process, which is the publication of the first  
 7 document the Notice of Intent.  
 8 SECRETARY BOURGEOIS:  
 9 Okay. So with that, I offer the  
 10 following motion:  
 11 Whereas, Louisiana Constitution provides  
 12 in Article 7, Section 21F that the State Board  
 13 of Commerce and Industry, BCI, quote, "with  
 14 the approval of the Governor, may enter into  
 15 contracts for the exemption from ad valorem  
 16 taxes of a new manufacturing establishment on  
 17 such terms and conditions as the Board, with  
 18 the approval of the Governor, deems in the  
 19 best interest of the State";  
 20 And whereas, by virtue of this provision,  
 21 this Board is authorized to administer the  
 22 granting, subject to the approval of the  
 23 Governor, of the Industrial Tax Exemption, and  
 24 pursuant to that end, this Board, with the  
 25 assistance of the Louisiana Economic

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1 Development, as established the Industrial Tax  
 2 Exemption Program, ITEP, and formulates and  
 3 promulgates rules for ITEP that promote the  
 4 best interests of the State;  
 5 And whereas, a BCI Rules Committee has  
 6 been established to oversee the promulgation  
 7 of the rules for those programs, requiring  
 8 approval or administration by BCI, including  
 9 but not limited to ITEP;  
 10 And whereas, an ITEP Emergency Rule has  
 11 been published with an effective date of April  
 12 24th, 2024, to remain in effect for a period  
 13 of 180 days, unless renewed or until adopted  
 14 of final rules.  
 15 Therefore, I make the following motion:  
 16 That the BCI Rules Committee shall have the  
 17 authority with the assistance of LED to renew  
 18 the ITEP Emergency Rule as necessary and  
 19 authorize publication of a Notice of Intent in  
 20 accordance with the Administrative Procedures  
 21 Act.  
 22 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 23 Do we have a second?  
 24 MR. DOSS:  
 25 Second.

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1 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 2 Second by Doss. Any comments, input,  
 3 questions?  
 4 All in favor of that motion?  
 5 ALL:  
 6 Aye.  
 7 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 8 Any opposed?  
 9 It carries.  
 10 The next Item is remarks from Secretary  
 11 Bourgeois.  
 12 SECRETARY BOURGEOIS:  
 13 Thank you, Mr. Chairman. You know, I'll  
 14 be brief. I just wanted to highlight a few  
 15 things that I feel like I would hope you would  
 16 notice are more cultural to the organization  
 17 and specific: Number one, I was really  
 18 pleased when Hud was giving his report about  
 19 the company that filed four days, late once  
 20 they were informed of their late notice. And  
 21 so that told me from an organizational  
 22 perspective, my assumption is that we reached  
 23 out to them much earlier than that, but we are  
 24 engaging with our companies. We are shifting  
 25 our culture at the Department to make sure

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1 that we are assisting and supporting and  
 2 making it easier for businesses to be  
 3 successful in this State.  
 4 We're not looking to catch anyone, right.  
 5 We are just trying to follow the law  
 6 certainly, but also more importantly, be  
 7 helpful on the front end. So I'm very pleased  
 8 that I feel like that was very much the  
 9 feeling of this meeting.  
 10 And, secondly, while, you know, and  
 11 Chairman Jones said this at the last meeting,  
 12 I don't want the Members of this Board to feel  
 13 like we are rubber stamp Board. In fact, what  
 14 our team at the Department is doing a very  
 15 good job of is making sure we are getting  
 16 ahead of solutions for these challenges as  
 17 they come up. We're trying to prenegotiate,  
 18 if you will. We're trying to work with  
 19 companies to make sure that when an Item comes  
 20 before you, we have preworked that as much as  
 21 we can with our business and industry partners  
 22 to make sure the solution in front of you is  
 23 considered, obviously, but there has been work  
 24 put in on the front end.  
 25 And then lastly, staying on this same

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1 thing, I do want to commend our team and our  
 2 legal counsel office for the amount of  
 3 intentional outreach they've down around the  
 4 rules. I think anyone in this room who lives  
 5 in this space and who understands the  
 6 importance of it, from our local authorities  
 7 to our industry partners to the consultants  
 8 who are before this Board quite often, the  
 9 amount of work that Stephanie and Robin have  
 10 done to intentionally seek their input, to  
 11 intentionally make sure our regional  
 12 organizations are represented, it has been a  
 13 lot of work.  
 14 Perhaps in the past, it wasn't done or it  
 15 wasn't even thought to be done. But no matter  
 16 what, I hope you are all hearing and feeling  
 17 that we are doing things a little bit  
 18 differently at the new LED. And I'm very  
 19 grateful for the team that's doing it and for  
 20 all of you as well. So thank you,  
 21 Mr. Chairman.  
 22 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 23 Thank you very much. Does anybody have  
 24 any other input or questions?  
 25 I'll entertain a motion to adjourn, and I

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1 thank you for the kindness today.  
 2 MR. REMEDIES:  
 3 Motion.  
 4 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 5 Motion to adjourn, Mr. Remedies.  
 6 MR. CALLAIS:  
 7 Second.  
 8 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 9 Second by Mr. Callais.  
 10 All in favor?  
 11 ALL:  
 12 Aye.  
 13 CHAIRMAN MILLER:  
 14 No opposed.  
 15 (WHEREUPON, THE MEETING ADJOURNED.)  
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