

**VISIT BATON ROUGE  
SPECIAL BOARD MINUTES  
JUNE 2017**

A scheduled special board meeting of Visit Baton Rouge was held on Thursday, June 29, 2017 at its office located at 359 Third Street.

Present were:

Flynn Foster  
Carolyn McKnight  
Norman Chenevert  
Pastor Wesley  
Ralph Ney  
Andy Blouin  
Scott Michelet  
Mickey Parenton

Absent:

C. Denise Marcelle  
Mark Drennen

Present but not participating in formal actions:

Paul Arrigo, Staff  
Lauralyn Maranto, Staff  
Barney Doyle, Staff  
Karron Alford, Staff  
Chuck Elkins, Legal Counsel  
Sam Karlin, Business Report  
Andrea Gallo, The Advocate

Flynn Foster called the meeting to order and opened the meeting for public comment.

Chuck Elkins presented a brief overview regarding the timeline and process of placing the tax proposition on the November ballot.

On a motion by Ralph Ney, seconded by Norman Chenevert to adopt the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
VISIT BATON ROUGE (“VBR”)  
CONCERNING  
PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING TO ORDER AND CALL ELECTION**

**JUNE 29, 2017**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors wishes to give public notice of its intent to hold a special public meeting to order and call a tax election to levy an additional two percent lodging tax on the paid occupancy of hotel rooms in a certain portion of the Parish of East Baton Rouge, all as authorized pursuant to Act 310 of the Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the following resolutions are adopted.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors (the “Board”) hereby gives notice to the public that it intends to hold a special public meeting of the Board on August 4, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at VBR’s office located at 359 Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70809 to discuss and authorize the ordering and calling of an election for the submittal to those electors of East Baton Rouge Parish not residing in the municipalities of Baker, Central, or Zachary, or the area within the boundaries of the Baton Rouge North Economic Development District, a proposition to permit VBR to levy an additional two percent tax on the paid occupancy of hotel rooms located in that portion of East Baton Rouge Parish, not within the municipalities of Baker, Central, or Zachary, or the area within the boundaries of the Baton Rouge North Economic Development District, all as authorized by Act 310 of the 2017 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if the special public meeting scheduled in the previous resolution be cancelled, postponed, or not held for any reason, the Board resolves that the public is hereby given notice that it intends to discuss and authorize the ordering and calling of the election referred to in the previous resolution at its regular meeting for the month of August, 2017 which is to be held at VBR’s office located at 359 Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70809 on August 24, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Paul J. Arrigo, President/CEO, is hereby directed, authorized, and empowered by the Board of Directors of the Bureau to take whatever actions he deems appropriate to carry out the intent of the previous resolutions, including without limitation to give prompt written notice to the legislative delegation from East Baton Rouge Parish of the above resolutions and to publish an official public notice of the meetings referenced in the previous resolution in the official journal of VBR.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.