

**VISIT BATON ROUGE**  
**BOARD MINUTES**  
**April 2026**

A scheduled Board of Director's meeting of Visit Baton Rouge was held on Thursday, April 26, 2026, at the Visit Baton Rouge Office located at 359 Third Street.

Present:

Rowdy Gaudet  
Gary Jupiter  
Janice DeLerno  
Karen Soniat  
Robyn Merrick  
Marty Engquist  
Claude Reynaud  
Jeremy Fontenot  
Gary Patureau

Absent:

Stephen Hightower

Present but not participating in formal actions:

Jill Kidder, Staff  
Lisa Clary, Staff  
Danielle Prejean, Staff  
Stacy Simon, Staff  
Laura Cating, Staff  
Geraldine Bordelon, Staff  
Emily Mastrantonio, Staff  
Amanda Strebeck, EisnerAmper, LLP  
Matt Breau, EisnerAmper, LLP  
Anthony Thomas, Community Outreach Liaison, City of BR

Rowdy Gaudet called the meeting to order and opened the meeting for public comment.

On a motion by Gary Jupiter, seconded by Gary Patureau the March 26, 2026, minutes were approved as presented.

Motion carried.

Anthony Thomas from the Mayor's Office spoke about the efforts being made to reduce the homeless population in and around the city.

Amanda Strebeck presented the results of the 2025 Financial and SAUP audits.

Danielle Prejean presented and discussed the March 2026 financials.

Jill Kidder presented the President’s Report and gave a brief update on the status of 232 Lafayette Street.

Lisa Clary reminded the Board about the May 15, 2026, Board of Ethics Financial Disclosure Reporting deadline.

Discussion/Action was held in connection with the payout of Incentive Compensation to the President and CEO.

On a motion by Claude Reynaud, seconded by Jeremy Fontenot, the following resolution was approved.

**RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF VISIT BATON ROUGE  
CONCERNING THE PAYMENT OF THE CONTRACTURAL INCENTIVE PAYMENT DUE TO THE  
PRESIDENT & CEO**

**APRIL 23, 2026**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to §7.2 of that certain employment agreement dated effective January 1, 2025 (the “Employment Agreement”) by and between VBR and Jill C. Kidder, its President and CEO (the “CEO”), VBR agreed to pay an incentive payment in the amount of Five Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$5,000.00) (the “2025 Incentive Payment”) to the CEO if VBR received as a result of its FY 2025 annual audit a “Clean Audit,” as such term is defined in §2.2 of the Employment Agreement.

**WHEREAS**, based upon a review of the FY 2025 annual audit prepared by EisnerAmper LLP, CPAs and presented to the Board of Directors (the “Board”) at its April 23, 2026, meeting, it is the opinion of VBR’s professional staff that VBR has received a Clean Audit for FY 2025 and that the 2025 Incentive Payment is now due.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board that VBR is authorized and directed to pay to Jill C. Kidder, President and CEO, the 2025 Incentive Payment of Five Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$5,000.00) at VBR’s first employee pay period after receipt by VBR of the Clean Audit for FY2025.

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CERTIFICATE

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

I, Robyn Merrick, certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary / Treasurer of the Board of Directors of Visit Baton Rouge (the "Board"), the governing authority of Visit Baton Rouge ("VBR").

I further certify that the above and foregoing resolution to which this certificate is attached is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed by a majority of the Board present and voting at a properly constituted meeting of the Board held at Visit Baton Rouge's office on April 23, 2026 at which said meeting a quorum of the Board was present and acting throughout.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, witness my official signature on this 23rd day of April 2026, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

/s/Robyn Merrick

Robyn Merrick  
Secretary / Treasurer

Attest:

/s/Jill Kidder

Jill C. Kidder  
President & CEO  
Date: April 23, 2026

Motion Carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.