

VBR-232 Lafayette, Inc. (Public Benefit Corporation)

September 8, 2026

A scheduled Special Board Meeting of VBR-232 Lafayette, Inc. was held jointly with Visit Baton Rouge Board of Directors on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 359 Third Street at 12:00 pm.

Present:

Scott Michelet
Mary Stein
Claude Reynaud
Gary Jupiter

Absent:

Marty Engquist

Present but not participating in formal action:

Rowdy Gaudet, VBR Board Member
Robyn Merrick, VBR Board Member
Stephen Hightower, VBR Board Member
Janice DeLerno, VBR Board Member
Jeremy Fontenot, VBR Board Member
Gary Patureau, VBR Board Member
Karen Soniat, VBR Board Member
Jill Kidder, Staff
Lauralyn Maranto, Staff
Danielle Prejean, Staff
Emily Mastrantonio, Staff
Geraldine Bordelon, Staff
Stacy Simon, Staff
Laura Cating, Staff
Lisa Clary, Staff
Chuck Elkins, Legal Counsel
Henry Olinde, Legal Counsel
Trippe Hawthorne, Legal Counsel
Lisa Nice, GFP

Scott Michelet called the meeting to order and opened the meeting for public comment.

Trippe Hawthorne presented an overview in regard to a proposed construction contract relative to the 232 Lafayette Street project.

Discussion was held regarding questions relating to Alt#1, Alt#2, and Alt#3. Gary Patureau reported that he may have a sponsor for Alt#3 (3rd floor) and that he would be meeting with the proposed sponsor that afternoon.

A motion was made by Claude Reynaud, seconded by Stephen Hightower to approved the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF VISIT BATON ROUGE
CONCERNING AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT PURSUANT TO
LOUISIANA PUBLIC BID LAW**

September 8, 2026

WHEREAS, Visit Baton Rouge (“VBR”), as a Louisiana public entity, caused public notice to be duly advertised soliciting bids for the public works project known as New Headquarters for Visit Baton Rouge (the “Project”) in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law, La. R.S. 38:2211 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received and publicly opened on September 1, 2026, at the time and place stated in the advertisement for bids; and

WHEREAS, after review and evaluation of all bids and bidder responsibility and responsiveness criteria, the Board of Directors of VBR has determined that Build Commercial Construction, LLC (Louisiana Contractor License No. 70230) submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid, consisting of a Base Bid of \$5,239,000.00 and the following available Alternates: Alternate No. 1 (\$91,300.00), Alternate No. 2 (\$50,273.00), and Alternate No. 3 (\$528,333.00), and that said Contractor’s Base Bid was within the preconstruction estimate of \$5,456,353.00 established by the design professional of record; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of VBR finds it to be in the best interest of VBR to award the contract for the Project to Build Commercial Construction, LLC as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of VBR that the contract for New Headquarters for Visit Baton Rouge is hereby awarded to Build Commercial Construction, LLC as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for a Base Bid of \$5,239,000.00, plus the following selected Alternates:

X Alternate No. 1 (\$91,300.00)

X Alternate No. 2 (\$50,273.00)

☐ Alternate No. 3 (\$528,333.00)

for a total contract price of \$_____.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jill Kidder, President & CEO, is authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of VBR, the construction contract with Build Commercial Construction, LLC and all documents necessary to complete the award, including the Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, and contingency change orders within approved budget authority, and to accept and approve the performance and payment bonds and certificates of insurance required to be submitted by Build Commercial Construction, LLC, upon Build Commercial Construction,

LLC's timely submission of all required bonds, insurance, and other post-award documents in accordance with the contract documents and Louisiana law.

A quorum of the Board of Directors being present, the foregoing Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote resulted as follows:

Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Janice Delerno				
Gary Jupiter Jr.				
Karen Soniat Ph.D.				
Claude Reynaud Jr.				
Rowdy Gaudet (Chairman)				
Marty Engquist				
Gary Patureau				
Stephen Hightower (Vice Chairman)				
Robyn Merrick (Secretary/Treasurer)				
Jeremy Fontenot				

Adopted by the Board of Directors of Visit Baton Rouge at a special meeting of the said Board of Directors after being duly noticed on the 8th day of September, 2026.

_____ Rowdy Gaudet, Chairman

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of Visit Baton Rouge on September 8, 2026.

_____ Robyn Merrick, Secretary/Treasurer

Motion carried with the acceptance of Alt#1 and Alt#2.

Discussion was held regarding Alt#3. Gary Patureau stated that he will attempt to find sponsorship(s) for Alt#3. The anticipated date for all documents to be signed is September 24, 2026 to include construction document, CEA between the two entities, and all documents prepared by Matthew Clark and Mack Gregorie.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

