



Minutes

January 28, 2023 Board Meeting
New Orleans East Hospital
5620 Read Blvd., New Orleans 70127
& Online via Zoom
10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by President Bryan Jourdain at 10:15 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: Bryan Jourdain, Velma Johnson, Mtumishi St. Julien, Al Parker, Brenda Hogan, Ira Thomas
Absent: None (Marc Barnes' position is vacant)

Quorum met

III. Approval of December 17, 2022 Minutes

A motion to accept minutes was made by Commissioner Ira Thomas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Velma Johnson. The motion passed.

IV. New Business

a. Financial Review

Commissioner Mtumishi St. Julien, Treasurer, provided a handout of the Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2022 (see attached).

- During the discussion period, it was stated that a representative of Seabrook Security District contacted Lake Bullard regarding the action they are taking to get information on unpaid tax assessments. CPA Sean Bruno stated that Seabrook is not structured like Lake Bullard and their funds are not reported. Lake Bullard allows the City of New Orleans Board of Liquidation to collect and manage its assessment collections for a fee of \$500.
- It was asked whether the tree above the Lake Bullard sign can be trimmed. Sean Bruno stated that outside funding is being negotiated for tree trimming and replacement of pole banners.

- It was asked what the Insurance expense covers. Noah Lewis, who provided the Lake Bullard policy, explained that insurance is needed for possible litigation and provides \$1 million worth of coverage for Directors and Officers, and General Liability for all residents, and includes the Lake.
- It was asked why Security expenses vary from month to month. Commissioner St. Julien explained that even though Lake Bullard is billed weekly, the amount paid each month depends on when the invoices are paid.
- Officer Elections will occur in March. Seats held by Commissioners Al Parker, Brenda Hogan, and Ira Thomas have three-year terms. The seat for Commissioner Marc Barnes, who resigned, has a two-year term, due to the timing that it was last filled. Residents interested in running or nominating someone else for a position may do so no later than 5 days before the March meeting by sending an email to noelaservices@gmail.com or submitting the information on the Lake Bullard website, www.lakebullard.org.

A motion to accept the financial statement was made by Commissioner Ira Thomas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Velma Johnson. The motion passed.

V. Open Forum

Aaron Jordan and Noah Lewis provided an update on behalf of the Greater New Orleans East Business Alliance (GNOEBA). They are encouraging residents to become more engaged in the community. They are also pursuing ways to support Fannie C. Williams School with a career day. Commissioner Velma Johnson, who is a member of the National Black Nurses Association said that information can be provided to the school to inform students about careers in nursing.

GNOEBA is encouraging residents of all neighborhoods to serve as block captains. This could potentially provide hundreds of individuals to work on important issues in New Orleans East, such as Crime Committees.

GNOEBA is also preparing a response to a recent negative opinion piece in The Times-Picayune | The Advocate about New Orleans East. They also stressed that every business is important whether an individual patronizes that business or not, because even if they don't, someone else that they depend on might patronize the business.

A Heart Walk will be held from Joe W. Brown Park to New Orleans East Hospital on February 25. More information will be provided.

The next Lake Bullard meeting will be held in person at the New Orleans East Hospital. Proper notice will be provided.

VI. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Ira Thomas and seconded by Commissioner Velma Johnson. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.