



SOUTHSIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Monday, May 12, 2025, | 12:00 P.M.  
City of Monroe Council Chambers  
400 Lea Joyner Memorial Expressway, Monroe, LA 71201

**OFFICIAL NOTICE**

Pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute § 33:2740.51, the Southside Economic Development District (SEDD) is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana with taxing authority. All proceedings of this Board are conducted in accordance with applicable state laws. Legal representation is provided by Mr. Brandon Creekbaum, City Attorney for the City of Monroe, who also serves as general counsel to SEDD.

The Board reserves the right to amend, reorder, or add items to the agenda as necessary. All interested residents and stakeholders are encouraged to attend.

**AGENDA**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

- Chairman Tony T. Little
- Vice Chairlady Atty. Sarah Smith
- Treasurer Bishop Michael Douglas
- Secretary Mr. Herb Guillory
- Commissioner Mr. Karl Dhaliwal
- Commissioner Rev. T.J. Stevenson
- Commissioner Rev. Roosevelt Wright Jr.
- Commissioner Miss Jessica DeTiege
- Commissioner Mr. Kenneth Hall
- Commissioner Mrs. Anna Reed

**2. INVOCATION**

**3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The Board will consider adoption of the published agenda, subject to amendment.

**4. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS**

Presided by Rev. Cliff Thomas, President – Monroe City Branch NAACP

The Board shall conduct elections for the following officer positions:

- Chairman
- Vice Chairlady

- Treasurer
- Secretary

## **5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

The Board will consider approval of the official minutes for the following meetings:

- December 2, 2024
- December 16, 2024
- January 9, 2025
- February 3, 2025
- February 21, 2025
- March 3, 2025,

Audio recordings of all meetings are available online in accordance with open meetings law.

## **VII.A. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

General updates on administration, board relations, intergovernmental coordination, and strategic initiatives.

## **VII.B. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Bishop Michael Douglas will present the monthly financial status of the district, including account balances, outstanding payables, and prior authorizations.

## **VIII.A. ARIZONA STREET DREAM CENTER – STATUS REVIEW, WALKTHROUGH FINDINGS, AND LEGAL GUIDANCE (Legal Review Required – Counsel Present)**

The Board will receive and enter into the record the findings of the May 1, 2025, walkthrough conducted by Commissioner Roosevelt Wright Jr., former Commissioner Otis Jones, and Mr. Marcus England. The report includes identification of incomplete work and prepaid items previously approved during Commissioner Wright's tenure as Secretary/Treasurer.

The Board will also acknowledge contractor quotes previously received for project remediation. Based upon legal guidance, the Board may take action or provide direction regarding:

- Acceptance of the walkthrough report into the official record;
- Documentation and verification of all prepaid items;
- Engagement of a licensed contractor through the City of Monroe procurement system;
- Acceptance of bids from the City of Monroe purchasing department

## **VIII.B. STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Presented by Committee Chairman Herb Guillory. The report will address committee restructuring, stakeholder outreach, brand positioning, and upcoming deliverables.

## **VIII.C. WEBSITE ENHANCEMENT PROPOSAL**

The Board will consider a recommendation from the Strategic Planning and Partnerships Committee regarding the website enhancement proposal submitted by EVOBRAND

Concepts. The Board may vote to authorize a service agreement for one of the submitted options.

**VIII.D. DISTRICT REBRANDING INITIATIVE**

The Board will consider authorizing the Strategic Planning and Partnerships Committee to initiate a rebranding process, which may include redesigning the official logo and updating, modernizing, or revising the 25-Year Strategic Plan.

**VIII.E. SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD AND CRIME REDUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Presented by Commissioner Roosevelt Wright Jr.

**VIII.F. MINI GRANT PROGRAM – FINAL DISBURSEMENTS**

The Board will consider final disbursements to approved Mini Grant recipients pending compliance with all documentation and reporting requirements.

**IX.A. CHAIRMAN’S REMARKS**

Final commentary and acknowledgments by the presiding officer.

**IX.B. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Members of the public are invited to speak. Each speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes.

*Prepared in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute § 33:2740.51*

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