

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 27, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.
DDD Ronald E. Gardner Board Room**

Roll taken - Meeting called to order at 4:07 p.m.

Members Present: Chair Chris Ross, Vice-Chair Alex Glaser, Treasurer William Bradshaw, II, Secretary Scott Polakoff

Members Absent:

Other Board Members Present: N/A

Staff/Counsel Present: Erica Sensenbrenner, Counsel, Adams & Reese

Others Present: N/A

Notice: The time, location, and agenda were adequately and publicly noticed.

Public Input Card: N/A

Public Comments: N/A

Action Items:

Approval of August 4, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – **Action Item***
Motion to approve Secretary Scott Polakoff. Second by Treasurer William Bradshaw. Motion carried.

Resolution 25-07 Award of Private Security Services

DDD currently has two private armed security contracts that will end soon, and the committee decided to align the security contract with the calendar year for budget planning. After a solicitation was issued in June, five vendors responded, and the scoring committee, composed of DDD staff, Donnie Clause, Public Safety Manager, Michael McKnight, CFO, Rene Pastorek, Chief Economic Development Officer and Chuck Bourg, Chief of Operations & Public Safety, evaluated them based on criteria such as background, approach, pricing, and DBE program participation. Allied Universal Protection was awarded the contract with a score of 99.5%. - the highest overall score and lowest cost, the committee agreed to submit the full scoring sheets and vendor submissions to the board of commissioners.

Motion to submit the RFP to the board of commissioners made by Vice-Chair Glaser. Second by Treasurer Bradshaw. Motion carried.

The current patrol operations are in two sections: a mobile rover patrol with GPS tracking, and foot patrol. The rover patrol operates with one vehicle and one officer on 8-hour shifts. The foot patrol covers a large area with two officers working in tandems, using bicycles for flexibility. Success is measured through monthly reports tracking interactions and business checks.

Current enforcement for homeless outreach is in Zone 1. Zone 2 implementation is scheduled for September 26th with a full no sleeping policy. Concerns were expressed about the Low Barrier Shelter being located downtown.

Note: In accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Open Meetings Law (La. R.S. 42:11 et seq.) the Board of Commissioners of the DDD may go into the Executive Session to discuss legal or personnel matters

There is a need to replace commissioners whose terms have expired. Chair Ross will follow-up with the status of appointments through the Governmental Affairs Committee.

Chair Ross will propose a new slate of executive officers at the next board of commissioners meeting. Scott Polakoff will transition from Secretary role but remain on the board.

Treasurer Bradshaw, because of teaching schedule will have a conflict for the next 5 board meetings.

Library location was identified as a problem area for homelessness. Potential fencing to address issues.

Chuck Bourg to submit full scoring sheets and vendor submissions to the full board for security contract review.

Vice Chair Glaser requested that staff research and gather data on origins of individuals being transported to New Orleans from other locations.

Chair Report/President's Report:

Old Business: N/A

New Business: N/A

Executive Session: N/A

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Treasurer William Bradshaw. Second by Secretary Scott Polakoff. Motion carried.