

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 31, 2026
4:00 p.m.
DDD Ronald E. Gardner Board Room**

Roll taken - Meeting called to order at 3:59 p.m.

Members Present:, Chair Chris Ross, Vice-Chair Alex Glaser, Finance Committee Chair William Bradshaw, II, Secretary Ryan King

Members Absent: N/A

Other Board Members Present: N/A

Staff/Counsel Present: Michael McKnight, Chief Financial Officer, Erica Sensenbrenner, Legal 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

Approval of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 25, 2026 - **Action Item***
Motion to approve Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for Monday, February 25, 2026, by Secretary Ryan King. Second by Treasurer William Bradshaw. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Committee discussed the State Bill to consolidate civil and criminal courts and potentially move Civil District Court from downtown to Tulane and Broad. The committee reviewed a draft resolution opposing the relocation with concern about the impact on the downtown's economy. The discussion included background on why Orleans Parish's criminal district court receives state funding while civil court operates independently with significant unallocated funds. The committee noted that if the bills pass the Senate and House, they could reach the governor by the end of April and agreed to bring the resolution to the full board for consideration the following week.
- Evan James Consulting was selected as the lowest bidder to facilitate a half-day retreat aimed at refining the strategic plan.
- Re-branding solicitation is expected to close on Thursday, April 2nd.
- DDD enabling legislation is on the Senate floor this afternoon. Jared Brossett is providing updates about the bill progress.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Treasurer William Bradshaw. Second by Secretary Ryan King. Motion carried.

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 Executive Session to discuss legal or personnel matters.