



**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE
NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**October 13, 2025
4:00 p.m.**

- 1) **Call to Order**
Chairperson Jones called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.
- 2) **Roll Call**
The following Commissioners were present: Broussard, Sullivan, Egana, Hammond, Jones, Pourciau and Jones. Commissioner Antrum joined the meeting at 4:03pm. Johnson, Stumpf and Boyd were absent.
- 3) **Review and Approval of Agenda**
On a motion duly made and seconded, the agenda was unanimously approved.
- 4) **Comments from Chair**
- 5) **Introduction of Guests**
- 6) **Review and Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from August 11, 2025.**
On a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were unanimously approved.
- 7) **Executive Director's Report**
Brenda M. Breaux, Executive Director, began the presentation with an update on the 2025 Annual Scope of Work overall progress of the Build Homes, Enhance Corridors and the Strengthen Neighborhood pillars.

Ms. Breaux continued with an update on the progress of the Build Homes pillar. As of October 2025, the programs are 80% complete. Ms. Breaux gave an update on the following Build Homes Programs:

- The Housing Trust Fund
 - Process – FANO & NORA to administer and distribute funds in accordance with Council ordinances
 - Status – Ordinance is approved; Advisory Committee made recommendations to City Council regarding program specifications & funding allocations to the programs.
 - The Committee has allocated \$2,054,691 for the homeowner construction subsidy; \$2,054,691 for the owner-occupied roof rehab; \$1,867,901 for the small rental rehab and \$732,510 for administration.

Ms. Breaux also gave an update on the progress of the Enhance Corridors pillars. As of October 2025, the programs are 73% complete. She gave updates on the following Enhance Corridor Programs:

- Small Business Marketing Program
 - Goal – grants up to \$30,000 and to pair small business with professional marketing firms

- Current status –selected & sent letters to 20 small businesses; selected and signed contracts with 5 marketing firms; completed Small Business/Marketing firm matches. The program will close out after 6 months of marketing assistance.
- ECE Facilities – Grant Awardee Updates
 - Inquisitive Thinkers (Milan) \$250,000 – construction to be complete by Spring 2026
 - Wilcox Academy (Central City) \$250,000 – construction to be complete by Spring 2026
 - Early Partners (Lower Garden District) \$250,000 – ribbon cutting on 10/4, construction has begun
 - Shiloh Gardens (Holy Cross) \$250,000 – grant documents being drafted, construction to begin in Winter 2025
 - World Class Learning Academy - \$50,000 – grant agreement executed, construction to begin Fall 2025
- ECE Facility – Program Update
 - ECE Grant tiers
 - Seed – up to \$50,000
 - Support - \$50,001 - \$100,000
 - Grow \$5,000 - \$250,000
 - ECE Facilities – TA Updates
 - TA Pipeline – Round 1 & 2 deemed “program ready”, facility improvement – applicants connected with A&E TA; expansion – applicants connected with
 - TA Process updates – new readiness assessment; business development requirement for expansion projects; More targeted A&E TA – fewer awards, more hours for strong projects
- Façade Renew 3.0 Implementation
 - 4661 Alcee Fortier (Michoud) - \$100,000 – construction in progress
 - 810 N. Broad (6th Ward) - \$50,000 – grant signed; construction permits pending
 - 1466/1468 N. Broad (7th Ward) - \$50,000 – ready to proceed again
- Lower Ninth Ward Revitalization Program
 - Four major priorities – 1. Attract grocery (Claiborne); 2. Invest in primary node (St. Claude); 3. Increase organizational capacity of local community development organizations; and 4. Develop key vacant parcels
 - Upcoming milestones – 1. L9 Façade Renew program proposal at 2026 budget; 2. Meetings w/CNO (study release & community engagement); 3. Property acquisition – request to HANO for acquisition of 1818 Eganina.
- Food Incubator Hub and Microgrants
 - Goal – construct food incubator at St. Bernard/Claiborne (across from Circle Foods) on NORA owned land and provide microgrants and technical assistance to small commercial kitchen businesses.

Ms. Breaux continued with an update on the Strengthen Neighborhoods pillar. As of October 2025, the programs are 84% complete. She gave an update on the following Strengthen Neighborhood programs:

- Non-Congregate Housing on Tulane Avenue
 - Predevelopment committee meetings kicked off June 4, 2025
 - NORA Released solicitation for developers on September 15, 2025, information session on October 7, 2025, and the deadline is November 14, 2025.
 - Early 2026 – NORA Board will select the developer
 - Late 2026 – construction will start
- NOLA Public School Redevelopment (Israel Augustine and Valena C. Jones)
 - Community meetings at both schools held on September 23, 2025 & September 25, 2025
 - Community survey live and accepting responses until October 15, 2025
 - NORA to release solicitation and receive proposals by end of 2025/early 2026

- 1141 Esplanade Avenue
 - Developer working to address the remaining \$5M funding gap
 - Working with City Council and Office of Economic Development to ID funds
 - December 2025 closing deadline
- Six Flags
 - Site demolished, tree trimming complete, restoration of power pending City inspection, reinstallation of drainage pump underway & City Council approval of new CEA for \$5M

Ms. Breaux concluded with a staffing update. Kathryn Welty, Project Coordinator and Charri Schairer, Compliance Officer have joined the NORA team. Ms. Breaux was featured in Biz New Orleans as one of New Orleans' Real Estate Influencers.

8) Committee Reports

A. Marketing & Community Engagement – Broussard

1. Comments from the Chair –meeting Commissioner Broussard

B. Real Estate & Development – Egana

1. Resolutions:

- a) **2025-08, Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Cooperate Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority and the City of New Orleans for the Food Business Incubator Program.**

A motion to approve Resolution 2025-08 was made by Commissioner Egana and seconded by Commissioner Antrum. All were in favor.

2025-09, Approving and Authorizing the execution of the Cooperate Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between the City of New Orleans, New Orleans Redevelopment Authority and Finance Authority of New Orleans for the Housing Trust Fund.

A motion to approve Resolution 2025-09 was made by Commissioner Egana and seconded by Commissioner Sullivan. All were in favor.

C. Finance – Antrum

1. Comments from the Chair – Antrum

- a. **Presentation of the Report on Interim Financial Summaries and Statements through August 2025**

2. Resolution

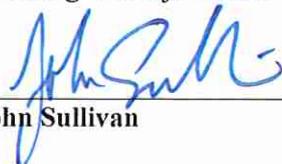
- a. **Approving and Adopting an Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget**
A motion to approve Resolution 2025-10 was made by Commissioner Antrum and seconded by Commissioner Pourciau. All were in favor.

9) Other Matters

10) Public Comment

11) Adjourn

On a motion duly cast and seconded, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.


 _____, Secretary
 John Sullivan