



JEDCO Board of Commissioners
November 20, 2025 @ 8:30 A.M.
JEDCO Administration Building - Boardroom
700 Churchill Parkway, Avondale, LA 70094
MINUTES

Call to Order: 8:30 a.m.

Attended: Chairwoman Josline Frank, Mickal Adler, Roxanne Arocha, Jimmy Baum, Billy Douglass, Teresa Lawrence, Jim Martin, Mike O'Connor, Mayra Pineda, Paula Polito, Joe Riccobono, Stephen Robinson, Lynda Nugent Smith, Bob Stevens, Teri Tucker, and Shondra Williams.

Absent: Darren Chifici, Joe Ewell, Melissa O'Neal, Gene Sausse, and Melissa Simeon.

Staff: Jerry Bologna, Lacey Bordelon, Annalisa Kelly, Neil Schneider, Kelsey Scram, Penny Weeks, Kate Wendel, and Laruen Cashio

Attorney: Reed Smith – Jefferson Parish

Guest: Philip Sherman – Adams and Reese
Lefteris Toras – Laitram LLC
Lauren Siegel and Matt Campbell - Trepwise

I. Call to Order – Chairwoman Josline Frank

- **Approval of Board absences for today, November 20, 2025** – Teresa Lawrence motioned, seconded by Mickal Adler, to excuse Joe Ewell, Melissa O'Neal, Gene Sausse, and Melissa Simeon. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Approval of minutes for October 30, 2025** – Bob Stevens motioned, seconded by Teresa Lawrence, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Public Comments on Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

III. Unfinished and New Business

- **A resolution approving the form of and authorizing the execution of a Second Supplemental Act of Conveyance relative to the acquisition and construction of the 2025 additions and improvements to the manufacturing and administrative facilities of Laitram, L.L.C., including its affiliates, in**

Jefferson Parish; and providing for other matters with respect to the foregoing – Lacey Bordelon

Following discussion, Teresa Lawrence motioned, seconded by Mayra Pineda, to approve the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

- **A resolution approving The Jefferson EDGE 2030 Economic Development Strategic Plan, authorizing the plan for implementation by JEDCO, and recommending its adoption by the Jefferson Parish Council as the overall five-year economic development strategic plan for Jefferson Parish – Lacey Bordelon and Trepwise Consulting**

Following the presentation by Lauren Siegel and Matt Campbell of Trepwise Consulting, Mickal Adler motioned, seconded by Jim Martin, to approve the resolution adopting The Jefferson EDGE 2030 Economic Development Strategic Plan. The motion passed unanimously.

- **JEDCO Nominating Committee recommendations for 2026 Officers – Jerry Bologna**

Billy Douglass motioned, seconded by Lynda Nugent Smith, to approve the recommendation for the 2026 Officers. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Martin – Chairman

Stephen Robinson – Vice Chair

Joe Riccobono – Treasurer

Bob Stevens – Secretary

Josline Frank – Ex-Officio

- **JEDCO Nominating Committee recommendations for Committees in 2026; Executive, Finance, Audit, Bylaws, and PILOT Advisory – Jerry Bologna**

Teresa Lawrence motioned, seconded by Teri Tucker, to approve the below slate of committees for 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

2026 Executive Committee (11)

Mickal Adler

Billy Douglass

Josline Frank

Jim Martin

Mike O'Connor

Mayra Pineda

Paula Polito

Joe Riccobono

Stephen Robinson

Gene Sausse

Bob Stevens

2026 Finance Committee (11)

Roxanne Arocha

Jimmy Baum

Darren Chifci

Joe Ewell

Teresa Lawrence

Mike O'Connor

Melissa O'Neal
Melissa Simeon
Lynda Nugent Smith
Teri Tucker
Shondra Williams

2026 Audit Committee (3)

Roxanne Arocha
Jimmy Baum
Mike O'Connor

2026 Bylaws Committee (3)

Mickal Adler
Jim Martin
Mayra Pineda

2026 JEDCO PILOT Advisory Committee (5)

Mickal Adler
Jim Martin
Paula Polito
Lynda Nugent Smith
Bob Stevens

- **Appointments to 2026 Nominating Committee – Jerry Bologna**
Bob Stevens nominated Jimmy Baum and Teri Tucker to fill the two vacant seats on the Nominating Committee. Joe Riccobono motioned, seconded by Teresa Lawrence, to accept the motion and to approve the below members for 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

2026 Nominating Committee (5)

Jim Martin (Current Chair 2026)
Josline Frank (Immediate Past Chair 2025)
Mayra Pineda (Immediate Past Chair 2024)
Elected by the Board: Jimmy Baum
Elected by the Board: Teri Tucker

- **Resolution recommending the appointment of JEDCO's 2026 Chairman to the Jefferson Parish Economic Incentive Fund Evaluation Committee – Jerry Bologna**

Billy Douglass motioned, seconded by Paula Polito, to approve the resolution appointing Jim Martin. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Resolution appointing Board of Directors to Forward Jefferson Corporation for the year 2026 – Jerry Bologna**

Mayra Pineda motioned, seconded by Teresa Lawrence, to approve the resolution listing the below slate of Directors. The motion passed unanimously.

Mickal Adler
 Billy Douglass
 Josline Frank
 Jim Martin
 Mike O'Connor
 Mayra Pineda
 Paula Polito
 Joe Riccobono
 Stephen Robinson
 Gene Sausse
 Bob Stevens

- **Resolution appointing Board of Directors to JEDCO Development Corporation for the year 2026 – Jerry Bologna**

Paula Polito motioned, seconded by Billy Douglass, to approve the resolution listing the below slate of Directors. The motion passed unanimously.

Roxanne Arocha
 Jimmy Baum
 Darren Chifici
 Joe Ewell
 Teresa Lawrence
 Melissa O'Neal
 Mike O'Connor
 Melissa Simeon
 Lynda Nugent Smith
 Teri Tucker
 Shondra Williams

- **Approval of President and CEO's 2026 membership of professional, civic or other clubs – Jerry Bologna**

The President & CEO must furnish to the Board of Commissioners annually a list of professional, civic or other clubs which he will be associated with. Payment or reimbursement of any expenses related to the President & CEO's participation in such clubs shall be subject to the provisions of Section 6.3 of the employment agreement. The President and CEO furnished the following list:

- Jefferson Chamber of Commerce - Board Member
- Fore!Kids Foundation – Board Member
- World Trade Center New Orleans (WTCNO) - Member
- International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) - Member
- International Economic Development Council (IEDC) - Member

- Louisiana Industrial Executive Association (LIDEA) – Member
- University Holy Cross (UHC) – Board Trustee
- Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) – Member
- Southern Economic Development Council (SEDC) – Member

Mayra Pineda motioned, seconded by Paula Polito, to approve the list as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Approval of the 2026 meeting schedule for the Executive Committee and Quarterly Board of Commissioners – Jerry Bologna**

Commissioners were provided with the proposed 2026 meeting schedule. Shondra Williams motioned, seconded by Billy Douglass, to approve the 2026 meeting schedule. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Financial Reports – Lauren Cashio

- **Monthly Financial reports for August, September, and October 2025**

Ms. Cashio presented the financial reports which included budget-to-actual comparisons for the months of August, September, and October. Included were reports for the general fund, EDGE, Forward Jefferson Corporation, JEDCO Development Corporation, and the loan funds. Each fund details actual expenses for the respective months and year-to-date totals, comparing these amounts to the approved budget for the year 2025.


V. President and CEO Report – Jerry Bologna

- Commissioners were reminded to complete the Ethics and Sexual Harassment training before December 31, 2025.
- JEDCO staff are working with owners of Clearview City Center to develop a PILOT for the redevelopment of the mall. Meetings have been scheduled with the Parish President and Councilmembers to gain support.
- Annalisa Kelly, JEDCO's Director of Strategic Initiatives and Policy, earned the nationally recognized designation of Certified Economic Developer from the International Economic Development Council.

VI. Other Updates or Comments from the JEDCO Board of Commissioners

There were no other updates or comments.

VII. Adjournment – Stephen Robinson motioned, seconded by Lynda Nugent Smith, to adjourn the meeting.


Joseph Riccobono
JEDCO Secretary