

STATE OF LOUISIANA
BOARD OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
NOTICE & AGENDA

Special Meeting
Tuesday, April 21, 2020 - 9:00 a.m.

This meeting will be available via **teleconference**:

Telephone number: 888-431-3598
Access code: 8099624#

CERTIFICATION OF INABILITY TO OPERATE DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM

In accordance with Executive Proclamations JBE 2020-30 and 2020-33, issued by Governor John Bel Edwards on March 16, 2020, and March 22, 2020, respectively, this notice shall serve as certification of the Board of Commerce & Industry's inability to otherwise operate in accordance with the Louisiana Open Meetings Law due to lack of a quorum (12 of 22 members) as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency. Pursuant to Section 4 of JBE 2020-30, the Board of Commerce & Industry will provide for attendance at a special meeting, which will only contain business deemed essential government business, on Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., via **teleconference**. A gathering of the entire membership of the Board of Commerce & Industry and necessary staff would violate Governor Edwards's order suspending all public gatherings of 10 or more people to be suspended or postponed. The Board of Commerce & Industry is currently composed of 22 members. The items appearing on the agenda have been deemed essential for the continued conduct of business. Considering the foregoing, and in accordance with Proclamation Numbers JBE 2020-30 and JBE 2020-33, the Board of Commerce & Industry's meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. will be held via teleconference and in a manner that allows for observation and input by members of the public, as set forth in the Notice posted on April 17, 2020.

Jerald Jones, Chairman

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL -Deborah Simmons
3. REVIEW, DISCUSSION & VOTE ON MOTION REGARDING BCI PROGRAM DEADLINES (ATTACHED)
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
5. ADJOURN

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are encouraged to be submitted, in writing, via email to _LED-OBDBusinessIncentivesServices@la.gov (there is an underscore before LED) before 3:00 p.m., Monday, April 20, 2020. Please include your name, organization represented (if any), a brief statement, and indicate if you wish to speak during the meeting.

If at any time, before or during the meeting, a member of the public wishes to be heard by the Board, please email _LED-OBDBusinessIncentivesServices@la.gov (there is an underscore before LED) to assist with the execution of an efficient and orderly meeting, but even those who do not send an email will be permitted to speak.

There are two options to provide comments, prior to or during the meeting. Below are the processes for both options.

- a. Prior to the meeting. Emails will be received up to 3:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2020. All emails must be submitted to: _LED-OBDBusinessIncentivesServices@la.gov (there is an underscore before LED) and must include your name, organization represented, if any, and a brief statement. If you wish to speak during the meeting, please so indicate in your email. You will be addressed during the meeting.
- b. During the meeting. Anyone who wishes to speak shall have the opportunity to do so. The Chairman will open the floor for public comment, and will allow for comments by speakers in the order received. Everyone's time is valuable so speakers may be limited.

MOTION, April 21, 2020

BOARD OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Upon consideration and request by LED program administrators and supervisors and upon consultation with the Secretary of LED, with regard to deadlines for those programs requiring approval or administration by the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry, including but not limited to Enterprise Zone, Quality Jobs, Restoration Tax Abatement, and the Industrial Tax Exemption Program, (“BCI Programs”), I make the following motion:

1. For advance notifications, applications, compliance documentation, other contractual documents, and ITEP local notices of action due to be filed with the Department for BCI Programs, during the pendency of **Proclamation Number 30 JBE 2020 (Section 5)** and **Proclamation Number 41 JBE 2020 (Section 5(H-K))**, those deadlines are suspended from March 17, 2020 until April 30, 2020 or a later date set by proclamation and, thereafter, subject to an additional thirty (30) day extension of deadlines.
2. Nothing herein affects the standing rules or policy of the Department with regard to requesting extensions of deadlines for BCI Programs.
3. Furthermore, applicants are encouraged to continue their program-related filings and such filings will continue to be processed throughout this time in order to avoid process delays to the extent possible after the emergency is lifted.
4. All as specifically set forth herein, I hereby enter this motion into the record and move that this motion be adopted by the Board for all BCI Programs.