

Speaker 1 ([00:00](#)):

Recording now. This is, uh, today is March 18th, 2025. And this is the, uh, joint committee of the executive committee and the legal committee. Um, this schedules to start at 12 noon and it's 12 0 1 right now.

Speaker 2 ([00:15](#)):

Good afternoon, members. Uh, Maria, thank you for your attendance. Let me pause it. Go ahead. Thank you for your attendance. Uh, as mentioned, this is a joint committee meeting of the N-O-R-D-P, uh, executive and legal March 18th. This is the 12 o'clock meeting. Uh, mad Secretary, will you please call, call a roll for me. Thank you. Uh, Tucker Present, Josh Tatum. Present. Lloyd Jones. Present. Quorum is met, cor is set at the beginning of the meeting. Uh, any introduction to item number three? Introduction to, yeah. There's no guess. Yes. There's no guess. Uh, members, I'm sure you had a chance to look at the agendas. One page. Uh, there's any changes, uh, not, um, I'll entertain a motion to include Motion by Commissioner Tatum. Second. Second by, uh, commissioner Jones. All in favor? A Aye. Aye. So order, uh, item number five, uh, administrative consideration of establishing the organization's email addresses, uh, and VI account to facilitate, facilitate for consultants who are present, uh, consideration of a third party to facilitate, uh, production of minutes. Maria, I did in fact review and print it and share. Right. We discussed a little bit. I'll let you tape the minutes. We'll work back on the item.

Speaker 1 ([01:54](#)):

Okay. Well, um, with respect to the minutes, just looking now, because the urgency obviously is to get caught up on all the minutes that weren't done and to, um, to, to get caught up on the minutes that weren't done. And to also, uh, going forward, having minutes done. That's the most important thing. So what we, uh, what I, what we've been looking for are third party entities that are professional, who know how to do minutes. I found one so far online. Um, I don't know these people at all, but we did found online. And those people are, uh, they, they, they actually do minutes, uh, professionally. They sent in a proposal. They sent in a proposal. And you see the proposal before you, I'm not saying you have to take this proposal, you can continue to look, but this is one idea of a company and you can look them up online.

Speaker 1 ([02:46](#)):

Uh, that will do it. They're, they're, they're based in Fairfax, Virginia. Uh, but they do provide this service and know how to do minutes. Um, and they can work from the recordings that we have. Um, um, they can also set up, once they get started, they can do their own recordings for our minutes. Mm-hmm <affirmative>. But this is, they can work from the, you know, from records that we have to catch us up. And this shows how much they cost an hour. And, um, you guys, I know you just started looking at a little while ago, but it's just something for consideration so that you all can get on track with minutes. Um, obviously since minutes are done by the hour, and that would be the same thing if you had someone working here. You wanna make sure you keep your, your meetings concise and not go off on, you know, on, on things that are not germane so that you don't have a big bill.

Speaker 2 ([03:39](#)):

Okay. Thank you Maria. Um, members, commissioners, I open the, the, uh, floor up for discussion, but in a moment, uh, I would like to acknowledge, uh, a guest that entered our meeting. You introduce yourself, your name and organization.

Speaker 3 ([03:54](#)):

Yeah, absolutely. This is Brian. I'm Brian Frazier. I'm a banker with Chase Bank here in New Orleans. Mm-hmm <affirmative>. Um, I represent the nonprofit division and I'm here for as a government banker as well.

Speaker 1 ([04:05](#)):

Thank you sir. And the time is 1206. Okay.

Speaker 2 ([04:09](#)):

Commissioner, the floor is open, uh, for the discussion of the, I don't know if we for discussion or a recommendation of this item, are you recommending,

Speaker 1 ([04:20](#)):

I mean, I am certainly recommending that you guys find a professional minute taker rather than, obviously you guys have put out an RFP for administrative. It's taking some time. I think time is of the essence to get your minutes done. And I think having a third party professional minute taker is what you need right now.

Speaker 2 ([04:38](#)):

How far back are we on our minutes?

Speaker 1 ([04:41](#)):

Pretty far. I mean, since you started, since you read like two years, I've got a couple that I did a few, a few minutes that I did for you guys, but there's still a significant number that need to be done.

Speaker 2 ([04:52](#)):

Okay. Proceeding as our leadership

Speaker 1 ([04:55](#)):

Yes. Proceeding your leadership. And now during, we've gotta get them done. Okay. Um,

Speaker 4 ([05:00](#)):

Can we just take a pause for a second, Mr. Frazier's here to handle some,

Speaker 1 ([05:04](#)):

Okay. Mr. Frazier was not on the agenda. I believe it's not,

Speaker 4 ([05:08](#)):

But,

Speaker 1 ([05:08](#)):

But, uh, he's here to, I didn't know he was coming.

Speaker 2 ([05:12](#)):

Right.

Speaker 1 ([05:12](#)):

And he's not on the agenda. Right. So if we need

Speaker 2 ([05:14](#)):

To pause, I would indicate a motion of need recess for three minutes.

Speaker 1 ([05:17](#)):

Yeah. You want a recess? It's nothing. It's nothing that needs action.

Speaker 2 ([05:20](#)):

Uhuh.

Speaker 1 ([05:21](#)):

Okay. We'll

Speaker 2 ([05:21](#)):

Recess for three minutes Mo. So motion by I we

Speaker 4 ([05:23](#)):

Recess for

Speaker 2 ([05:25](#)):

Three minutes. Okay. Can some hear second? Okay. Second by Tim. All in favor? Alright. So ordered. Please call. Okay. Thank you for recess. Sorry

Speaker 1 ([05:35](#)):

About that. All righty. And it is 1213. We are back on the record. I just need to say that this was not an executive session, but there was absolutely no business, um, taken care of that needed a vote. What happened was the Chase representative came over, um, which was kind of him, in order for you all to sign your signature cards to open the Chase bank account that was authorized at the last board meeting. And that is the only thing that happened during that break. Alright, now you can continue. It is 1213.

Speaker 2 ([06:04](#)):

Thank you. Uh, Maria and commissioners we're back, uh, outta recess and the floor is open for discussions relative to, uh, the consideration of a minute, uh, minutes taken. Sir. I

Speaker 5 ([06:21](#)):

Commissioner, uh, vice chair. Um, we do have one person that we do have and she is local that has reached out and is interested to do administrative work. I can follow up with her to get a quote. I have

not gotten a quote yet. I'm okay with, since this is kind of an emergency for us to do something. But my only concern is this is a firm based out of Virginia.

Speaker 6 ([06:47](#)):

Yeah.

Speaker 5 ([06:47](#)):

My, my stomach is, you know, in kn it, it just, I, I know there is somebody here locally and I'd rather keep the money local just in, in my 2 cents. But I know we're in our fine to, to do this. But I in all fair,

Speaker 6 ([07:04](#)):

Yeah.

Speaker 5 ([07:04](#)):

We do have someone that is local. Well, here I can reach out to her to give her a call for her to gimme a quote.

Speaker 6 ([07:11](#)):

Yeah. And

Speaker 5 ([07:11](#)):

See if we can at least do this. Yeah. If we, if she doesn't get a quote to us by the end of end of the week, if we, at least we can, at least my thought is to recommend to use these votes since we have it to get us up to good standing and then cut it off to where we can get someone local to help us moving forward.

Speaker 1 ([07:33](#)):

And I was gonna say, yeah, because one of the things that I think was, it would be good for you all as far as a professional company like this is they have the, obviously the people manpower to throw behind. You guys have hundreds of hours out there. Some of your meetings went on for like three hours. Um, and for one person it's gonna take a very long time. 'cause they're gonna have to listen to three hours and four hours and two hours and literally hundreds of hours. So that might be a great suggestion. What you have is to use a company to try to catch up with all of that. 'cause it's a lot to catch up with. Okay. And then go forward with a, you know, an individual who can And, and, and thank God your meetings are a lot shorter now, so that's helpful too.

Speaker 4 ([08:25](#)):

Uh, I agree. I think

Speaker 2 ([08:27](#)):

Secretary, secretary Jones

Speaker 4 ([08:29](#)):

To do the, um, to catch up how, if you can find somebody, if there's somebody local that can do it. 'cause I, I agree with you going out of the state bother me going out the city bother me, but going out

the state really bother. But I think that if we can find somebody local to do catch up, but we definitely need somebody local here now to start doing the minutes on a regular basis. So of the, so starting, you know, whatever, whenever we start that person, we'd have the minutes as we need it. But we do have to get back. So we have to figure out how much, exactly how much it is to get that we gotta go back to site, try to figure out how much it's gonna cost. Looking at these rates, how much is that going to cost us? Because we gotta have a ballpark quality thing to deal with that. Mr.

Speaker 1 ([09:17](#)):

Council. And one, one more thing, um, I haven't found yet, but I haven't looked hard enough to see if there's a professional minute taking company locally. These guys were just immediately responsive. Um, within, they respond within an hour. Um, so probably because they're in an area that has a lot of businesses mm-hmm <affirmative>. And they're probably used to doing this. Um, unfortunately, you know, we got, we got tourism industry, but there, but we may have a company locally that can help catch up too. We just need to try to dig a little bit harder.

Speaker 2 ([09:51](#)):

Sounds like we need to tailor this item until at this committee, until we get some more, uh, quotes locally. Yeah. And from the person.

Speaker 4 ([10:01](#)):

So do we want to, um, secretary General, do we want to go to the board, the whole board and say this is what we need to do. What is your pleasure? Because somebody might know somebody

Speaker 5 ([10:15](#)):

Maybe, um, vice chair. Vice chair. Um, maybe we can recommend to the board that they the recommendation to let the executive committee bring this to the board. Yeah. And that we can work on this to get, instead of a committee that the executive committee will work on this. Yeah. And

Speaker 2 ([10:37](#)):

Procure and, and tie. Yeah. Okay. Okay. I, I'm fine with that. Uh, that's your motion. That way we can, we can move. Okay. Quick. And then, so the motion is, I believe the motion is to, uh, ask the, the board of commissions for the authority to, to procure and execute a contract, uh, for the minutes. So is that good in the language?

Speaker 1 ([11:10](#)):

Um, so the, the motion is to allow the, the board to allow the executive committee

Speaker 2 ([11:15](#)):

To, to ask the, the board of commission for the authority to procure and for the, the board of authority to allow the executive committee to procure and execute a contract with a vendor to, or an individual, uh, to do our minutes.

Speaker 1 ([11:34](#)):

Okay. I think that that sounds great. Mm-hmm <affirmative>. But I think that what's gonna happen is when you talk about getting the person long term to, I think there's gonna be pushback on that.

Speaker 5 ([11:50](#)):

Yeah. This would only be for the past.

Speaker 1 ([11:53](#)):

Past. For the past past. So to do some more research to either find to, and either to, to continue to research this 'cause this is just one proposal. Yep. To see what you guys can find. And it will either be, it'll be up to you all to select either a company or an individual to do the catch up. That's right. Only

Speaker 5 ([12:11](#)):

Anything

Speaker 2 ([12:12](#)):

Moving forward. We'll go to the, uh, pool board and we already have the administrative, uh, solicitation that kind of covers minutes Right. For going forward. Right.

Speaker 4 ([12:23](#)):

Okay. Is that what they're gonna do? That's what's on.

Speaker 2 ([12:27](#)):

Yeah.

Speaker 1 ([12:27](#)):

You don't need this. I took a picture of it. Okay.

Speaker 2 ([12:30](#)):

Alright. So, uh, Mr. Council, if you don't mind repeating the motion.

Speaker 1 ([12:35](#)):

Okay. The motion which is made by Commissioner Tatum, by Tatum. Yes. And, um, and, um, and seconded by Commissioner Jones would be to ask the board for the authority for the executive committee to continue to, to review proposals from either companies or individuals to do the catch up minutes. Um, and then, and, and to give you all the authority to, to select that person or company and to enter into a contract with them.

Speaker 2 ([13:02](#)):

Vice Chair Tatum, is that your motion? Yes. Secretary Jones. That second? Yeah. All in favor? Aye. Aye. Any opposed? No. Any abstentions. So ordered. Uh, I think the next portion of that, 'cause I'm working backwards on item five, is the consideration of establishing organizational emails.

Speaker 1 ([13:26](#)):

No, the, it was the next one was the virtual account or facility facilities. Yes. What that was, was to just put aside something in the budget for a Zoom account or WebEx account. This is not for the commissioners to use because you can't use it unless you guys are just listening in and you weren't participating. But consultants can participate. And the reason I'm thinking about that is, for example,

sometimes Michelle is traveling. Sometimes I'm traveling. This would give an opportunity, like we couldn't have a finance committee meeting 'cause we couldn't match it with Michelle's scheduling. This would give us an opportunity to continue to smoothly have those meetings even when your consultant's not available. And most of these meetings have a record feature, so it would be better than just having them phone in. Because when you phone in, sometimes, as you've seen with Michelle, I think she's had a phone in a few times and she can't hear. But if you have a Zoom or a WebEx, you can press record. Okay.

Speaker 5 ([14:22](#)):

Any discussion with this openness by <inaudible>? Would this open us up? We couldn't, we open a virtual account. Mm-hmm <affirmative>. This wouldn't open us up to be able to say our, the meetings would be able to go virtual

Speaker 1 ([14:42](#)):

No. For

Speaker 5 ([14:42](#)):

Public or anything like

Speaker 1 ([14:44](#)):

That. Um, oh, well you're asking if you would have that ability to let public listen in.

Speaker 5 ([14:50](#)):

I mean, would that open us up to someone saying, well, you have a virtual account

Speaker 1 ([14:55](#)):

Now and you have no. Okay. I just wanna make sure that, that that would be your decision.

Speaker 5 ([15:01](#)):

Okay.

Speaker 1 ([15:01](#)):

And I would say it probably wouldn't be a practical one because I think the more people that you have, the more people you have, the more expensive the account is.

Speaker 6 ([15:10](#)):

Yeah.

Speaker 1 ([15:10](#)):

So many of the commissioners that I know of, the com the com like this convention center for example, very often their financial advisors participate virtually and they're in the convention center and you can hear them very well. 'cause they'd be audio set up. And it's because their financial advisors for the convention center, their home office is Tennessee. They can't always fly down for a meeting, especially

when they have special meetings or lots of committee meetings. But they, but the convention center does not have that option for members of the public. Right.

Speaker 5 ([15:47](#)):

I think I, I would just add that if we're open up email accounts, that if it's Microsoft to do a teams account and that all comes in the same package. Great. Yeah. I don't know much about which account which instead of doing like, you know, a Zoom and then a Microsoft try to do it all in one package.

Speaker 1 ([16:05](#)):

Yeah. So like a, okay. So maybe you can just help with that when we start looking at it and pull up some proposals or whatever. So this is just to ask the board to give you authorization to incur that expense. Okay. Any additional discussion? So the resolution would be to recommend that you all do that and uh, to ask the board to give you permission to incur that expense. Okay. And you can say, incur the expense after consultation with your CPA to make sure that it fits within your budget. 'cause obviously you don't wanna do something that's gonna be \$500 a month. Right. Right. But I don't, I think there, I, I think it must be reasonable because so many organizations have it, so many organizations that if it was cost prohibitive, they wouldn't be doing it.

Speaker 2 ([17:02](#)):

All. Right. All in favor? Is that aye. Is that who seems making a motion? Who's moving it?

Speaker 6 ([17:08](#)):

I'll,

Speaker 2 ([17:08](#)):

Okay. Uh, vice, uh, secretary Jones. Mm-hmm <affirmative>. And seconded by Vice Chair Tatum. Uh, any discussion on that motion? Hearing none. Uh, any All in favor? Aye. Any opposed, any abstentions without objection to order? The last, uh, portion of this item is to address or maybe consider the establishment of, uh, email addresses associated with the organization. So, uh, I thought about this because there are email addresses right now. Um, Michelle submitted pretty generic ones. I think info and accounting something that, uh, I just think I, I just want to hear from y'all about communicating, being subjective to public requests and getting our email addresses. Uh, maybe getting the state attorney general say, you gotta turn over the email addresses because there's an investigation. Right, right. No, and there's intellectual properties with our organizations personal, um, communications going on through there and I, I am sensitive to, um, commissioners come in and going mm-hmm <affirmative>. But usually they would serve the, the full term. Right. It's two years. Have you had your history of commissioners jumping off and all mm-hmm <affirmative>. Uh, so if we have to, if we have to turn over an email address and that communication mm-hmm <affirmative>. Maybe we could shut down or download all the email, the information and then change maybe put affiliation or something to it.

Speaker 1 ([18:52](#)):

No, and that fits in. I'm, I'm sorry to interrupt, but that fits in very well with what I was gonna say just about maintenance of records. We have to do a better job of maintaining our records and because, you know, today or tomorrow, any of us could not be here according to whatever the Lord wants. Right. And what we want is there to be continuity, even if you're not talking about public. Right. Just continuity.



You know, if something happens, everybody's like, well what was Otis talking about with this vendor? What was Maria talking about? So if you have the public facing email address where all the communications are going through there, there's a history

Speaker 2 ([19:27](#)):

Mm-hmm <affirmative>. That's a good point.

Speaker 1 ([19:28](#)):

You know? Yeah.

Speaker 2 ([19:29](#)):

Additionally, I think these email addresses are no more than 20 bucks a year. Uh, right. Drive. Yeah. Okay. So, uh, that's my commentary on it. Apologize, uh, for my influence, I should be impartial as a chair. So I open up the floor tonight.

Speaker 4 ([19:48](#)):

I mean, I think you, 'cause right now we all using personal emails and I think that we, we need to get away from using personal emails. Um, because I have, you know, I have personal stuff, I have stuff coming from all different other places and personal business stuff. So I agree. I think setting up an email for all of the board members mm-hmm <affirmative>. Saying this is one email, everything generates through that one email all our business, anytime we contacted each other, contact, whatever, sending. And then, then I'll have that email on my phone because I don't have my personal email on my phone. Okay. So I think that's a good idea. We need to figure that out.

Speaker 5 ([20:28](#)):

I agree. It helps like keeps separation church and state being able to protect

Speaker 1 ([20:35](#)):

And like I said, just protect our members too. Protect the members and just helps you going forward. Because, you know, we all plan to be here tomorrow and next month, but we don't know, you know, we don't know what God's plans are. Right. So we wanna be able, you know, let's say you were having communication with, uh, a company that wants to move here. We wanna be able, you know, and Sure. As a, as an attorney, there's some things as attorney client privilege that will be con and I'm a contractor to my email address still. But if your general legal inquiries from you all, it would be best to come through that legal

Speaker 6 ([21:07](#)):

Mm-hmm <affirmative>.

Speaker 1 ([21:07](#)):

If you're asking how do we proceed on a public records request or Right. Or, uh, are we in compliance with Open the, or how do you do an executive session? Then I would reply on that because that's something that is available for everybody to see.

Speaker 2 ([21:24](#)):

There is, um, precedents with these addresses too associated with the organization. The lower nine one economic development district that I'm on, we have email addresses assigned from the, uh, L nine. So I don't know if there's examples of other, uh, EDDs around here. Uh, of the region. Around the region.

Speaker 6 ([21:45](#)):

Yeah.

Speaker 2 ([21:45](#)):

But that is one. Uh, so there's no discussion. I'll close discussion. And, um, what's your pleasure, commissioners? I recommend that,

Speaker 5 ([21:58](#)):

Um, to the board, that the board give us executive authority to, uh, open a Microsoft account. Mm-hmm <affirmative>. Or package mm-hmm <affirmative>. That allows us to have more technological, um, opportunities for both board members as well as our operations. Right. Which covers filing virtual teams. Mm-hmm <affirmative>. And email addresses. Second. Okay.

Speaker 2 ([22:28](#)):

So lemme take a step back. I thought we took care of that

Speaker 1 ([22:31](#)):

Well no, but you, it'll, it'll, it'll, that package will cover even the email address. Emails.

Speaker 2 ([22:36](#)):

Okay. We're gonna wrap the discussion item into one, one recommendation. Almost. Okay. So there's, there's a recommendation by Vice Chair Tatum, then seconded by Jones. Uh, any discussion on the recommendation? Hearing none. Um, we'll take a, uh, voice vote. All in favor? A Any opposed hearing? None with objection. So order item five is cleared and go to item number, uh, six consideration of the date of a board of commissioners orientation. Maria, will you take it?

Speaker 1 ([23:19](#)):

Uh, sure. Well that was your idea. Um, and I think it's great. You guys need to just think about what date and what you wanted to do and how you wanted to do it. It was an orientation for all the board members passed in, you know, I mean, not passed the new ones and the ones who've been on because you guys haven't really done that yet. Yeah. And I'll put together a little booklet for you all. Mm-hmm <affirmative>. Sort of like on everything, our bylaws, um, Robert's rules of order. Yeah. So that you guys can to it at all times. And then you can have Go ahead.

Speaker 2 ([23:48](#)):

So not another meeting initially was my idea, but it, it evolved to it. I thought with Michelle coming on and how I catch her up. So it was what's going on in history and mm-hmm <affirmative>. Some of these items we dealing with a lot of stuff and um, you know, outside engagement with the city and their requirements with the money. And uh, so I

Speaker 1 ([24:12](#)):

Thought even our past, um, even our past contracts, our contracts

Speaker 2 ([24:16](#)):

With <inaudible>, our contracts with just catching them up on some of those stuff, uh, objectively. Um, and then welcoming them to the organization as a commissioner. So there is nothing like that. We came on, all of us came on trying to figure it out.

Speaker 4 ([24:31](#)):

Right. And, and the thing is, for Wallace, he came on late <affirmative> and <inaudible> and came on kind of late. So they had to do catch up on their own mm-hmm <affirmative>. Stuff. So I think putting together something that we can all have

Speaker 6 ([24:47](#)):

Yeah.

Speaker 4 ([24:47](#)):

With the bylaws, with the Robs, I mean we need that. We truly need that.

Speaker 5 ([24:53](#)):

So I think it's a good idea. Vice what if we made it almost like a, a retreat per se, like orientation and retreat since there'll be some new, but also to help the new members to, we can have a strategy plan of what we wanna execute this year, which we all kind of know, but like mm-hmm <affirmative>. I think it'll be good to, if we can do it and that'll give uh, us an opportunity to also with Jeff Schwartz and what they, the city's about to do with the master plan that we can just merge it to where it's a retreat that we hear from the city, what they're thinking on the strategic plan, but also to hear from us, for us to have input into that, but also our own plan that, that we're, you know, agreeing on. Um, so we

Speaker 4 ([25:38](#)):

Talking about a day long.

Speaker 1 ([25:40](#)):

Well, how about this? I'm sorry. How about this? I can get that booklet together first.

Speaker 6 ([25:47](#)):

Mm-hmm <affirmative>.

Speaker 1 ([25:47](#)):

Ahead of time. 'cause it might take a little while, but I think what you're saying about the retreat is a great idea. Um, it's been a long time since the board's had a retreat. I know that Chairman Hughes wanted to do a retreat and didn't, wasn't able to get it together. And I think that what you're saying sounds wonderful. I would think just a half a

Speaker 5 ([26:03](#)):

Day. I wouldn't think a whole day. Like we could maybe come here and have breakfast, go upstairs, do some stuff, and then maybe go out to NASA and tour nasa do something, you know, as a group too. Right. It's,

Speaker 2 ([26:15](#)):

I do, I would like to honor our media past chair with something that he thought of. Mm-hmm <affirmative>. Getting that, getting that worked out mm-hmm <affirmative>. Um, but initially she can do a package Yeah. For orientation package for Michelle. And maybe we for everyone we can pay you for everybody.

Speaker 1 ([26:35](#)):

I consider it to everyone.

Speaker 2 ([26:36](#)):

Yeah, that's fine. Everybody. But I'm thinking about how to, I mean, I guess she's kind of caught off. Michelle, maybe you can, we can approve or ask for approval for a phone call. One hour phone call. Okay. With you and her. We could pay you to catch her up on some of this stuff.

Speaker 1 ([26:49](#)):

Sure.

Speaker 2 ([26:50](#)):

Um,

Speaker 1 ([26:50](#)):

I mean that's within

Speaker 2 ([26:52](#)):

Reason. Okay. Of course.

Speaker 1 ([26:54](#)):

But

Speaker 4 ([26:54](#)):

I think to catch Michelle, but to be honest with you, we all need to be caught up. Yeah. Because we all are kind of missing some things and op I know it's missing stuff. Yeah. Wallace is missing stuff. So it would be an opportunity for all of us. All of the,

Speaker 2 ([27:13](#)):

Well, anybody could join that Zoom that maybe that virtual call or if they want do coffee or something for an hour. But the retreat is gonna be difficult to put put together right away. Okay. What do you think? I mean, not so much, but just to do it quickly. It's, and I, I kind like playing off the energy because it seems like you didn't want to do a retreat. No. So I that's, I'm okay with a retreat.

Speaker 4 ([27:35](#)):

I'm okay with a retreat. I understand that. I'm just saying how, because you talking about bringing Jeff Schwartz in and stuff like that. It's, it's a lot. It's not just us. Mm-hmm <affirmative>. You talking about when you talking about the city and the vision of the city. Yeah. That, that's another discussion. Mm-hmm <affirmative>. So that's why I said a day long and I don't have a problem with it. Um, but it's just the timing of everybody's schedule because even if it's a half a day art day, that timing has to adjust what everybody's schedule

Speaker 1 ([28:07](#)):

Is. Yeah. Well, no reason I start about putting the book out now because you put the book it out

Speaker 4 ([28:10](#)):

First.

Speaker 1 ([28:11](#)):

I swear everything is a festival. Next thing you hear it is Jazz Fest. It is Bridge Quarter Fest. We, we could, we could do book.

Speaker 4 ([28:18](#)):

We get the book out and then at a meeting we can discuss doing a retreat to cover the book plus.

Speaker 2 ([28:25](#)):

Yeah,

Speaker 4 ([28:25](#)):

That's a good idea. The other stuff. Okay. And Josh and I have talked about going around to all of these different, having meetings at some of these different places. I've heard that from you. Yeah. I'm trying to, I'm trying to get Louisiana Tea Place. Okay. Yeah. But we need to, because we need to know what we are dealing with. Yeah. We have the regional business park board business is the key word. Yeah. So what in the east, there's a lot of stuff happening back there for <inaudible>, nasa, you got the little movie studio and then you have Louisiana team. You got Blaine Kern. Yeah. With his stuff. Barry Kern with his stuff. So we just need to kind of get a grasp Yeah. And understanding and invite them in. Yeah. So I think that putting the book together first, giving it to us, using it as the, the mechanism to jump off to, to do our retreat. Yes. And in the process of doing that, we have to figure out if it's a half a day, what, what does that look like for some of these people who do, there are some people who still work. Like, I mean, I don't work,

Speaker 2 ([29:31](#)):

But I take a point of personal privilege because I do appreciate y'all talking about, um, going out in the community business, community industries and maybe engaging them. I don't know if there's meeting rooms where we can possibly have a meeting there. Mm-hmm <affirmative>. If we could do kind of like a trip, a field trip with the commissioners, volunteer only we just get to intro, get, get to introduce ourselves and get to know these, these organizations and these businesses within our,

Speaker 4 ([29:59](#)):

It's just the same way when we first came on this board Yeah. We met Maria for a tour of that building.

Speaker 2 ([30:04](#)):

Yeah.

Speaker 4 ([30:05](#)):

Mm-hmm <affirmative>. You know, that's, that was important for us to see it. Sure. And I think another tour needs to be done for the, for the people who came on after us. Yeah. Like Ro Yeah. Like Wallace. Although Wallace has been there a bit, but still they, they need to,

Speaker 2 ([30:19](#)):

You could get the history and the vision of what it was, but

Speaker 4 ([30:21](#)):

They need to know what's in there and how Well, because that building

Speaker 1 ([30:26](#)):

Elevator put in there. Nothing in our, in the building. We still have some public records in there, in those file cabinets Really? That we spoke about trying to, Michelle and I trying to figure out what it is, you know, a closet <laugh>. Yeah. So we've got a lot to do. You know, <laugh>.

Speaker 5 ([30:42](#)):

Yeah. I like, I I like that. Yeah. Let's do the orientation first and then we can add the planned whatever treat would look like. Yeah. Post almost post festival season.

Speaker 4 ([30:55](#)):

Yeah. And, and I think, you know, also I'm about buy-in. The way you get buy-in is you have everybody involved. Yep. And as a teacher, what, and as a school administrator I bought, I got buy-in from the teachers and what they felt and how they felt they were work. And I think if we put the idea out to the board and say, think about this. You'd like to do a retreat, give us, at some point you'll get your vision together of what you think that looks like.

Speaker 6 ([31:24](#)):

Mm-hmm <affirmative>.

Speaker 4 ([31:25](#)):

And when you have that, then everybody will cooperate and you would you get less pushback. Yeah. For us to plan it. Mm-hmm <affirmative>. Yeah. You get less pushback when you have the involvement of everybody because then everybody's voice is being heard.

Speaker 2 ([31:38](#)):

So a working group or does this, well, does this idea get recommended to another committee? No. And we just send it around to committee, go

Speaker 4 ([31:46](#)):

To the board. It

Speaker 2 ([31:47](#)):

Goes

Speaker 4 ([31:47](#)):

Directly to the board. Okay. And you said to the board, we would like to plan a retreat. Mm-hmm <affirmative>. Give us your vision of what that retreat looks like. Mm-hmm <affirmative>. How does it work? What do you, what would you like to see? Not today, but at a later date so that we could start trying to plan it. But we need, we need the feedback from the board. Okay? Mm-hmm <affirmative>. Because you not, 'cause it's not gonna work if you don't. Okay. So we're looking at,

Speaker 5 ([32:13](#)):

Say we get it on the April board, uh, agenda. Agenda, we're

Speaker 2 ([32:19](#)):

Looking at June, you know, if everybody's cool, if we're gonna take a board meeting and discuss this and we are gonna hear from everybody, then we're gonna need a short agenda so we can give 40 minutes or so to that discussion.

Speaker 4 ([32:32](#)):

I'm just saying we just have, however we, when we we do, we give the, the packets.

Speaker 6 ([32:37](#)):

Yeah.

Speaker 4 ([32:38](#)):

And that's the jump off for orientation to discuss in or that's the discussing orientation. I agree. But we want your ideas of when, where, and how.

Speaker 6 ([32:49](#)):

Yeah.

Speaker 4 ([32:49](#)):

Okay. And when you do that, then you can't have nobody, nobody's gonna be coming back at you. Sure. They have absolutely

Speaker 2 ([32:58](#)):

Like it.

Speaker 4 ([33:00](#)):

So we can, we can introduce it at the special board meeting tomorrow mm-hmm <affirmative>. And we can introduce this idea, get people thinking and get people thinking. Mm-hmm <affirmative>. And then, and it's like we just, we want your ideas, but not today. Not now. Yeah.

Speaker 1 ([33:14](#)):

But the doing the package is not something that I even need authorization to do. It is. No,

Speaker 4 ([33:19](#)):

That's just

Speaker 1 ([33:19](#)):

Something's within my, you know. Right. My duties, quite frankly, as your attorney, you

Speaker 4 ([33:24](#)):

Do that.

Speaker 1 ([33:24](#)):

So I'll start working on that

Speaker 2 ([33:26](#)):

Quite away. But we need a recommendation from this committee to consider orientation, which will cost money, which is taxpayer dollars that we got in bank account. You need your retreat, your retreat mall. Yes. Of course. Your retreat that we're talking

Speaker 1 ([33:38](#)):

About

Speaker 2 ([33:39](#)):

Spending tax dollars orientation. So it will be a recommendation from Go ahead. You wanna finish your point.

Speaker 4 ([33:47](#)):

What I was saying was, we will make the recommendation to the board of a, of a retreat, planning a retreat.

Speaker 6 ([33:53](#)):

Mm-hmm

Speaker 4 ([33:53](#)):

<affirmative>. And we know dollars and cents are involved, we know time is involved. Yeah. So we need you to come back with your ideas of how this would look Okay. And play where, when and how. Okay. And, and then throw it back to the board and let the board members come back

Speaker 2 ([34:11](#)):



And how we keep it like that. Right.

Speaker 4 ([34:13](#)):

Yeah. And, and so, and when

Speaker 2 ([34:15](#)):

You come, what about the who, who? The Jeff Schwartz. Y'all want that too?

Speaker 4 ([34:18](#)):

Well we, we asking them what, what they think it should look like. And in the discussion when you, when you get the final thing from everybody in the discussion, you can bring up Well what about bringing up the ation? What about where you all in this

Speaker 2 ([34:31](#)):

Special counsel,

Speaker 1 ([34:32](#)):

You know, and on the where, when and how you guys might want to just communicate with Jason because he's still in a point, point towards the board. Sure. Mm-hmm <affirmative>. And I know that he had really wanted to get that done. So he probably already had some places or ideas in mind. Yeah. And it would be great to get his input, since he's an elected fisher, he probably knows some areas and some

Speaker 4 ([34:55](#)):

Options. You know, we can, like I said, that'll be part of what we are doing as how we gonna plan in this mm-hmm <affirmative>. But we want them, I, I just feel like I get that it's like get input from them.

Speaker 6 ([35:08](#)):

Mm-hmm

Speaker 4 ([35:09](#)):

<affirmative>. And the majority doing this.

Speaker 6 ([35:10](#)):

Mm-hmm <affirmative>.

Speaker 4 ([35:11](#)):

The pushback. It doesn't happen. It's very minimal. Right. And that's what I learned with working with teachers. Sure. Mm-hmm <affirmative>. And the thing about it's we on the record, but anyway. Yeah.

Speaker 2 ([35:23](#)):

That's a great idea. I agree. Doesn't need to. I agree. I like it. And so will you, you're gonna have a conversation with our immediate past chair. Mm-hmm <affirmative>. Will you kind of ask him about some of these Ideas? Ideas so

Speaker 1 ([35:34](#)):

We can bring it back to meet hopefully Yeah, I know custody. So we

Speaker 2 ([35:38](#)):

Have a recommendation. We have a second. Second. Okay. All in favor? Aye.

Speaker 1 ([35:42](#)):

Aye.

Speaker 2 ([35:43](#)):

Without objections to order.

Speaker 1 ([35:44](#)):

And I know that you have to leave. The last one is really, really short. I'm

Speaker 2 ([35:48](#)):

Going item number seven.

Speaker 1 ([35:49](#)):

Yes.

Speaker 2 ([35:49](#)):

Review of systems for maintenance records.

Speaker 1 ([35:52](#)):

I'm gonna send you guys a, a memo. It'll actually do the whole board just letting you know what the state law requires to make sure we are in compliance. We spoke about a little bit with the emails, but we do have to do, I believe a better job at keeping all of our records. Mm-hmm <affirmative>. That we need, uh, that in case there's a public records requests or just, uh, just in compliance with state law, what needs to be maintained and for how long.

Speaker 2 ([36:14](#)):

Thank you for that special counsel. I that, any questions for the special counsel? Okay. Any discussion for the items?

Speaker 1 ([36:19](#)):

No.

Speaker 2 ([36:20](#)):

Uh, what do, what What's your pleasure? You want a table or

Speaker 1 ([36:24](#)):

No, it's, you don't need anything? I was just letting you know.

Speaker 2 ([36:26](#)):

No. Alright. Awesome. Alright. So any, any more discussion? Nope. Entertain a motion to adjourn motion by Vice Vice Chair, uh, second by secretary. Wonderful Jones. All in favor?

Speaker 1 ([36:39](#)):

And it is 12:44 PM and you still have a quorums? All

Speaker 2 ([36:43](#)):

Righty.

Speaker 1 ([36:44](#)):

That's.