

**MINUTES OF THE
WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS
880 N. Alexander Ave. Port Allen, La 70767
Tuesday, July 20, 2021
5:00 PM**

The Following Minutes Are Summarized For Brevity, For Precise Meeting Information Please Refer To Meeting Audio Or Video.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the West Baton Rouge Parish Board of Adjustments was held on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 and called to order at 5:00 pm.

2. SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Chairman, David Rodrigue, asked that all electronic devices be placed on silent.

3. ROLL CALL

The following members were recorded as being present: Grover Harrison, Gary Leblanc, David Rodrigue, Steve Jones, Natasha Benoit.

Absent: Mr. Barry Wilkinson

Also present were, Mr. Riley Berthelot Jr, Parish President, Mr. Kevin Durbin, Director of Public Works and Mrs. Mallorie Davis, Secretary.

4. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A. Approve the minutes of June 1, 2021.

A motion was made by Natasha Benoit, seconded by Grover Harrison to approve the minutes of June 1, 2021.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS:	5	(Grover Harrison, Gary Leblanc, David Rodrigue, Steve Jones, Natasha Benoit)
NAYS:	0	(None)
ABSENT:	1	(Barry Wilkinson)
ABSTAIN:	0	(None)

As a result of the votes the motion Passed.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

6. PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. **BOA File #2021 - 961: This property is located at 1633 Rosedale Road Port Allen LA, 70767 Lot 3 cont. 1.39 AC in Section 65 & 91 T7S R12E Being P/O Lot G Burbridge. The applicant, Diana Murphy, requests a variance of Sec.105-5 of the West Baton Rouge Parish Unified Development Code.**

The Chairman opened a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comment regarding, the aforementioned item.

Mr. Marcelle Murphy and Mrs. Diana Murphy were both present to represent this item.

Mr. Murphy explained the situation of his mother's previous home being uninhabitable and therefore was demolished. The property is owned by his grandmother and she gave permission to replace the home with a newer one.

President Berthelot commented on the item, stating he witnessed the conditions of the previous mobile home prior to it being demolished. Chairman Rodrigue agreed with President Berthelot and stated that this is the true definition of a hardship.

Mr. Jones commented that he sees this situation as if a tornado or fire damaged the previous home and it just needed to be replaced.

No other questions or comments from the Board or public were presented.

The Chairman at this point declared the Public Hearing closed.

A motion was made by Grover Harrison, seconded by Steve Jones to approve:

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The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS:	5	(Grover Harrison, Gary Leblanc, David Rodrigue, Steve Jones, Natasha Benoit)
NAYS:	0	(None)
ABSENT:	1	(Barry Wilkinson)
ABSTAIN:	0	(None)

As a result of the votes the motion Passed.

BOA File #2021 – 960: *This property is located at 3680 Hwy 1 S Port Allen, LA 70767. Lot Sec 75 T7S R12E MEAS 48'x175'. The applicant, Joyce Hawkins, requests a variance of Sec.106-124 (b) C-1.2, Sec 106-67 (g) (2) (e), & Sec. 111-145 (3) of the West Baton Rouge Unified Development Code.*

The Chairman opened a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comment regarding, the aforementioned item.

Mrs. Joyce Hawkins was present to represent this item.

Mrs. Joyce explained to the Board that she would like to open her behavioral health office inside what used to be a home. Due to the size and location of the lot she is requesting variances of the turning radius and driveway improvements. She also stated she would be moving her water and gas lines to create a hard surface like concrete across the front of her property.

There was lengthy discussion both for and against the aforementioned item, those speakers consisted of:

Mrs. Joyce Hawkins

Mrs. Gina Martin Mr.

David Corrent

President Berthelot

Kevin Durbin

Board Members

The Chairman at this point declared the Public Hearing closed.

A motion was made by Steve Jones, seconded by Natashaia Benoit to approve:

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS:	5	(Grover Harrison, Gary Leblanc, David Rodrigue, Steve Jones, Natashaia Benoit)
NAYS:	0	(None)
ABSENT:	1	(Barry Wilkinson)
ABSTAIN:	0	(None)

As a result of the votes the motion Passed.

7. ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Grover Harrison and was adopted by acclamation at 5:32 PM.

David Rodrigue, Chairman

Mallorie Davis, Secretary

