**American Council of Engineering Companies   
of Louisiana   
Board of Governors’ Meeting  
October 1, 2021  
The Engineering Center, Baton Rouge, LA**

**BOG present:** Andree Cortez, David Dupre (Zoom), Chad Bacas, Colby Guidry, Byron Racca (Zoom), Brett Bayard, Rob Delaune, Lisa Cookmeyer, Butch Babineaux (Zoom), Don Arrington, Brin Ferlito, Sherri LeBas, Chad Poche and Nathan Junius

**BOG with prior engagements:** Bob Boagni, Michael Thomassie, Brandon Aillet

**STAFF:** Doreen Brasseaux, Haleigh Gray & Janet Tomeny

**Additional Guest(s):** Kurt Evans and Tony Arikol

Chair Cortez called the meeting to order.

Chair Cortez asked Ms. Tomeny for roll call. Quorum established.

Chair Cortez called for approval of the agenda. A motion was made by Mr. Bacas and seconded by Mr. Guidry. Motion passed unanimously.

**Chair Report:** (A. Cortez)

* Ms. Cortez reported that the six-member President/CEO Selection Committee comprised of Chair Cortez, Tony Arikol, Kurt Evans, Michael Thomassie, Nathan Junius and Chad Poche reviewed resumes submitted and held first round interviews with three (3) qualified candidates on September 24, 2021. She asked Mr. Kurt Evans to give a detailed overview of the Search Committee’s process. Mr. Evans noted that the Committee unanimously agreed to send two (2) candidates forward to be interviewed by the Board of Governors. These candidates are Barker Dirmann and Thomas Clark.
* Ms. Cortez advised that the two candidates were given instructions to prepare a 20-30 minute presentation that highlights their interest and qualifications for the President/CEO position along with their first year priorities and goals.

**New Business**: Candidates Barker Dirmann and Thomas Clark individually presented their qualifications and were interviewed by the full Board of Governors. After discussion, a Motion was made by Mr. Poche and seconded by Mr. Bacas to authorize Chairman Andree Cortez to hire and negotiate a contract with Barker Dirmann. Motion passed unanimously.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2021, at the LAGC Offices, 666 North Street, Baton Rouge, LA.

A motion was made by Ms. LeBas and seconded by Mr. Bacas to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.