

THE ENGLAND ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS      **REGULAR SESSION    DECEMBER 11, 2008**

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The England Economic and Industrial Development District met in Regular Session at the Alexandria International Airport Conference Room, Alexandria, Louisiana, on **Thursday, December 10, 2008 at 5:17 p.m.**

Chairman Gaines called for a roll call.

**There were present:** Mr. Curman Gaines, Chairman; Mr. Richard Bushnell, Vice-Chairman, Mr. William Barron, Secretary/Treasurer; Wayne Denley, Mr. Dennis Frazier, Mr. Lance Harris, Willie Spears, Charles Waites and Charles Weems, III.

**Absent:** Martin Johnson

**Also present were:** Members of the England Authority staff, legal counsel, and members of the public, press and media.

Commissioner Waites gave the invocation and Commissioner Bushnell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

England Economic and Industrial Development District was duly convened as the governing authority of said District by Mr. Curman Gaines, who then stated that the England Economic and Industrial Development District was ready for the transaction of business.

Chairman Gaines opened with nominations for election of Chairman of EEIDD Board.

**MOTION TO ELECT RICHARD BUSHNELL AS CHAIRMAN OF EEIDD BOARD.**

Motion by **Mr. Barron**, second by **Mr. Frazier** to elect Richard Bushnell as Chairman of EEIDD Board. On vote, motion carried. **92-2008**

Chairman opened with nominations for election of Vice-Chairman of EEIDD Board.

**MOTION TO ELECT CHARLIE WEEMS AS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF EEIDD BOARD.**

Motion by **Mr. Denley**, second by **Mr. Barron** to elect Charlie Weems as Vice-Chairman of EEIDD Board. On vote, motion carried. **93-2007**

Chairman opened with nominations for election of Secretary/Treasurer of EEIDD Board.

**MOTION TO ELECT LANCE HARRIS AS SECRETARY/TREASURER OF EEIDD BOARD.**

Motion by **Mr. Spears**, second by **Mr. Weems**, to elect Lance Harris as Secretary/Treasurer of EEIDD Board. On vote, motion carried. **94-2007**

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20, 2008, REGULAR BOARD MEETING.**

Motion by **Mr. Waites**, second by **Mr. Frazier**, to approve Minutes of November 20, 2008, regular Board Meeting. On vote, motion carried. **095-2008**

The Chairman next called on Mr. James Ballard of Payne, Moore & Herrington to present the annual independent audit report on Fiscal Year 2007/2008.

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**MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF PROVOSTY BILL FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2008.**

Motion by **Mr. Harris**, second by **Mr. Denley**, to approve payment of Provosty bill for the month of November, 2008. On vote, motion carried. **096-2008**

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE OF WASHINGTON MARDI GRAS CONFERENCE IN JANUARY 2009, SPECIFICALLY THE CHAIRMAN OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, ANY OTHER COMMISSIONERS, A MEMBER OF STAFF, AND THAT THE ENGLAND AUTHORITY COVER COST OF TRAVEL AND EXPENSES OF THOSE ATTENDING.**

Motion by **Mr. Barron**, second by **Mr. Harris**, to authorize attendance of Washington Mardi Gras Conference in January 2009, specifically the Chairman of Economic Development Committee, and other commissioners, a member of staff, and that the England Authority cover cost of travel and expenses of those attending. On vote, motion carried. **097-2008**

**MOTION TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT #1 TO THE REFUSE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH IESI LA CORPORATION TO REVISE COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL FEES AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO.**

Mr. Bushnell requested a roll call:

Barron -- Yes  
Bushnell – Yes  
Denley – Yes  
Frazier – Yes  
Gaines – Yes  
Harris – Yes  
Johnson – Absent  
Spears – Yes  
Waites – Yes  
Weems – Absent

**Yes – 8      No - 0      Absent - 1**

Motion by **Mr. Bushnell**, second by **Mr. Harris**, to execute Amendment #1 to the Refuse Services Agreement with IESI LA Corporation to revise Commercial/Residential fees and authorizing Executive Director to sign all documents related thereto. On vote, motion carried. **098-2008**

**MOTION TO HOLD EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE CHARACTER AND PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JON GRAFTON (ANNUAL EVALUATION).**

Motion by **Mr. Harris**, second by **Mr. Bushnell**, to hold Executive Session to discuss the character and professional competence of Executive Director Jon Grafton (annual evaluation). On vote, motion carried. **099-2008**

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**  
(by unanimous consent)

**Comments by Legal Counsel – None**

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**Comments or Questions by Commissioners** – Chairman Gaines thanked his fellow colleagues for being supportive through the year while being Chairman of the Board for 2008.

**Staff Report – a. Economic Development** – None

**b. Executive Director** – Mr. Grafton presented report on air travel as well as financial report.

**c. Operations** – none

**Public Comments or Questions** – None

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting was adjourned.

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**Curman Gaines, Chairman**

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**William Barron, Secretary/Treasurer**

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