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New 2026 Leadership Announced for England Authority Board of Commissioners

Oday Lavergne, Jamar Gailes, and Steven Mansour to Serve as Executive Officers

ALEXANDRIA, La. (January 27, 2026) – The England Authority Board of Commissioners held its first meeting of the year on January 22, 2026, with a new slate of officers providing board oversight.

Working with England Airpark and Alexandria International Airport Executive Director Ralph Hennessy and his staff to carry out the mission of the England Authority are these commissioners, followed by their respective office (if applicable) and appointing authority:

- Oday Lavergne, Chair – City of Alexandria, La.
- Jamar Gailes, Vice Chair – City of Alexandria, La.
- Steven Mansour, Secretary/Treasurer – Rapides Parish Police Jury
- Trey Crump – City of Pineville, La.
- Joshua Joy Dara, Sr., – Rapides Parish Police Jury
- Myron K. Lawson, Jr. – Rapides Parish Police Jury
- Joe McPherson – Rapides Parish incorporated municipalities of Woodworth, Glenmora, Ball, Cheneyville, Lecompte, McNary, Boyce, and Forest Hill, La.
- Patrick O’Quin – City of Alexandria, La.
- Charles S. Weems III – Central Louisiana Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Zeb Winstead – Central Louisiana Regional Chamber of Commerce

For more information about the England Authority and its board of commissioners, visit <https://englandairpark.org/england-authority/>.

About England Airpark

The England Economic and Industrial Development District is an independent political subdivision of the State of Louisiana. England Airpark encompasses approximately 4,000 acres and includes Alexandria International Airport (AEX). As a mixed-use development offering convenient connectivity through air, interstate highway, rail, and port access, the Airpark features more than 300 residential units and 1.5 million square feet of commercial space, supporting aviation, transportation, manufacturing, education, and engineering sectors. Learn more at www.englandairpark.org.

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