

**THE ENGLAND ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2026**

The England Economic and Industrial Development District met in Regular Meeting in the England Airpark Board Room, 1611 Arnold Drive, Alexandria, Louisiana, on **Thursday, February 26, 2026**.

Mr. Oday Lavergne, Chair of the England Authority, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

The England Economic and Industrial Development District was duly convened as the governing authority of said District by Mr. Oday Lavergne, Chair, who stated that the England Economic and Industrial Development District was ready for the transaction of business.

Present: Chair, Mr. Oday Lavergne, Vice-Chair, Mr. Jamar Gailes, Mr. Trey Crump, Mr. Joshua Dara (late arrival), Sr., Mr. Myron Lawson, Jr., Mr. Joe McPherson, Mr. Patrick O'Quin and Mr. Zeb Winstead.

Absent: Mr. Steve Mansour, Mr. Charlie Weems

Others Present: Mr. Kelvin McCoy, Mayor of Boyce; Mr. David Butler, Mayor of Woodworth; Mr. Jacques Roy, Mayor of Alexandria; Mr. Mark Wood, RPSO; Mr. Craig Smith, RPPJ; Mr. Jeff Powell, RPSB; Mrs. Lizzie Felter, Alexandria City Council; Mr. Shane Hilton, Cleco; Mr. Russ Bloom, Bloom Golf Management; Ms Sonya Thompson, Mr. Drew Carter, Compass Connections/Compass United; Mr. Scott Sutterfield, LaSalle Family Foundation; Mr. Chris Masingil, Louisiana Central.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2026, REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

Motion by **Mr. Jamar Gailes**, second by **Mr. Zeb Winstead**, to approve the minutes of January 22, 2026, Regular Board Meeting.

On vote, motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2026, SPECIAL BOARD MEETING.

Motion by **Mr. Jamar Gailes**, second by **Mr. Joe McPherson**, to approve the minutes of January 22, 2026, Special Board Meeting.

On vote, motion carried.

Presentation by Mr. Russ Bloom regarding the status of the transition of OakWing management from Elite Golf to Bloom Golf Management.

Executive Director addressed Commissioners. At November 2025 meeting, Commissioners authorized Executive Director to execute a management contract with Bloom Golf Management for management of OakWing. At December 2025 meeting, motion to enter into contractual agreement with Bloom Golf Management, effective January 1, 2026, fact sheet and term sheet were provided and approved by Commissioners.

Mr. Russ Bloom addressed Commissioners. Renegotiated golf cart lease. Staff changes: Brady decided to move on. Searching for Golf Course Superintendent. Interviewed and offered position to Golf Course Maintenance Mechanic. Loyalty Card: "Flight Card." \$99 fee. Discussed some perks and bonuses affiliated with the Flight Card.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (IGSA) BETWEEN EEIDD AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS), AND UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (ICE).

Motion by **Mr. Jamar Gailes**, second by **Mr. Zeb Winstead**, to authorize Executive Director to execute an Intergovernmental Services Agreement (ISGA) between EEIDD and the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Mr. Myron Lawson abstained from vote. On vote, motion carried.

Mr. David Broussard addressed Commissioners concerning Active Items 4 and 5.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT (CEA) BETWEEN EEIDD AND LASALLE FAMILY FOUNDATION FOR BUILDING #1103, LOCATED AT 1603 FRANK LUKE BLVD., BUILDING #1205, LOCATED AT 1406 VAN GOSSEN DRIVE, AND APPROXIMATELY 10 ACRES FOR USE AS A STAGING CENTER.

Motion by **Mr. Jamar Gailes**, second by **Mr. Zeb Winstead**, to authorize Executive Director to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between EEIDD and LaSalle Family Foundation for Building #1103, located at 1603 Frank Luke Blvd., Building #1205, located at 1406 Van Gossen Drive, and approximately 10 acres for use as a staging center.

Presentation by Compass Connections / Compass United. Followed by Commissioner comments/questions and public comments/questions.

Mr. Myron Lawson abstained from vote. On vote, motion carried.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN EEIDD AND DIS-TRAN PACKAGED SUBSTATIONS FOR BUILDING #606, LOCATED AT 1308 FRANK ANDREWS BLVD.

Motion by **Mr. Zeb Winstead**, second by **Mr. Jamar Gailes**, to authorize Executive Director to execute lease agreement between EEIDD and Dis-Tran Packaged Substations for building #606, located at 1308 Frank Andrews Blvd.

On vote, motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO AMEND SAID RESOLUTION IN ITEM 7 WITH AMENDMENTS IN RED PROVIDED TO COMMISSIONERS.

Motion by **Mr. Zeb Winstead**, second by **Mr. Jamar Gailes**, to amend said resolution in Item 7 with amendments in red provided to Commissioners.

On vote, motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION AS AMENDED DESIGNATING A PROJECT AREA AND CREATING THE ENGLAND DISTRICT SUB-DISTRICT NO. 4 AND DEFINING AND DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND AS AUTHORIZED BY LA. R.S. 33:130.355(12), PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE WHEN THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

Motion by **Mr. Jamar Gailes**, second by **Mr. Joshua Dara**, to approve Resolution as amended designating a project area and creating the England District Sub-District No. 4 and defining and describing the boundaries thereof in accordance with and as authorized by LA. R.S. 33:130.355(12), providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing, and to further provide when this Resolution shall become effective.

Mr. Chris Masingill, Louisiana Central, addressed the Commissioners with update on project. Followed by Commissioner comments/questions and public comments/questions.

On vote, motion carried unanimously.

Legal Counsel – No comments

Executive Director – Met with FAA last week regarding noise mitigation program. Due to some issues with program and funding structure, Washington delegation (Congressman Fields and Senator Kennedy) making some inquiries to FAA as to where we are on noise funding and timing of grants to be issued, things of that nature. ACE Program - earmarked to receive four and a half million dollars. Met with State DOT last week on pilot program for design and construction of building. About a two and a half million-dollar project. Bike Loop – there will be some temporary modifications due to military rotation. Still working with military on timing of when modifications will be adjusted.

Financial – Financials will be forthcoming as soon as OakWing provides their financials for January. Mid-year budget has been submitted. It will be included with financials.

Airport and Capital Projects – Delta up 25% over last year. American up 20% over last year. 62 departures in January 2026. 96 departures in January 2025. They are bringing in larger aircraft. 23% up and 150% over our enplanements. Fuel sales up 102%. 847,000 gallons. Operations up 7%, to do with Precision Flight School with LSUA and Professional Pilot Program. Runway extension completed. South Ramp project has begun.

Economic Development/Operations – Coming within next 60 days. Lease larger parcel next to Union Tank. Working with company in biochar (agricultural/wood product waste from forestry). 100 permanent jobs. Lease up property that's been available for 20 years.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF CHARACTER, PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ESTABLISHING AN ANNUAL RATING AND PERFORMANCE EVALUATION FORM REGARDING SAME. LA. R.S. 42:17(A)(1).

Motion by **Mr. Jamar Gailes**, second by **Mr. Zeb Winstead**, to enter into Executive Session for discussion of character, professional competency of Executive Director, establishing an annual rating and performance evaluation form regarding same. LA. R.S. 42:17(A)(1).

Commissioners entered Executive Session at 6:04 p.m.

Commissioners meandered out of Executive Session at 6:40 p.m.

MOTION FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA TO FORWARD TO ADMIN/LEGAL COMMITTEE THE RESULTS OF THE EVALUATION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND A REQUEST ON HIS SALARY BE MADE BY THE ADMIN/LEGAL COMMITTEE AND FORWARDED TO THE FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE.

Motion by **Mr. Zeb Winstead**, second by **Mr. Jamar Gailes**, for unanimous consent to add an item to the agenda to forward to the Admin/Legal Committee the results of the evaluation of the Executive Director and a request on his salary be made by the Admin/Legal Committee and forwarded to the Finance/Audit Committee.

On vote, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Oday Lavergne, Chair

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Steve Mansour, Secretary/Treasurer

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