

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

Mr. Oday Lavergne, Chair of the England Authority, called the meeting to order at 4:03 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, Secretary/Treasurer Mr. Steve Mansour, Mr. Trey Crump, Mr. Joe McPherson, Mr. Patrick O'Quin and Mr. Charlie Weems.

Absent: Mr. Joshua Dara, Sr., Jamar Gailles, Mr. Myron Lawson, Jr., Mr. Zeb Winstead

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 26, 2026, REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

Motion by **Mr. Steve Mansour**, second by **Mr. Charlie Weems**, to approve the minutes of February 26, 2026, Regular Session Meeting. On vote, motion passed.

MOTION TO ADOPT BUDGET AMENDMENT #3 TO THE 2025/2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.

Motion by **Mr. Charlie Weems**, second by **Mr. Joe McPherson**, to adopt Budget Amendment #3 to the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget.

Ms. Summer Steiner presented information on Budget Amendment #3:

Boundary survey needed to be done to renew ISB lease. Consulting contract is going to be about \$35,000, which was not budgeted. Revenue from LaSalle Compass for April, May and June of this year was added as well. Under supplies and materials, \$8,600 for rebadging supplies for the terminal required every two years, which was overlooked. Repair of camera on fuel tank. Cameras will be updated during that process. Windows and floors at the Community Center will be cleaned. Six roofs in England Oaks to be replaced.

On vote, motion passed.

MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO FILE A NEW PFC APPLICATION AND AMEND OPEN APPLICATIONS AT ALEXANDRIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

Motion by Mr. Joe McPherson, second by Mr. Steve Mansour, to adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to file a new PFC application and amend open applications at Alexandria International Airport. On vote, motion passed.

Ms. Summer Steiner presented information on Resolution: PFC is Passenger Facility Charge; program regulated by FAA. Passenger pays \$4.50 on their ticket that goes to the airlines. Airline keeps 11 cents because they are handling it and we get back \$4.39 of that charge. We are required to put together an application for proposed PFC projects that we intend to use these monies on. Airlines must give approval; ultimate approval goes to FAA. Projects restricted to ones that enhance safety and capacity or improve the overall competition of air service.

Presentation by Mr. Jeremiah Gerald with ASM North America regarding air service.

Presentation by Executive Director regarding the projects being pursued for potential Airpark tenants:

Ucore: Mr. Mike Schrider with Ucore will be at the April meeting. A large piece of equipment will be moved into the facility on April 2. They will be advertising and interviewing chemist-type people and some of the other positions over the next couple of months. They anticipate being operational this summer with product leaving the facility at the end of the year. They are also going to talk to Union Tank Car because the people they are getting hydrochloric acid from are buying train cars from Union Tank, and they are going to use them to move product from South Louisiana using the rail spur.

Robison Lumber: Biochar company headquartered out of New Orleans. David Broussard is working on finalizing a deal with them on one of the certified sites next to Union Tank Car. They will need about 30-acre tract of land for about a three-to-five-year period to construct the biochar facility, which takes wood product from the wood basket we live in and converts it into a usable product for several industrial uses.

Bistro and Parc England Hotel: In discussion with an entity that would like to take both and do something in relation to Applied Digital's development going on in Boyce. Will keep the board updated as it develops.

Deli: Caterer interested in leasing it. They already have a contract with Applied Digital and are looking for a place to house their catering operation for those construction workers closer to the project site. Still in negotiations.

Project Pixel: Nothing to update now. Board approved the overlay district. Ball is in Applied Digital's court with getting their hyperscale on board and working with LED before the CEA can be finalized and brought to the Board.

Time Trend Building: Facility where Shelton has all its equipment parked. No longer there. We are contemplating converting that to a good usable warehouse to go along with like what we're doing with the gym. We have had a couple of inquiries from some contractors affiliated with Applied Digital looking for some storage space.

Brown Eagle Warehouses: based out of Baton Rouge. They are trying to get into Central Louisiana and help with warehouse space for Proctor and Gamble. We've met with them about possible land use where they may come in and develop 100,000 square foot warehouses in the air park.

Ochsner Health: We have a meeting with them on April 9 to discuss the old hospital to see if that may be something that they are interested in. It's just been initial conversations. Referred to by Brown Eagle Warehouses, who has a connection with Ochsner Health.

AST Turbo: Drilling servicing company that is currently leasing a couple of bays and office space. Looking to expand and take on another service bay. It's time to renew the agreement with them.

LaSalle Family Foundation: Approved last month. In the final stages. Matt is working with them on finalizing the agreement. Waiting on Federal Government to provide some specific data to go into the agreements so we can move forward and start the groundwork on that project.

UTLX (Union Tank Car): Looking to expand. They are having to work through some market conditions.

Corps of Engineers: ISV lease expires in April. Federal government requires a physical survey to be done of the area, and then an individual survey and facility or appraisal of each building to go into that. If the current agreement expires before the new one is in place, it reverts to a month-to-month. The federal government is going to continue to pay us at the current rate while we're finalizing the new contract.

Westside development: There are no real utilities on the westside. Working through the Fast Sites grant that the Board was informed of last month. There's the possibility of using something along those lines to finance utilities to go in on the west side. However, there are some other grant opportunities. Fast sites loan requires us to pay back at least 50%. Grant program would fund 100%.

Discussion regarding impediments to Economic Development: What are the major issues we have right now in Central Louisiana for economic development? Large scale projects that generate electricity. How much does Cleco have of additional capacity to go toward some of these large projects? Cleco is working on increasing their capacity. This is a nationwide problem that everyone has with economic development and electrical generation. Certified Sites were the rage for the last 10 years. We have met with Louisiana Central and LED about adding more of our properties as certified sites.

Presentation of Legislative updates by Executive Director: Commissioners received a copy of the bills we are tracking. Brief discussion followed.

Comments from Legal Counsel: Counsel reminded Commissioners about reporting requirements for Tier 2.1. Deadline for filing is May 15.

Committee Reports: Economic Development Committee: Mr. Patrick O'Quin stated all relevant information was reported by Executive Director.

Comments by Executive Director: Recognized Summer Steiner for receiving her ACE (Airport Certified Employee) accreditation with the American Association of Airport Executives. Scott Gammel will transition from being the Airport Director in Capital Projects to the Director of Planning and Development.

Staff Reports:

Financial: Ms. Summer Steiner reported that according to the year-to-date budget, we are right on target. Revenues are about 0.5% over, and expenses are 7% below. Next month there will be another set of quarterly financials.

Airport and Capital Projects: Mr. Scott Gammel reported numbers are very strong and we're positioning ourselves very well for United coming in May. Met with United representative yesterday. Very pleased with what they have seen, very excited, and everything is right where it needs to be for successful United launch. Getting ready to finish the runway extension project.

Economic Development: Updates already covered. Nothing further to report.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF LEGAL UPDATES BY EEIDD ATTORNEY REGARDING CJT BAYOU CUISINE, LLC, ET AL V. EEIDD, CIVIL SUIT NO. 276,330-F, NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, RAPIDES PARISH, LOUISIANA. LA. R.S. 42:17(A)(2).

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL LITIGATION INVOLVING FEDERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION AND DECLARATION OF MD-83 COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT AIRCRFAT N708WA / N113RA AS DERELICT AND/OR ABANDONED UNDER EEIDD CODE OF ORDINANCES AND POLICIES, PART II, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE IX, SECTIONS 4-229 – 236. LA. R.S. 42:17(A)(2).

Motion by Mr. Charlie Weems, second by Mr. Trey Crump to enter into Executive Session for two Executive Session items. On vote, motion passed.

Commissioners entered Executive Session at 6:19 p.m. Commissioners meandered out of Executive Session at 6:55 p.m.

Having no further business, meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Oday Lavergne, Chair

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Steve Mansour, Secretary/Treasurer

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