

**THE ENGLAND ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
May 28, 2026**

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The England Economic and Industrial Development District met in Regular Meeting in the EEIDD Board Room, 1611 Arnold Drive, Alexandria, Louisiana, on **Thursday, May 28, 2026**.

Mr. Oday Lavergne, Chair of the EEIDD, 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, Secretary/Treasurer, Mr. Steve Mansour, Mr. Joshua Dara, Sr., Mr. Myron Lawson, Jr., Mr. Joe McPherson, Mr. Patrick O'Quin and Mr. Zeb Winstead.

**Absent:** Mr. Jamar Gales, Mr. Trey Crump, Mr. Charlie Weems

Agenda Item number 7 moved to the end of the agenda.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 23, 2026, REGULAR BOARD MEETING.**

Motion by **Mr. Joshua Dara, Sr.**, Second by **Mr. Zeb Winstead** to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2026, Regular Board Meeting.

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN EEIDD AND WW & W PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC FOR BUILDING #832 LOCATED AT 1717 KEGLEMAN DRIVE.**

Motion by **Mr. Steve Mansour**, Second by **Mr. Zeb Winstead** to authorize the Executive Director to execute a lease agreement between EEIDD and WW&W Property Management, LLC for building #832 located at 1717 Kegleman Drive.

Information presented by Mr. David Broussard with EEIDD and Mr. Otis Wafer with WW&W Property Management, LLC.

On vote, motion passed.

Presentation of Mayor Jacques Roy's Reignite program. Video and PowerPoint presented by Mayor Jacques Roy, with information concerning the plans for the Masonic Corridor and other parts of the city.

**MOTION OF SUPPORT FOR MAYOR JACQUES ROY'S REIGNITE PROGRAM AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH IN THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA.**

Motion by **Mr. Steve Mansour**, Second by **Mr. Zeb Winstead** of support for Mayor Jacques Roy's Reignite program and encouragement of economic development and growth in the City of Alexandria.

On vote, motion passed.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF EEIDD NOT REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL AS STATED IN CODE OF ORDINANCES.**

Discussion about purpose of proposed resolution. Resolution will cover situations when the Executive Director is asked for letter of authorization when signing certain documents. Board requested to view resolution and coordinating ordinances before making motion to approve. Mr. Winstead moved to refer this item to the Admin/Legal Committee for further discussion and recommendation to Board.

**MOTION TO REFER TO ADMIN/LEGAL COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE ACTUAL RESOLUTION LANGUAGE AND RETURN TO BOARD AFTER COMMITTEE ACTION.**

Motion by **Mr. Zeb Winstead**, Second by **Mr. Joe McPherson**, to refer to Admin/Legal Committee to review the actual resolution language and return to Board after Committee action.

On vote, motion passed.

**DISTRIBUTION OF PROPOSED 2026/2027 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR THE ENGLAND ECONOMIC & INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027.**

Proposed 2026/2027 Operating and Capital Budgets for EEIDD for fiscal year 2026/2027 distributed to Commissioners. Ms. Summer Steiner spoke briefly. Finance/Audit Committee to meet on June 8, followed by Special Board Meeting on June 9 to further discuss and answer questions, then final budget to be voted on at the June 25, 2026, Board Meeting.

Presentation of legislative update by Executive Director. Final week of legislative session. Hard copy of bills being tracked distributed to Commissioners.

No comments from Legal Counsel.

Comments or questions by Commissioners:

Mr. Winstead gave report on Capital Projects committee meeting.

**MOTION TO ADOPT CAPITAL PROJECTS PLAN AS RECOMMENDED BY CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE.**

Motion by **Mr. Zeb Winstead**, Second by **Mr. Joshua Dara, Sr.**, to adopt Capital Projects plan as recommended by Capital Projects committee.

On vote, motion carried.

**After discussion, motion withdrawn for full commission to review proposed capital projects plan.**

Comments from Executive Director:

Invitation to UTLX 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next Friday. Need to RSVP by tomorrow. Please notify Cathy if you are interested in attending.

Gifts that were presented at the Inaugural United Flight were distributed to Commissioners.

Mentioned the Applied Digital event that took place on Tuesday, May 26. CEA being drafted. More information forthcoming.

State of the Airpark address immediately following Board Meeting.

Staff Reports:

Financial Report: Revenues are 1% over budget. Expenses are 6% below.

Planning and Development: Runway 1836 will open in about two weeks. We're getting \$145,000 (one hundred forty-five thousand dollars) grant from the FAA to start a drainage study which will lead to a major project for the Airpark/Airfield. Will start within the next year or two. Submitted application into FAA for ATP grant (terminal grant). Three-year grant process. Put in for \$6.5 million (six million five hundred thousand dollars) to do some renovations on the terminal. They came back with \$1 million (one million dollars). May do some things around the TSA area with that money. ARF had 47 calls last month; 20 medical; 3 aircraft incidents; 8 public assistance calls; 14 fire alarms and 4 hazmat calls. Over the next 30 days, there will be 14 different airlines coming into AEX.

Economic Development: Request from board to incorporate vacancies: England Oaks 2 vacancies; England Estates 6 vacancies; England Village 8 vacancies. Robinson Biochar project: Similar to Ucore. First objective to hone in their processing. Smaller pilot plant was built in Indiana that came online two weeks ago. Here there will be a commercial scale biochar operation. Meeting with engineers next week for tighter site layout plan, electrical load plan, as well as engineers from Cleco so they can get the power needs met. Looking at construction possibly starting in late September, early October. Already accepted and signed LOI with LED for incentive package. Formal announcement between now and groundbreaking. Will have Mr. Robinson at one of the future board meetings to introduce himself.

Air Traffic / Service: shared photos with Inaugural United Flight event last week. 75% load factor for the last week. Bookings are trending favorably. Delta and American combined served 18,848 passengers (2.5% more than March 2026 and 22% higher April 2025), 178 landings. Total enplanements were up 1.2% over March 2026. Enplanements were up 21% since last year. Scott and Leigh Ann will be attending Jump Start in a couple of weeks.

**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 by **Mr. Zeb Winstead**, Second by **Mr. Joe McPherson** 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).

Commissioners entered Executive Session at 5:26 p.m. Commissioners meandered out of Executive Session at 5:47 p.m.

**MOTION TO ADD TO AGENDA ITEM TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN THE 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 **Mr. Zeb Winstead**, Second by **Mr. Myron Lawson**, to add to agenda item to authorize the Executive Director to execute the settlement agreement in the 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).

On vote, motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN THE 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 **Mr. Zeb Winstead**, Second by **Mr. Myron Lawson**, to authorize the Executive Director to enter into the settlement agreement in the 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).

Mr. Joshua Dara, Sr. recused himself from all discussion of this matter and abstained from voting. On vote, motion passed.

Mr. Oday Lavergne adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

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**Oday Lavergne, Chair**

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**Steve Mansour, Secretary/Treasurer**

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