

**THE ENGLAND ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 25, 2026**

The England Economic and Industrial Development District met in Regular Session in the EEIDD Board Room, 1611 Arnold Drive, Alexandria, Louisiana, on **Thursday, June 25, 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, Vice-Chair, Mr. Jamar Gales, Secretary/Treasurer, Mr. Steve Mansour, Mr. Trey Crump, Mr. Joshua Dara, Sr., Mr. Joe McPherson, Mr. Patrick O'Quin and Mr. Zeb Winstead.

Absent: Mr. Myron Lawson, Jr., Mr. Charlie Weems

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 28, 2026, REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

Motion by **Mr. Jamar Gales**, Second by **Mr. Zeb Winstead**, to approve the minutes of May 28, 2026, Regular Board Meeting. Upon vote, motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 9, 2026, SPECIAL BOARD MEETING.

Motion by **Mr. Steve Mansour**, Second by **Mr. Jamar Gales**, to approve the minutes of June 9, 2026, Special Board Meeting. Upon vote, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance/Audit Committee: Committee agreed on budget that will be voted on later in the meeting. No further business/discussion.

Admin/Legal Committee: Met on June 9, 2026, voted favorably to the action including one amendment by Commissioner Weems to be added to the item. Resolution recognizing the Executive Director's authority to provide administrative day-to-day operations to the Airpark. Chair accepted report.

MOTION TO ADOPT "LOUISIANA AUDIT COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE" AS REQUIRED PRIOR TO YEAR-END INDEPENDENT AUDIT.

Motion by **Mr. Jamar Gales**, Second by **Mr. Zeb Winstead** to adopt "Louisiana Audit Compliance Questionnaire" as required prior to year-end independent audit. On vote, motion carried.

MOTION TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR THE ENGLAND ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2206/2027; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027; CARRYING OVER CAPITAL FUNDS FROM PRIOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Ms. Summer Steiner presented information on the proposed budget. On vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by **Mr. Zeb Winstead**, Second by **Mr. Jamar Gailes**, to consider Resolution adopting the Operating and Capital Budgets for the England Economic and Industrial Development District for Fiscal Year 2026/2027; Appropriating funds for the Operating and Capital Budget for the Fiscal Year 2026/2027; Carrying over Capital Funds from prior Fiscal Year 2025/2026 and other matters with respect thereto.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RENEW GENERAL INSURANCE PROGRAM POLICIES COVERING AIRPORT/GENERAL LIABILITY, PROPERTY, COMMUNITY CENTER/GENERAL LIABILITY/UMBRELLA, BUSINESS AUTO, PUBLIC OFFICIALS LIABILITY/EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY/EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY (THIRD PARTY CLAIM COVERAGE) AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISHONESTY/CRIME FOR THE YEAR 2026/2027.

Mr. Wendell Luneau presented information on the 2026/2027 Insurance policies.

Motion by **Mr. Jamar Gailes**, Second by **Mr. Zeb Winstead** to authorize Executive Director to renew general insurance program policies covering Airport/General Liability, Property, Community Center/General Liability/Umbrella, Business Auto, Public Officials Liability/Employment Practices Liability/Employment Practices Liability (Third Party Claim Coverage) and Public Employee Dishonesty/Crime for the year 2026/2027. On vote, motion carried.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A LEASE BETWEEN EEIDD AND EOM PUBLIC WORKS, LLC FOR OFFICE SPACE LOCATED IN BUILDING 900 LOCATED AT 1405 FRANK ANDREWS BLVD.

Motion by **Mr. Jamar Gailes**, Second by **Mr. Zeb Winstead** to authorize the Executive Director to execute a lease between EEIDD and EOM Public Works, LLC for office space located in building 900 located at 1405 Frank Andrews Blvd. On vote, motion carried.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RENEW CONTRACT WITH RAPIDES PARISH SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR SECURITY AT ENGLAND AIRPARK FROM JULY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2027.

Motion by **Mr. Jamar Gailes**, Second by **Mr. Zeb Winstead** to authorize Executive Director to renew contract with Rapides Parish Sheriff's Department for security at England Airpark from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

MOTION TO RESOLVE THAT THE ENGLAND ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT HEREBY RECOGNIZES AND AFFIRMING THE AUTHORITY OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ENGLAND ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TO NEGOTIATE, EXECUTE, AND IMPLEMENT CERTAIN DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE EEIDD PERTAINING TO: DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS; HIRING, SUPERVISION, DISCIPLINE, AND SEPARATION OF PERSONNEL; IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ANNUAL OPERATING, PERSONNEL, CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGETS, AND ANY SPECIAL BUDGETS; PURCHASING AND DISBURSEMENT AUTHORITY UNDER THE EEIDD CODE OF ORDINANCES AND POLICIES; TO FURTHER PROVIDE WHEN THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE; AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Motion by **Mr. Jamar Gailes**, Second by **Mr. Zeb Winstead** to resolve that the England Economic and Industrial Development District hereby recognizes and affirming the authority of the Executive Director of the England Economic and Industrial Development District to negotiate, execute, and implement certain documents and actions on behalf of the EEIDD pertaining to: day-to-day operations; hiring, supervision, discipline, and separation of personnel; implementation of the annual operating, personnel, capital projects budgets, and any special budgets; purchasing and disbursement authority under the EEIDD Code of Ordinances and Policies; to further provide when this resolution shall become effective; and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Upon Roll Call Vote, motion carried.

Yays (7) – Crump, Dara, Gales, Mansour, McPherson, Winstead, Laverne

Nays (1) – O'Quin

Absent (2) – Lawson, Weems

Abstain (0)

Comments by Legal Counsel – None

Comments or Questions by Commissioners – None

Comments by Executive Director – None

Staff Reports:

Financial: Revenues are 3% over year-to-date budget; expenses are 6% below. Capital Improvements and equipment: Year-to-date, have about \$2.9 million in net income, which \$2.6 million of that has been reinvested in capital equipment; majority went to capital improvements. Oak Wing financials: Bloom has really turned things around. Year-to-date, now sitting at a \$65,000 loss. A few months ago, it was around \$160,000.

Planning and Development: New seating has been received. Will be put together next week. Saving about \$12,000 by putting them together ourselves. ARF department: answered 30 calls last month. Had over 71 people come to tour the facility on educational purposes.

Economic Development: Project Char Grilled met last week. Lease will most likely be brought to the Board at the August meeting. Ownership will be here to give presentation. Hopefully construction and site work will begin in October. In mid-July, hosting the equipment manufacturers. Housing vacancies: 1 in England Oaks, 5 in England Estates (1 committed, two under remodel and 3 ready for rent), 10 in England Village (3 committed, 4 under remodel, three ready to rent). 95% occupancy rate for all three. England Oaks 99% occupied; England Estates 98% occupied; England Village 88% occupied.

Air Traffic/Service: 21,000 commercial passengers combined. Over 200 landings. Over 11,000 enplaned. For the 22 United flights in May, estimated load factor of about 63%. SkyWest predicted between 60% and 65% so we are right on target. The Reunited campaign was nominated for the best marketing campaign for a Bizzy Award from the Central Louisiana Regional Chamber of Commerce (tomorrow evening). JumpStart attended by Leigh Ann and Scott in Chicago, early June. Met with 5 carriers, talking about usual topics: increased frequencies, larger aircraft, military. Today is Airport Workers Day.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF PROSPECTIVE LITIGATION INVOLVING COMMENCEMENT OF JUDICIAL PARTICIPATION BY LICITATION OR BY PRIVATE SALE OF A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, AND ALL RIGHTS, WAYS AND PRIVILEGES THERETO APPERTAINING, BEING, LYING AND SITUATED IN RAPIDES PARISH, LOUISIANA, CONTAINING 16.8 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OWNED BY THE ESTATE OF NATHANIEL WILLIAMS, ET AL. LA. R.S. 42:17(A)(2).

Motion by **Mr. Jamar Gales**, Second by **Mr. Steve Mansour** to enter into executive session for discussion of prospective litigation involving commencement of judicial participation by licitation or by private sale of a certain parcel of land, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and all rights, ways and privileges thereto

appertaining, being, lying and situated in Rapides Parish, Louisiana, containing 16.8 acres, more or less, owned by the Estate of Nathaniel Williams, et al. La. R.S. 42:17(A)(2).

Commissioners entered Executive Session at 5:09 p.m.

Commissioners meandered out of Executive Session at 5:45 p.m.

With no further business to be discussed, Mr. Oday Lavergne adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Oday Lavergne, Chair

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Steve Mansour, Secretary/Treasurer

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