

**THE ENGLAND ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 27, 2026**

The England Economic and Industrial Development District met in Regular Board Meeting in the EEIDD Board Room, 1611 Arnold Drive, Alexandria, Louisiana, on **Thursday, August 27, 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 Gailles, Secretary/Treasurer, Mr. Steve Mansour, Mr. Trey Crump, Mr. Joshua Dara, Sr., Mr. Myron Lawson, Jr., Mr. Joe McPherson, Mr. Patrick O'Quin, Mr. Charlie Weems and Mr. Zeb Winstead.

Absent: None

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

Motion by **Mr. Jamar Gailles**, second by **Mr. Zeb Winstead**, to approve the minutes of July 23, 2026, Regular Board Meeting. On vote, motion passed.

Presentation by Mr. Garner Robinson with Robinson Biochar.

MOTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE CERTIFICATE OF CONTRACT ACCEPTANCE FOR THE ALEXANDRIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT EXTENSION OF RUNWAY 18 & ASSOCIATED IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 2.

Motion by **Mr. Zeb Winstead**, second by **Mr. Jamar Gailles**, authorizing Executive Director to execute Certificate of Contract Acceptance for the Alexandria International Airport Extension of Runway 18 & Associated Improvements Phase 2. On vote, motion passed.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN EEIDD AND CSI AVIATION FOR BUILDING 2107 LOCATED AT 1107 BILLY MITCHELL BLVD.

Motion by **Mr. Charlie Weems**, second by **Mr. Zeb Winstead**, to authorize the Executive Director to Execute a lease agreement between EEIDD and CSI Aviation for Building 2107 located at 1107 Billy Mitchell Blvd. On vote, motion passed.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR THE JRTC INTERMEDIATE STAGING BASE (ISB).

Motion by **Mr. Zeb Winstead**, second by **Mr. Jamar Gailles**, to authorize the Executive Director to execute a lease agreement with the United States of America for the JRTC Intermediate Staging Base (ISB). On vote, motion passed.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION AMENDING PART II OF THE EEIDD CODE OF ORDINANCES AND POLICIES BY ADDING CHAPTER 9, PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REASONABLE, CONTENT-NEUTRAL REGULATION OF PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS, PROTESTS, RALLIES, VIGILS, PICKETING, AND OTHER EXPRESSIVE ASSEMBLIES UPON PROPERTY OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY THE DISTRICT; TO ESTABLISH A PERMITTING PROCEDURE FOR CERTAIN PLANNED

DEMONSTRATIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR SPONTANEOUS DEMONSTRATIONS, TO PROHIBIT DEMONSTRATIONS WITHIN AIRPORT TERMINALS, TERMINAL OPERATION FRONTAGE ZONES, LEASED PROPERTY, AND OTHER NON-PUBLIC AREAS OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY THE DISTRICT; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Original motion made by **Mr. Charlie Weems**, Second by **Mr. Trey Crump** introducing Resolution amending Part II of the EEIDD Code of Ordinances and Policies by adding Chapter 9, Public Demonstrations, to provide for the Board of Commissioners Regular Session July 23, 2026 Page 3 reasonable, content-neutral regulation of public demonstrations, protests, rallies, vigils, picketing, and other expressive assemblies upon property owned or controlled by the District; to establish a permitting procedure for certain planned demonstrations; to provide for spontaneous demonstrations, to prohibit demonstrations within airport terminals, terminal operation frontage zones, leased property, and other non-public areas owned or controlled by the District; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Motion to amend: Motion made by **Mr. Zeb Winstead** to amend Section 9-20 (a) The organizer or authorized representative of every planned demonstration or expressive assembly proposed to be conducted upon EEIDD property shall provide written notice of the planned activity to the Executive Director not less than 72 hours before the proposed commencement of the activity in the manner provided under this Section.

New Subsection (b): The Executive Director, upon receiving Notice required under subsection (a), shall determine whether any of the criteria under Section 9-20 (f) are met. If such criteria is met, the Executive Director shall require the organizer or authorized representative to submit a permit application in accordance with this Section.

Renumber the remaining Sections of 9-20 accordingly.

Accepted as friendly amendment by Mr. Charlie Weems and Mr. Trey Crump.

Motion made by **Mr. Joe McPherson**, second by **Mr. Zeb Winstead**, to remove insurance requirement from proposed Ordinance.

Accepted as friendly amendment by Mr. Charlie Weems and Mr. Trey Crump.

Motion to amend: Motion made by **Mr. Myron Lawson, Jr.**, to remove Section 9-2 (f1), which states five or more participants are reasonably anticipated and then renumbering the remaining subparagraphs accordingly. Second by **Mr. Zeb Winstead**.

Motion to amend: Motion made by **Mr. Myron Lawson, Jr.**, to amend section 9-24(a) by adding the words, "Subject to Board approval" at the end of the subsection. Second by **Mr. Zeb Winstead**.

Accepted as friendly amendment by Mr. Charlie Weems and Mr. Trey Crump.

Comments by Legal Counsel: None

Comments by Commissioners: None

Comments by Executive Director: Two upcoming events the Commissioners are invited to attend. Fort Polk Progress on Thursday, September 10, 2026 and Chamber "Meet the Candidates for the Fifth Congressional District" on Wednesday, September 22, 2026. Watch for email concerning both within the next week or so.

Financial Report: 11% over budget on revenues and 11% under on expenses. Highest parking revenue we've ever had. Showing a 97% approval rate from our new parking company.

Planning and Development: Finished overlay in front of old YMCA. That's phase one of an overlay project being done on Vandenburg. Receiving bids to overlay the entrance from I-49 and Highway 28, including the roundabout.

Economic Development: Most of the report was moved up to the front of the meeting with Robinson Biochar presentation. Cleco's doing a lot of pole replacements around the airpark. Should be wrapped up pretty soon. Finished the conversion to a 10,000 square foot warehouse. England Oaks is 99% occupied with one house available committed to another tenant. England Estates is 89% occupied and England Village is 65% occupied. Number of flips and remodels in England Village, of which five are committed. Update on UCORE, engineering team was here this week and will be back next week. Looking at an additional building for the lab. Instead of wanting to build something new, they can take an existing building and convert it.

Air Traffic Service Report: Total passengers flying Delta, American or United reached 24,594. 33% increase year over year and 9% month over month. Seat capacity reached our forecasted amount of roughly 17,000 and load factors remained strong in the mid-70s for Delta and American, with United hitting an estimated 64%. American topped 5,000 enplanements for the first time in more than two years. Total commercial enplanements were up 33% year over year, and 7% month over month. Topped 12,000 for the first time in at least a decade.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Oday Lavergne, Chair
*England Economic and Industrial Development District
Board of Commissioners*

Steven Mansour, Secretary/Treasurer
*England Economic and Industrial Development District
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