

**THE ENGLAND ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 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, September 24, 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 Gailes, Secretary/Treasurer, Mr. Steven 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

Scott Gammel recognized Mr. Ray Schindler for his recent retirement.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 27, 2026, REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

Motion by **Mr. Jamar Gailes**, second by **Mr. Zeb Winstead**, to approve the minutes of August 27, 2026, Regular Board Meeting. On vote, motion passed.

Active items 2, 3, 4 combined:

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE CONCESSION/LEASE AGREEMENT WITH AVIS RENT-A-CAR SYSTEM, LLC FOR CAR RENTAL SERVICES AT ALEXANDRIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE CONCESSION/LEASE AGREEMENT WITH BUDGET RENT-A-CAR SYSTEM, LLC FOR CAR RENTAL SERVICES AT ALEXANDRIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE CONCESSION/LEASE AGREEMENT WITH EAN HOLDINGS, LLC D/B/A NATIONAL CAR RENTAL AND ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR FOR CAR RENTAL SERVICES AT ALEXANDRIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

Motion by **Mr. Jamar Gailes**, second by **Mr. Zeb Winstead**. On vote, motion passed.

MOTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH PROGRESSIVE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,565,328.50 (ONE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS) FOR THE EXTENSION OF RUNWAY 18 AND ASSOCIATED IMPROVEMENTS OBSTACLE REMOVAL – PHASE 3, SUBJECT TO FUNDING AND APPROVAL BY THE DOTD AND FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION.

Motion by **Mr. Jamar Gailes**, second by **Mr. Zeb Winstead** authorizing Executive Director to execute contract with Progressive Construction Company, LLC, in the amount of \$1,565,328.50 (One Million, Five Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand, Three Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars and Fifty Cents) for the Extension of Runway 18 and Associated Improvements Obstacle Removal – Phase 3, subject to funding and approval by the DOTD and Federal Aviation Administration. On vote, motion passed.

MOTION MADE TO AMEND AGENDA TO ADD: MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE SPONSOR/STATE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE EEIDD FOR THE INSTALL INSTRUMENT APPROACH AID RWY 18, INSTALL RWY VISUAL GUIDANCE SYSTEM RWY 18 - PHASE 2 OBSTACLE REMOVAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$93,541.00 (NINETY- THREE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-ONE DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS).

Motion by **Mr. Jamar Gailes**, second by **Mr. Steven Mansour** to amend agenda to add: Motion to adopt resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute Sponsor/State Agreement between the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and the EEIDD for the Install Instrument Approach Aid Rwy 18, Install Rwy Visual Guidance System Rwy 18 - Phase 2 Obstacle Removal in the amount of \$93,541.00 (Ninety-Three Thousand, Five Hundred Forty-One Dollars and Zero Cents). On vote, motion passed.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE SPONSOR/STATE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE EEIDD FOR THE INSTALL INSTRUMENT APPROACH AID RWY 18, INSTALL RWY VISUAL GUIDANCE SYSTEM RWY 18 - PHASE 2 OBSTACLE REMOVAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$93,541.00 (NINETY- THREE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-ONE DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS),

Motion by **Mr. Jamar Gailes**, second by **Mr. Steven Mansour** to adopt resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute Sponsor/State Agreement between the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and the EEIDD for the Install Instrument Approach Aid Rwy 18, Install Rwy Visual Guidance System Rwy 18 - Phase 2 Obstacle Removal in the amount of \$93,541.00 (Ninety-Three Thousand, Five Hundred Forty-One Dollars and Zero Cents). On vote, motion passed.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT NUMBER 3-22-0003-104-2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,777,288.00 (ONE MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS) FROM THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION TO INSTALL INSTRUMENT APPROACH AID RUNWAY 18, INSTALL RUNWAY VISUAL GUIDANCE SYSTEM RUNWAY 18 - PHASE 2 OBSTACLE REMOVAL AND EXECUTION OF ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS THERETO.

Motion by **Mr. Steven Mansour**, second by **Mr. Zeb Winstead** to approve the Executive Director's acceptance of Grant Number 3-22-0003-104-2026 in the amount of \$1,777,288.00 (One Million, Seven Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand, Two Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars and Zero Cents) from the Federal Aviation Administration to Install Instrument Approach Aid Runway 18, Install Runway Visual Guidance System Runway 18 - Phase 2 Obstacle Removal and execution of all related documents thereto. On vote, motion passed.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT NUMBER 3-22-0003-105-2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$937,936.00 (NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS) FROM THE FEDERAL AVIATION

ADMINISTRATION TO EXPAND APRON (SOUTH RAMP) - PHASE III CONSTRUCTION AND EXECUTION OF ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS THERETO.

Motion by **Mr. Jamar Gailes**, second by **Mr. Zeb Winstead** to approve the Executive Director's acceptance of Grant Number 3-22-0003-105-2026 in the amount of \$937,936.00 (Nine Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand, Nine Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars and Zero Cents) from the Federal Aviation Administration to Expand Apron (South Ramp) - Phase III Construction and execution of all related documents thereto. On vote, motion passed.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT NUMBER 3-22-0003-106-2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,195,993.00 (ONE MILLION, ONE HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED NINETY-THREE DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS) FROM THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION TO EXPAND APRON (SOUTH RAMP) - PHASE III CONSTRUCTION AND EXECUTION OF ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS THERETO.

Motion by **Mr. Jamar Gailes**, second by **Mr. Zeb Winstead** to approve the Executive Director's acceptance of Grant Number 3-22-0003-106-2026 in the amount of \$1,195,993.00 (One Million, One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand, Nine Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars and Zero Cents) from the Federal Aviation Administration to Expand Apron (South Ramp) - Phase III Construction and execution of all related documents thereto. On vote, motion passed.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE SPONSOR/STATE AGREEMENT NO. H.016643 BETWEEN THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE EEIDD FOR THE SOUTH RAMP EXPANSION & TAXIWAY REALIGNMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000.00 (ONE MILLION DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS).

MOTION TO AMEND TO: MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE SPONSOR/STATE AGREEMENT NO. H.016977 BETWEEN THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE EEIDD FOR THE SOUTH RAMP EXPANSION & TAXIWAY REALIGNMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,652,101.00 (ONE MILLION, SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED AND ONE DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS).

Motion by **Mr. Jamar Gailes**, second by **Mr. Zeb Winstead** to adopt resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute Sponsor/State Agreement No. H.016977 between the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and the EEIDD for the South Ramp Expansion & Taxiway Realignment in the amount of \$1,652,101.00 (One Million, Six Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand, One Hundred and One Dollars and Zero Cents).

Introduction of Resolution Authorizing the execution of a PILOT Lease Agreement and Agreement to Issue Bonds Between the England Economic and Industrial Development District and Coca-Cola Bottling Company United-Gulf Coast, LLC, in furtherance of the construction and equipping of a distribution and warehouse facility and improvement and equipping of an existing building in Rapides Parish, Louisiana, as described herein; and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
Motion to introduce by **Mr. Steven Mansour**, second by **Mr. Zeb Winstead**. Refer to Admin/Legal Committee.

Introduction of Resolution authorizing the execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Central Louisiana Economic Development Alliance and England Economic and Industrial

Development District to provide for the professional marketing of the region and the implementation, structuring, documentation, and long-term administration of economic development programs and incentives, including Payment in Lieu of Taxes and Performance-Based Grants; to provide for other related economic development services as described herein; and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Motion to introduce by **Mr. Steven Mansour**, second by **Mr. Zeb Winstead**. Refer to Admin/Legal Committee.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A REQUEST TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR AN ADVISORY OPINION REGARDING APPLICABILITY OF LOUISIANA'S PUBLIC RECORDS ACT AND FEDERAL STATUTES AND REGULATIONS TO FEDERAL CONTRACTS, AS DEFINED BY 44 U.S.C. § 3301(A)(1), RELATED TO FEDERAL IMMIGRATION PROGRAMS, IN THE CUSTODY, BUT NOT CONTROL, OF A LOUISIANA PUBLIC BODY.

Motion by **Mr. Jamar Gales**, second by **Mr. Zeb Winstead** authorizing the submission of a request to the Attorney General for an advisory opinion regarding applicability of Louisiana's Public Records Act and Federal Statutes and Regulations to Federal contracts, as defined by 44 U.S.C. § 3301(a)(1), related to Federal immigration programs, in the custody, but not control, of a Louisiana public body. On vote, motion passed.

Comments by Legal Counsel: None

Comments by Commissioners: None

Comments by Executive Director: Upcoming event information will be forwarded to Commissioners within the next week.

Financial: 9.8% over budget revenue. 8.6% below budget expenses. Reconciliation of enplanements now that United is on board. United is under incentive package right now so they aren't paying their part. Oak Wing financials didn't look great. Numbers are skewed by what will be moved over to capital. That will be in an upcoming budget amendment. They did a \$50,000 tree renovation project, removed a lot of trees. Actual operating loss this month was only \$8,000, instead of \$58,000. Auditors will be on-site next week for our annual audit.

Planning and Development: Projects and updates were sent out previously. We are going to do some modifications on how we present those, give a little more information that has been requested, so that will be seen in the coming months.

Economic Development: Met with Ucore's management last week to get an update. They are about to be awarded their air permit. If they get it within the next few days, they will start construction October 31st. They have finished the Geotech around the building. They are going to retrofit the former call center for their lab and some admin space. Their engineering team, Orbital Engineering out of Baton Rouge, has finalized those plans. Should bring a lease to the board next month for that additional building. Update on Robinson Biochar: still working through the details of the lease and finance piece of the infrastructure improvements. Final lease should be brought to the Board next month. House Update: England Estates is 92% occupied. England Village is 78% occupied. England Oaks is 100% occupied. All together that is a 90% occupancy rate.

Air Traffic Service: As expected, passenger traffic softened in August at the end of the summer travel season. Year-over-year data is much more reflective of our performance. 21,462 commercial passengers were served by our three carriers. Down 12% from July, but 31% ahead of where we were last year. Total enplanements were down about 17.5% month over month, still 26% higher than this time last year. In August, the winners of our Houston ticket giveaway were celebrated. There were two winners for a two-pack of tickets to Houston provided by SkyWest Airlines.

Recognition of Rapides Parish Police Juror, Sean McGlothlin.

Active items 17 and 18 combined:

**MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LITIGATION UPDATES IN *IN RE: S&S MASONRY, INC.*; CASE NO.: 26-80409; US BANKRUPTCY COURT, WDLA (LA. R.S. 44:17(A)(2).
MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PROSPECTIVE LITIGATION INVOLVING PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS. LA. R.S. 42:17(A)(2).**

Motion by **Mr. Jamar Gailes**, second by **Mr. Zeb Winstead**. On vote, motion passed.

Commissioners entered into Executive Session at 4:50 p.m. Commissioners meandered out of Executive Session at 5:36 p.m.

DISCUSSION OF THE AIRPARK STAGING CENTER AND THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL SERVICE AGREEMENT ASSOCIATED THERETO AND/OR THE COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT ASSOCIATED THERETO, A DISCUSSION OF WHOM THE OPERATORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS OF THE AIRPARK STAGING CENTER ARE AND/OR WILL BE INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO WHO WILL BE HANDLING DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS AT THE FACILITY, RECEIVING A PRESENTATION FROM ANY OF THOSE ENTITIES, AND ANY ACTION RELATED TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED ITEMS.

Presentations by LaSalle Family Foundation and Anovaeon, along with introduction of staff.

MOTION TO COMPEL THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RELEASE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, IMMIGRATION CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT AND EEIDD PROVIDING THE AIRPARK STAGING CENTER.

SUBSTITUTION: MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE LEGAL ACTION HE DEEMS APPROPRIATE TO ALLOW FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF THE MATTERS OF THE IGSA, WHICH ARE A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD WITHIN 30 DAYS.

Motion by **Mr. Joe McPherson**, second by **Mr. Jamar Gailes**, to authorize the Executive Director to take legal action he deems appropriate to allow for the disbursement of the matters of the IGSA, which are a matter of public record. On vote, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Oday Lavergne, Chair

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Steven Mansour, Secretary/Treasurer

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