

Board Meeting
December 16, 2025

St. Landry Parish Economic and Industrial Development District
Business Resource Center
5367 I-49 S. Service Road
Opelousas, LA 70570

Agenda

- I. WELCOMEChairman, Seth Robin
- II. PLEDGE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS, VIA COMMENT CARDS- Limit of 3 Minutes
- V. ADOPTION OF NOVEMBER 2025 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
- VI. FINANCIALS, NOVEMBER 2025..... Treasurer – John Hamlin
- VII. 2024-2025 SLED AUDIT SUMMARY REPORT – Shirley Vije
- VIII. BOARD AND COMMITTEE UPDATES
 - a. Executive Committee Update
 - b. CSLED Meeting Update
 - c. ODD Meeting Update
- IX. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Walmart Project Rosie PILOT Agreement
 - b. SLED Board Member Survey
 - c. SLED Board Member Photos
- X. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. SLED/ODD CEA
- XI. BOARD COMMENTS

XII. ADJOURN

Voting Members Present: Seth Robin, Candace Papillion, Andy Dakin, Kevin Doucet, Perry Fontenot, Chelsey Sharplin, Erika Milton, John Hamlin, Thurman Johnson, Susan Vige

Voting Members Absent: Devin McKnight, Lena Charles, Daniel Lyons, Toni Effingger, Don Dejean, Juan Joseph

SLED Staff Members Present: Bill Rodier, Brittany Cretchain, Janece Riser

Guests:

It was determined a quorum was present.

Chairman Seth Robin opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed the board at 10:09 AM.

Andy Dakin made a motion to amend the agenda to include Executive Committee Nominations as item B under Old Business. Susan Vige seconded the motion and it carried without objection.

Public Comments:

- Jolee Wood invited the board the Grand Opening of Anchored Scholars on December 19th at 5 PM.

Adoption of November 18, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to accept the November 18, 2025, board meeting minutes as submitted by Andy Dakin and seconded by Kevin Doucet. The motion was carried without objection.

November 2025 Financial Report: John Hamlin provided a brief overview of the financials, highlighting revenues and expenditures. Mr. Hamlin noted missing revenue from the Racino and elevated expenditures attributable to one-time HVAC work.

Erika Milton made a motion to accept the financial report for November 2025, seconded by Chelsey Sharplin. The motion carried without objection.

2024-2025 Audit Report: Shirley Vige presented a detailed report on the 2024–2025 Audit, noting that there were no findings. Discussion ensued.

COMMITTEE NOTES:

Executive Committee: Due to Veterans Day, there was no Executive Committee meeting in the prior month. Items typically reserved for that group were pushed to the board's agenda.

CSLEDD: Bill Rodier provided an update on the Champions Mural project, which will recognize parish school athletic champions dating back to 2015. He also addressed ongoing discussions regarding the ownership and potential future improvements of the local wastewater facility. In addition, Mr. Rodier reported on continued engagement with Retail Strategies and property owners within the CSLEDD District and the City of Opelousas.

ODDD: Bill Rodier provided a detailed update on the Downtown Development District and related grant opportunities, including the award of a \$1.2 million Brownfields grant to support abatement and environmental remediation efforts aimed at revitalizing local properties. He also informed the Board of the ongoing and visible progress of the South Park Project.

OLD BUSINESS

Walmart Project Rosie PILOT Agreement: Bill Rodier informed the board of the ongoing discussions with Walmart. He advised that he had contacted Matt Kern, legal counsel for Walmart, and provided the board with updates from that discussion. Mr. Rodier noted that the payment schedules and timeframes previously presented by Eric LaFleur were not based on figures provided by Tax Assessor Sheri McGovern. He further stated that Louisiana Economic Development has offered an incentive to Walmart that is contingent upon completion of the PILOT agreement. The project is being encouraged toward completion. No formal action was taken.

SLED Board Survey: Bill Rodier informed the board that the results of the 2026 SLED Board Priorities Survey indicated that business retention is the primary concern. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of foregoing the February board meeting in favor of holding an in-depth discussion focused on these matters.

SLED Board Member Photos: Bill Rodier informed the board that another headshot session will be conducted by and at Page 50 on November 7, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

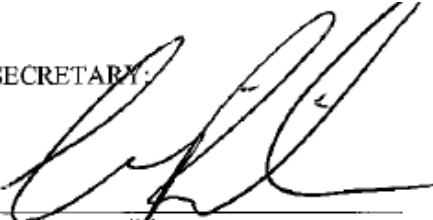
SLED/ODDD CEA: Bill Rodier introduced the draft Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between SLED and ODDD for the Downtown Revitalization Specialist position. Discussion ensued regarding the specifics of the agreement and necessary revisions, including the absence of a defined term limit, clarification on whether SLED will be fully reimbursed for the salary (gross versus net), and the inclusion of Exhibit A as an attachment to the CEA. Kevin Doucet made a motion to approve the CEA with the necessary changes. Susan Vige seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

Executive Committee Nominations: John Hamlin will move to the position of Vice Chairman, and Candace Papillion Haynes will move to Treasurer. Chelsey Sharplin was nominated for the position of Secretary and accepted the nomination. Perry Fontenot was nominated as an at-large member and accepted. Susan Vige was nominated as an at-large member and accepted, and Thurman Johnson was also nominated as an at-large member and accepted. Only the nominations were accepted at this time; a formal motion will be presented at the January meeting.

Board Comments:

With no further matters to be brought before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by Andy Dakin and seconded by Erika Milton The motion passed without objection, and the meeting adjourned at 11:11 AM.

SECRETARY:



Candace Papillion

CHAIRMAN:



Seth Robin