

Minutes of January 23rd, 2026

ODDD Board Meeting



Board Meeting

Date and Time: January 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

**Meeting Place: 5367 I-49 S. Service Road
Opelousas, LA 70570**

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Pledge and Opening Prayer
3. Roll Call
4. ODDD Business Recognition Program: Mikey's Donut King
5. 2025 BIG Grant Recipients
6. Public Comments – Limit to 3 Minutes
7. Acknowledge New Board Members
8. ODDD Election of Officers
 - a) Chairperson-
 - b) Vice Chairperson-
 - c) Secretary/Treasurer
9. Approval of November 21, 2025, Meeting Minutes
10. Monthly Financial Report
 - a) Going CPA & Wealth Advisors Compilation Engagement Letter
11. Executive Report
- 12. Old Business:**
 - a) Vacant Structures Ordinance Update- Lance Ned
 - b) South Park Community Center Update – Purvis Morrison
 - c) South Park Project
 - o Donald Gardner Stadium Renovation Update – Chris Rideau
 - d) District Expansion – Calhoun Preservation – Kelly Calhoun
- 13. New Business**
 - a) St Landry Parish Student Arts Expo – April 11, 2026
 - b) ODDD 2026 Meeting Dates
 - c) ODDD Goals and Objectives for Year 2026
14. Board Member Comments
15. Adjourn

The following members were present in person: Lena Charles, Don D'Avy, Pat Fontenot, Ogden Pitre, Sarah Branton

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The following members were absent: Rob Hillard

The following SLED members were present: Brittany Cretchain, Janece Riser, Victoria Mott

The following guests were present: Grasshopper Mendoza, Julius Alsandor,

Chairwoman Lena Charles welcomed the board and guests, opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, and prayer at 9:10 AM.

It was determined that a quorum was present.

ODDD Business Recognition Program: Chairwoman Lena recognized Mikey's Donut King as the ODDD Business of the Month for January 2026.

Public Comments:

- Bobby Ardion asked to void his comment card.
- Grasshopper Mendoza spoke on the 2026 ODDD Priorities, questioning how the public can get involved.

Acknowledge New Board Members: Lena Charles informed the board that she has been reappointed to the ODDD Board. There will be another appointment from Senator Boudreaux but it is not yet official.

Approval of November 21, 2025, Meeting Minutes: Sarah Branton clarified that she was in attendance, along with Rob Hillard, although the minutes reflected that they were not. Sarah Branton made a motion to accept the November 21st, 2025, meeting minutes with the necessary corrections. Ogden Pitre seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

Monthly Financial Report: Lena Charles presented the financial update, including a review of the balance sheet and revenues and expenditures through December 31. Pat Fontenot made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Don D'Avy seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

Going CPA & Wealth Advisors Compilation Agreement: Pat Fontenot made a motion to continue with using the Going CPA services and to authorize Lena Charles to sign the Compilation Agreement. Sarah Branton seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

Executive Director Report: In Bill Rodier's absence, Lena Charles delivered the executive report, noting progress on several lighting projects. She reported that work was underway on

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the installation of LED lighting along a city median, with plans to extend the project further.

OLD BUSINESS

Vacant Structure Ordinance Update: Lance Ned provided an update on code enforcement related to vacant buildings, outlining the issuance of fines and the procedures for placing liens on noncompliant properties. The board discussed the escalation of fines, the number of properties impacted, and the next steps in the enforcement process, including the relationship between property registration, inspection requirements, and penalty protocols.

Community Center Update- M&M Associates: Marcus Bruno provided an update on behalf of M&M Associates, the consulting firm supporting the South Park Community Center project in Opelousas. The report noted that M&M Associates continues to work closely with the City of Opelousas, Connect LA, and the project's architectural firm to advance the project through its various phases.

South Park Project:

Donald Garnder Stadium Renovation Update: Chris Rideau provided a progress report on the stadium renovations. He emphasized the importance of community cooperation and respect for the facility, offering special recognition to community members and fans for their support. The mayor also briefly discussed plans for future foundation fundraising, noting that several preparatory steps remain pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Legal Counsel: Ogden Pitre made a motion to engage Ran Goudelocke as the ODDD Legal Counsel at \$200 per hour. Pat Fontenot seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

St Landry Parish Student Arts Expo: Brittany Cretchain informed the board that this event will take place on April 11th, 2026. Don D'Avy made a motion to sponsor the event up to \$7,000. Pat Fontenot seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

2026 ODDD Meeting Dates: Lena Charles noted that there were a few updates due to holidays, however the presented list are the current meeting dates set. Sarah Branton made a motion to accept the presented meeting dates for the 2026 Calendar year. Ogden Pitre seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

2026 Goals and Objectives: Not finalized at this time.

Project Specialist: Lena Charles informed the board that Ms. Brittany Cretchain has been

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chosen and has accepted the position of ODDD Project Specialist.

Board Member Comments:

Adjournment: With no further business to bring before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by Pat Fontenot and seconded by Ogden Pitre. The motion carried without objection and the meeting adjourned at 10:39 AM.

Interim Secretary

Chairperson Lena Charles