**Board Meeting**

**June 16, 2026**

**St. Landry Parish Economic and Industrial Development District**

**Business Resource Center**

**5367 I-49 S. Service Road**

**Opelousas, LA 70570**

Agenda

I. WELCOME ........................................................Chairman, Seth Robin

II. PUBLIC HEARING PERIOD FOR BUDGET

III. PLEDGE / ROLL CALL

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS, VIA COMMENT CARDS- Limit of 3 Minutes

V. ADOPTION OF MAY 2026 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

VI. FINANCIALS, APRIL 2026……………… Treasurer – Candace P Haynes

   a. Introduction of Amended 2025-2026 Operating Budget
   b. Introduction of Proposed 2026-2027 Operating Budget
   c. John S Dowling Budget Engagement Letter
   d. John S Dowling Annual Compilation Engagement Letter
   e. John S Dowling Monthly Compilation Engagement Letter

VII. BOARD REPORTS

   a. ODD BOARD MEETING NOTES

VIII. GENERAL SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION

IX. UNITED WAY AREA

X. WALMART PILOT UPDATE

XI. LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE

XII. BOARD COMMENTS

XIII. ADJOURN

***Voting Members Present:*** Seth Robin, Sarah Forman, Kevin Doucet, Perry Fontenot, Chelsey Sharplin, Carleen Sylvester, John Hamlin, Malana Helton, Kyle Keeler, Thurman Johnson, Daniel Lyons, Susan Vigee

Donald Dejean was marker present at 10:09AM.

Lena Charles was marked present at 10:11AM.

Candace Papillion was present at 10:30AM.

***Voting Members Absent:*** Toni Effingger.

***Board Members Present Virtually:*** Devin McKnight

***SLED Staff Members Present:*** Janece Riser, Brittany Cretchain, Victoria Mott

***Guests:*** Jessie Bellard, Dana Quebedeaux, Saige Savoy, Gabrielle Riles, Latasia Thomas, Zach Hagar, Kyle Bennet, Herman Fuselier, Brennan Breaux, Buddy Helton

It was determined a quorum was present.

Chairman Seth Robin opened the Public Hearing for the Budget at 10:00 AM.

No discussion ensued.

Chairman Seth Robin closed the Public Hearing for the Budget at 10:07 AM

Chairman Seth Robin opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed the board at 10:08 AM.

***Public Comments: N/A***

***Adoption of May 19, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes:*** A motion was made to accept the May 19, 2026, board meeting minutes as submitted by Thurman Johnson and seconded Perry Fontenot. The motion was carried without objection.

***May 2026 Financial Report:*** Seth Robin provided a brief overview of the financials, highlighting revenues and expenditures. Susan Vigee made a motion to accept the financial report. Chelsey Sharplin seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

***Adoption of Amended Operating Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026:*** Don Dejean made a motion to adopt the amended operating budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 20265 through June 30, 2026. Lena Charles seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

***Adoption of Proposed Operating Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027:***Susan Vigee made a motion to adopt the proposed operating budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Don Dejean seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

***John S Dowling Budget Engagement Letter:*** Chelsey Sharplin made a motion to approve the budget engagement letter with John S. Dowling. Thurman Johnson seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

***John S Dowling Annual Compilation Engagement Letter:*** Perry Fontenot made a motion to approve the annual compilation engagement letter with John S. Dowling. Don Dejean seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

***John S Dowling Monthly Compilation Engagement Letter:*** Lena Charles made a motion to approve the monthly compilation engagement letter with John S. Dowling. Perry Fontenot seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

***Board Reports:*** Board members were directed to review the meeting notes that had been distributed.

***General Signature Authorization:*** Seth Robin explained to the board that although the by-laws already gives the chairman authorization to sign in the CEO's place, he would like expressed consent by the board to sign on day to day things such as payables. Discussion ensued regarding what permissions were going to be transferred during this interim period. Lena Charles made a motion to authorize the chairman to assume signature authorizations and power of expenses allotted to the CEO. John Hamlin seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

***United Way Area:*** Seth Robin informed the board that it was brought to the attention of Janece Riser and himself that there were some issues regarding the AC and windows in the United Way rental area. A quote from Wayne's AC was presented for the scope of work including cleaning air ducts, registers and moving the ducts from the ceiling. It was also noted that only one quote was obtained due to Wayne's AC being the company that the systems are under warranty for. Susan Vigee made a motion to approve Wayne's AC to complete this work at a cost of $1,440.00.

Seth Robin discussed the small construction related issues in the area including windows that needed to be replaced due to standing water that could potentially lead to water damage and building a fauxwall. Discussion ensued about getting more quotes for this work. Lena Charles made a motion to approve up to $7,000.00 in construction pending a second quote. Chelsey Sharplin seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

***Walmart PILOT Update:*** Seth Robin informed the board that Jessie Bellard, Sherri McGovern and himself were included on a call with Walmart and their legal counsel where the final terms were discussed. It will be a 57/43 abatement with SLED getting a separate payment of no less than $90,000.00 per year. It was noted that Eric Lafleur was not included on this call. There will be an audit look-back to ensure that if the project balloons, SLED may receive a higher payment.

***Leadership Exchange Trip:*** Janece Riser informed the board that in Bill Rodier's absence, she will be going to the Leadership Exchange in September to Chattanooga, TN. However, because she is not a member of One Acadiana but will was, they cannot honor the price that Bill would have paid. John Hamlin made a motion to approve the addition $1,500.00 for Janece Riser to attend. Candace P. Haynes seconded the motion and it carried without objection.

***Board Comments:*** Seth Robin informed the board that they will start forming a hiring committee for the CEO position but will not open up applications until after the celebration of life on July 25th, 2026.

With no further matters to be brought before the board, a motion to adjourn was made Susan Vigee and seconded by Chelsey Sharplin. The motion passed without objection, and the meeting adjourned at 10:44 PM.

SECRETARY: CHAIRMAN:

Chelsey Sharplin

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