

**Board Meeting**

**May 19, 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. PLEDGE / ROLL CALL
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS, VIA COMMENT CARDS- Limit of 3 Minutes
- IV. ADOPTION OF APRIL 2026 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
- V. ADOPTION OF APRIL 2026 SPECIAL 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
- VII. BOARD REPORTS
  - a. SLED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
  - b. CSLEDD BOARD MEETING NOTES
  - c. ODD BOARD MEETING NOTES
- VIII. WALMART PILOT UPDATE
- IX. SOLACC CULINARY PROGRAM
- X. CSLEDD/SLED STAFFING
- XI. RATIFICATION OF WWTP CONTRACT WITH BIHM

XII. PARISH SITE DEVELOPMENT FOCUS

XIII. D&O INSURANCE RENEWAL

XIV. UPCOMING EVENTS

XV. BOARD COMMENTS

XVI. ADJOURN

**Voting Members Present:** Seth Robin, Candace P. Haynes, Kevin Doucet, Lena Charles, Perry Fontenot, Chelsey Sharplin, John Hamlin, Kyle Keeler, Daniel Lyons, Devin McKnight, Toni Effingger, Susan Vigeo, Donald Dejean

Malana Helton was marked present at 10:08 AM.

Daniel Lyons was marked present at 10:25 AM.

Devin McKnight was marked present at 10:26 AM.

**Voting Members Absent:** Carleen Sylvester, Thurman Johnson,

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

**Guests:** Jessie Bellard, Sherri McGovern, Gabrielle Riles, Saige Vasseur, Latasia Thomas

It was determined a quorum was present.

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 April 19, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made to accept the April 19, 2026, board meeting minutes as submitted by Kevin Doucet and seconded Susan Vigeo. The motion was carried without objection.

**Adoption of May 12, 2026, Special Board Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made to accept the May 12, 2026, special board meeting minutes as submitted by Chelsey Sharplin and seconded by Susan Vigeo. The motion was carried without objection.

**April 2026 Financial Report:** Candace P. Haynes provided a brief overview of the financials, highlighting revenues and expenditures. John Hamlin made a motion to accept the financial report. Chelsey Sharplin seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

Mrs. Dana Quebedeaux thoroughly went over the proposed amended 2025-2026 Budget and then the proposed 2026-2027 Budget. She made sure to explain the reimbursement grants, capital outlay projects, and new planned projects. Bill Rodier explained some of the outstanding projects. Mrs. Quebedeaux then explained the budget process for the next 30 days.

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

**Walmart PILOT Update:** Mrs. McGovern provided a detailed update on recent developments and the ongoing negotiations with Walmart. She reported that Walmart was no longer comfortable with a percentage-based payment structure and was proposing a return to a flat-rate payment arrangement. Several board members expressed concern that this approach could result in potential revenue being left unrealized. Mrs. McGovern noted that it may be possible to incorporate a provision into the agreement requiring a future reassessment of the payment amount under specified conditions. There was no action required for this item.

**SOLACC Culinary Program:** As recommended by the Executive Committee, Perry Fontenot made a motion to authorize an 'earmark' in funds up to \$50,000 for contribution to the SOLACC Culinary program. Susan Vigeo seconded the motion. John Hamlin abstained. The motion carried without objection.

**CSLEDD/SLED Staffing:** Susan Vigeo made a motion to approve the job description with the salary range capped at \$50,000 with a 70% reimbursement to SLED. Chelsey Sharplin seconded the motion and it carried without objection.

**Ratification of WWTP Contract With BIHM:** Made a motion to authorize Seth Robin to sign the contract with BIHM for the Capital Outlay project with CSLED. Candace Papillion seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

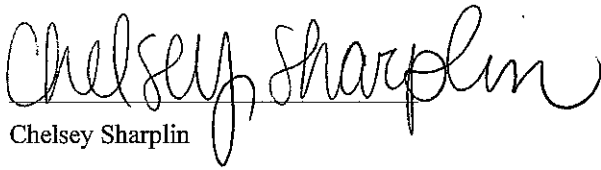
**Parish Site Development Focus:** This item was tabled.

**D&O Insurance Renewal:** Chelsey Sharplin made a motion to renew the D&O Insurance policy at \$2,122 per year for three years. Devin McKnight seconded the motion and it carried without objection.

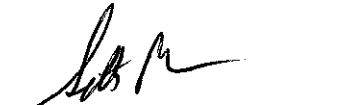
**Board Comments:**

With no further matters to be brought before the board, a motion to adjourn was made Perry Fontenot and seconded by Candace Papillion. The motion passed without objection, and the meeting adjourned at 10:56 PM.

SECRETARY:

  
Chelsey Sharplin

CHAIRMAN:

  
Seth Robin