Board Meeting

July 21, 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 JUNE 2026 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

V. FINANCIALS, JUNE 2026……………… Treasurer – Candace P Haynes

  a. CD Renewal

VI. BOARD REPORTS

  a. ODD BOARD MEETING NOTES

VII. SOLACC CULINARY PROGRAM CEA

VIII. DISCUSSION CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT ROSIE/WALMART PILOT

  a. AUTHORIZATION FOR BOARD CHAIR TO EXECUTE PILOT AGREEMENT AND ANY RELATED DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE AHREEMENT

IX. EXXON CARBON CAPTURE UPDATE

X. SALES TAX COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

XI. ED SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

XII. UNITED WAY AREA UPDATE

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Discussion of professional competence, retention, compensation, and employment terms of one or more employees.

XIV. BOARD COMMENTS

XV. ADJOURN

Voting Members Present: Seth Robin, Candace Papillion, Kevin Doucet, Lena Charles, Chelsey Sharplin, John Hamlin, Malana Helton, Kyle Keeler, Thurman Johnson, Toni Effinger, Susan Vigee, Donald Dejean

Devin McKnight was marked present at 10:07AM.

Voting Members Absent: Sarah Forman, Carleen Sylvester, Daniel Lyons

Board Members Present Virtually: Perry Fontenot III

SLED Staff Members Present: Janece Riser, Victoria Mott

Guests: Rokesha Chambers, Bruce Gaudin, Zach Hagar, Brennan Breaux

It was determined a quorum was present.

Chairman Seth Robin opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed the board at 10:03 AM.

Public Comments: N/A

Adoption of June 16, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to accept the June 16, 2026, board meeting minutes as submitted by Kevin Doucet and seconded Susan Vigee. The motion was carried without objection.

June 2026 Financial Report: Candace Papillion 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.

CD Renewal: Per recommendation of the Executive Committee, Susan Vigee made a motion to approve the CD renewal at Washington State Bank for $350,000 at 3.85% for a 12-month term. Chelsey Sharplin seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

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

SOLACC Culinary Program CEA: Due to the document not being in the meeting packet, this item was tabled until the next full board meeting.

Discussion, Consideration and Approval of the Project Rosier/Walmart PILOT: Seth Robin explained that Project Rosie is a 10-year Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement that provides Walmart with a 43% abatement on its ad valorem taxes in exchange for a fixed annual payment of $90,000 to SLED. He clarified that the Parish President's signature on the PILOT documents serves solely as an acknowledgment of participation and transparency and does not indicate that the Parish is a party to the agreement or possesses approval authority. Mr. Robin further noted that the agreement is exclusively between Walmart and SLED and includes standard audit and claw back provisions. Candace Papillion made a motion to authorize Seth Robin to sign the Project Rosier PILOT and any related documents. Chelsey Sharplin seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

Exxon Carbon Capture Update: John Hamlin reported on Exxon's proposed carbon capture and sequestration project in St. Landry Parish. He explained that the project would utilize an existing CO_2 pipeline along Highway 190 to transport and inject carbon dioxide approximately 6,000 feet underground into suitable geologic formations. Mr. Hamlin noted that the surface footprint of the injection site would be relatively small, approximately 40 feet by 40 feet, and that affected landowners would be compensated. While the project itself is not expected to generate a significant number of local jobs, he stated that the availability of carbon sequestration infrastructure could enhance the Parish's ability to attract carbon-intensive manufacturers and other industries seeking to offset emissions or qualify for applicable tax incentives.

Sales Tax Commission Appointment: Per the recommendation of the Executive Committee, John Hamlin made a motion to appoint Victoria Mott to the Sales and Use Tax Commission. Susan Vigee seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

United Way Area Update: Janece Riser informed the Board that the United Way office space is experiencing water intrusion and elevated humidity levels around two windows due to the installation of residential-grade windows, missing exterior flashing, and an exposed structural beam that lacks proper enclosure and insulation. She noted that the Board had previously approved the proposed corrective measures, which include replacing the existing windows with commercial-grade units, installing proper flashing, enclosing the exposed beam, and adding insulation above the lobby and waiting area ceiling to improve temperature control and reduce condensation.

Executive Session: Thurman Johnson made a motion to enter into an Executive Session at 10:41 AM. Don Dejean seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

Chelsey Sharplin made a motion to end the executive session at 11:57 AM. Susan Vigee seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

Chelsey Sharplin made a motion to approve Victoria Mott's pay increase to $18.50 per hour. The motion was seconded by Susan Vigee and carried without objection.

Chelsey Sharplin made a motion to approve a 20% compensation package for Wendy Fryer, calculated by her $60,000 salary. Susan Vigee seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

Chelsey Sharplin made the motion to approve Janece Riser's salary increase to $87,500. Susan Vigee 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 Chelsey Sharplin and seconded by Candace Papillion. The motion passed without objection, and the meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

SECRETARY: CHAIRMAN:

Chelsey Sharplin

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Seth Robin