Special Board Meeting

October 27, 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 SEPTEMBER 2026 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

V. FINANCIALS, SEPTEMBER 2026..... Treasurer – Candace P Haynes

VI. OPERATIONS DIRECTOR REPORT

VII. BOARD REPORTS

a. SLED Executive Committee Meeting Notes
b. CSLEDD Board Meeting Notes
c. ODD Board Meeting Notes

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

a. WALMART DC
    i. Project Rosie PILOT Agreement (Update)Water/Wastewater Update
    ii. Lighting Update
b. LBIA GRANT UPDATE
c. SLED BUILDING UPDATE
    i. Air Conditioner
d. CSLED/EQUINE SPECIALIST CEA
e. BILLBOARD SIGNAGE
f. CHANGE ORDER NO 1 TO 50-NI-23-01 CEA BETWEEN SLED & CSLED: Upgrade to Sewer and Wastewater Treatment Facilities Wastewater Treatment Facility and Pump Station Upgrades Change Order No. 1 in the increase amount of $20,355.00 for the removal of an existing aluminum culvert and replace with larger culvert – BIHM

g. SLED PODCAST ROOM PROPOSAL

h. 2026 MANUFACTURING DAY & EQUINE DAY UPDATE

IX. NEW BUSINESS

a. Vige, Tujague, & Noel Engagement Letter – Approval

b. Vige, Tujague, & Noel Agreed Upon Procedures – Approval

c. Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire - Approval

X. BOARD COMMENTS

XI. ADJOURN

Voting Members Present: Seth Robin, Candace Papillion, Sarah Forman, Devin McKnight, Kevin Doucet, Perry Fontenot III, Chelsey Sharplin, Carleen Sylvester, Kyle Keeler, Thurman Johnson, Susan Vigee, Lena Charles,

Voting Members Absent: John Hamlin, Malana Helton, Toni Effingger, Daniel Lyons, Donald Dejean

SLED Staff Members Present: Janece Riser, Wendy Fryer, Brittany Cretchain

Guests: None.

It was determined a quorum was present.

Chairman Seth Robin opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed the board at 10:41 AM.

Public Comments: N/A

Adoption of September 15th, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to accept the September 15th, 2026, board meeting minutes as submitted by Chelsey Sharplin and seconded Susan Vigee. The motion was carried without objection.

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

Operations Director Report: Janece Riser provided an update on recent training focused on community and neighborhood development and the management of economic development organizations. She reported that Opelousas was selected as one of four capstone projects from a class of 20 participants. Janece shared several key takeaways from the training, including the importance of collaboration among local boards, mixed-use development, addressing vacant buildings and educating property owners, fundraising strategies, and the development of effective strategic plans.

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

Walmart DC:

Water/Wastewater Update: Seth Robin reviewed an appraisal valuing approximately six to seven acres of property utilized for the wastewater facility at $81,000. He noted that SLED owns the land, while the City owns the wastewater infrastructure, and that Walmart has expressed interest in purchasing both. The Board discussed initiating purchase negotiations with Walmart. Additionally, the Board discussed SLED's ongoing responsibility for repairs to the boulevard lighting and considered negotiating with Walmart or revisiting the existing maintenance arrangement to address future repair and maintenance obligations.

Lighting Update: The Board discussed SLED's ongoing responsibility for lighting repairs under a 1999 contract, despite the lights being located along state highways. A quote from Thibodeaux's Electric to replace approximately 27 lights totaled approximately $47,000. Members discussed negotiating with Walmart to assume responsibility for the lighting repairs and maintenance or, alternatively, pursuing an amendment or termination of the existing agreement to eliminate or renegotiate SLED's ongoing maintenance obligations.

LBIA Grant Update: The Board discussed the decision to pursue the LBIA grant for a drone project rather than classroom furniture. Members expressed concerns that the proposed fixed or fold-up classroom desks would limit flexibility and accessibility, require additional storage space, and be difficult for staff to move. Following discussions with Port Barre High School regarding its existing drone program and the potential for students to gain field experience through economic development projects, a grant application was submitted requesting funding for two drones, insurance, and a subscription. It was later determined that adjustments to the requested equipment might be necessary; however, LBIA indicated that changes could be made as long as the overall request remained at or below the original amount. The grant requires a 25% local match, estimated at approximately $6,200. The Board also discussed identifying an in-house staff member to receive training and operate the equipment. A decision regarding the grant application is expected within the next couple of months.

Equine Day and Manufacturing Day Update: Don Dejean made a motion to approve up to $2,600 of funding for both events total. Lena Charles seconded the motion, and it carried without objection. Susan Vigee made a motion to authorize a CEA between SLED and CSLED for the use of the Equine center for the events. Lena charles seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

SLED Building Update: Seth Robin introduced a discussion regarding the air conditioning unit serving a section of the SLED building, which had been out of service for approximately one month. The Board reviewed quotes from Wayne's, Smith's, and Butcher, with Wayne's providing the lowest quote at $7,500. A motion to approve the quote for Wayne's AC at $7,500.00 was made by Susan Vigee and seconded by Devin McKnight. The motion carried without objection.

CSLED/Equine Specialist CEA: Lena Charles made a motion to approve the CEA between SLED and CSLED for the Equine Specialist position. Candace Papillion seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

Billboard Signage: After discussion regarding the signage specifications that CSLED has decided upon, Kevin Doucet made a motion to approve the concept of leasing or selling a small piece of property to CSLEDD for billboard signage. Chelsey Sharplin seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

Change Order NO 1 to 50-NI-23-01 CEA Between SLED & CSLED: Thurman Johnson made a motion to approve the Change Order No1 to 50-NI-23-01 in the amount of $20,355.00. Susan Vigee seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

SLED Podcast Room Proposal: After discussion, Thurman Johnson made amotion to approve Parish Road Media's proposal for use of the podcast room at $450 per month pending legal approval. Candace Papillion seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

2026 Manufacturing Day and Equine Day Update: Janece Riser reported that Equine Day in September and Manufacturing Day in October were both successful events that engaged local students and featured guest speakers. She also discussed plans for future career-exploration opportunities targeting middle school students and students outside of the JAG program, with an emphasis on introducing participants to careers in healthcare and the skilled trades.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vige, Tujague & Noel Engagement Letter: Susan Vigee made a motion to approve the engagement letter at cost of no more than $8,000.00. Candace Papillion seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

Vige, Tujague & Noel Agreed Upon Procedures: Susan Vigee made a motion to approve the Agreed Upon Procedure at a cost of no more than $2,000. Chelsey Sharplin seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire: Susan Vigee made a motion to approve Vige, Tujague & Noel to complete the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. Chelsey Sharplin seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

Board Comments:

- Seth Robin informed the board of Daniel Lyons' wife's passing. Discussion ensued about sending an arrangement to the funeral home.
- Seth Robin gave a quick update on the Search Committee.
- Brittany Cretchain gave an update on the upcoming events.

With no further matters to be brought before the board, a motion to adjourn was made Susan Vigee and seconded by Candace Papillion. The motion passed without objection, and the meeting adjourned at 11:04 AM.

SECRETARY: CHAIRMAN:

Chelsey Sharplin

Seth Robin