

**LOUISIANA STADIUM AND EXPOSITION DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES**  
**FROM THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 25, 2026**

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Tommy Cvitanovich. Present were Commissioners Daniel “Beckett” Becnel, Matt Bowers, Cedric Richmond, Derrick “Digger” Earles, and Tommy Cvitanovich. Absent were Chairman Robert A. Vosbein, Jr. and John Condos. A quorum is confirmed.

**I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 25, 2026, MEETING**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, with brief opening remarks by the Vice Chair, on motion by Commissioner Richmond, seconded by Commissioner Earles, the Minutes of the January 15, 2026, LSED Board Meeting were adopted.

**II. ASM/SMG REPORT (INCLUDING OPERATIONS)**

Evan Holmes then began the ASM/Legends report, which included: comments on additional security measures for Superdome events; congratulations to the Security Team, noting the performance by Farow Bouton, Jeff Powell, Laurie Ducros, and the whole Team. Mr. Holmes’ comments included ramping up for Stadium events such as Monster Jam; the Mardi Gras events; the Savannah Bananas; and the Honda Rodeo. Smoothie King Center events will include several Pelicans games and other regularly-scheduled activities and events. Mr. Holmes thanked Jessica Trabeaux for her assistance in auditing and financial controls. The hotel occupancy tax is down a bit but should rebound relative to the LSED’s budget. He anticipates a strong Spring hotel tax collection with Jazz Fest; the Savannah Bananas; and the Hondo Rodeo contributing to that success.

**[This concludes the report of Evan Holmes]**

Finn Bendana then delivered his report, which included significant event activity: the Rockin’ 1000, which was a very unique event and was the first time it played in the United States. The Smoothie King Center hosted: Nine Inch Nails, which was a sell-out; the Katt Williams Comedy Show; several Pelicans games; upcoming shows by B2K, Bow Wow, and The Boys for Life Tour. He also commented on the Savannah Bananas preparation and experience and noted the upcoming Crescent City Classic which has its start at Champion Square. Rescheduling has led to the Queens show being moved from February until early May; Rob49 for early June; and recently-announced CeCe Winans for October.

**[This concludes the report of Finn Bendana]**

Jessica Trabeaux then gave her Financial Report which included: In comparing Budget to actual figures, a break-even or small surplus is expected. She will continue to monitor and

manage the hotel occupancy tax collections, event revenue, and reduction in spending in certain expense categories.

Corey Dublin then added specifics as to: the hotel tax collections; updates to the rolling forecast; a return to hotel occupancy levels equal to pre-COVID and 2019; optimism concerning a strong Sugar Bowl, Mardi Gras, and Savannah Bananas attendance; a strong calendar year for non-tenant events; expected events for 2026; an emphasis on higher quality shows such as Billie Eilish, NBA Youngboy, Paul McCartney, and other high-profile events.

**[This concludes the report of Jessica Trabeaux]**

Next, Eileen Long gave the Construction Report, which included updates concerning: the Alario Center Life Safety Project; The Shrine on Airline Conversion Project with the expectation of GMP information by March 6<sup>th</sup>, and a tentative construction start date in mid-April 2026.

At the Smoothie King Center, the Pelicans-funded Players Corridor Upgrade Project is underway, as is the Freight Elevator Project. At TPC Louisiana, the site generators for dewatering project is underway, with construction drawings due by March 9<sup>th</sup>. Bidding should begin shortly thereafter.

**[This concludes the report of Eileen Long]**

Kathleen Turner then provided the diversity report, which noted the following: the 2026 engagement relationship with YouthForce NOLA, which serves as an engine for career connections with high school students; the Legends Commitment to serve as an exhibitor at a March Career Exposition; the hosting of YouthForce interns; the participation in the business of diversity in sports and entertainment conference (“BDSE”), which has a focus on diverse supplier inclusion.

**[This concludes the ASM/Legends report by Kathleen Turner]**

### **III. LEGAL REPORT**

The Chairman then turned the report over to Mr. Roedel for the Legal Report, which included 11 Resolutions for consideration, all of which have been vetted, all of which are fully funded if funding is required, and all of which have the recommendation of Legal Counsel. The Resolutions are made a part of these Minutes.

**[This concludes the report of LSED Legal Counsel Larry Roedel]**

### **IV. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

(None at this time.)

V. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no Public comment, on motion of Commissioner Cvitanovich, with all Commissioners present concurring, the meeting was adjourned at 1:48 PM.