

**LOUISIANA STADIUM AND EXPOSITION DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES**  
**FROM THE MEETING OF MARCH 18, 2026**

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** The meeting was called to order at 1:15 PM by Chairman Robert Vosbein, Jr. The Commissioners present were Commissioner Robert Vosbein, Jr.; Commissioners Daniel “Beckett” Becnel, Matt Bowers, Tommy Cvitanovich, Courtney Guastella, and Cedric Richmond. Commissioner Derrick “Digger” Earles was absent. A quorum is confirmed.

**I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 25, 2025, MEETING**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Vosbein made his opening remarks, which included a thank you to Commissioner John Condos, who was moving from the LSED Board to the LSU Board of Supervisors. Commissioner Condos was thanked for his service to the LSED. Governor Landry has appointed Courtney Guastella to serve as an LSED Commissioner. She brings an excellent background in governmental service to the Board. LSED Legal Counsel then administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Guastella so that she could begin her service on the LSED Board.

On motion of Commissioner Richmond, seconded by Commissioner Cvitanovich, the Minutes from the February 25, 2026, LSED Board Meeting were officially adopted.

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

Evan Holmes began the ASM global report by noting: the immediate success of the Savannah Bananas; the close monitoring of the Hotel Occupancy Tax; controls in place to monitor expenses; the Budgeting process; the close working relationship with New Orleans and Company; the management of self-generated revenues; the focus on operational efficiencies; preparation for the Legislative Auditing Process; the focus on HB-1, which is the State’s Operating Budget; HB-2, the State’s Capital Budget; and the impact of those Budgets on LSED operations. Mr. Holmes then deferred to Finn Bendana for a Summary of Event activity.

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

Finn Bendana began his report by noting: the successful Monster Jam Production, with attendance above 35,000; the B2K/BowWow Rap Concert at Smoothie King Center; the sold-out crowd for two Savannah Bananas games; the plan for a return visit by the Savannah Bananas; a congratulations to the ASM staff for the building preparation and conversion to accommodate the Savannah Bananas event; and an explanation of how the Savannah Bananas reach out to the local community, as noted by Commissioner Becnel. Upcoming events include: the continuing Pelicans season; We Them One’s Comedy Tour 2026; Manna (a Mexican rock group); the Lumineers; comedian Nate Bergatze, with over 13,000 patrons

expected; the Home & Garden Show 2026 and The Boat Show combination for the Superdome; the upcoming Crescent City Classic; New Edition, Boyz 2 Men and Tony Braxton at the Smoothie King Center; and the upcoming Hondo Rodeo Fest, a collaboration with the State, the New Orleans Sports Foundation, and the LSED. This will include three days of rodeo, plus outstanding country music acts. The Smoothie King Center will be hosting the Hot Wheels Monster Trucks for the third straight year and, finally, will be hosting the X Games, which is a well-known alternative sport with two nights of concerts at the Smoothie King Center and a Fan Fest Event in Champion Square.

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

Abby Jones then provided her report, which included: a summary of the social impact of the Savannah Bananas Event across all social media platforms. The amount of exposure and visibility was valued at more than \$117 million. Total engagement was over \$1.1 million; special touches were provided to the female player on the Savannah Bananas as part of Women's History Month. A video presentation was shown. The Smoothie King Center has been selected to host the Western Governor's University Commencement Program with a welcoming party in Champion Square and two Commencement services with 3,400 attendees in one and 4,200 in the second. Abby also noted the Press Conference for Every Woman's Marathon with over 7,000 runners registered to date.

Next, the facilities are hosting the ATF's National Recognition Test, which is a 3-day event that tests the police and military canine teams across a number of tests and activities.

As Evan Holmes noted, Jeff Powell, now in charge of Security, is a retired ATF Agent who played a big role in securing this unique event for the LSED facilities.

**[This concludes the report of Abby Jones]**

Jessica Trabeaux then presented the Financial Report which included: updated cash flow forecast; improvements in financial reporting; working closely with the Legislative Auditor Team to wrap up the Audit Season.

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

Corey Dublin then provided additional details, including the Hotel/Motel Tax challenges; improvements in self-generated revenues related to the Savannah Bananas, X-Games, and Hondo Rodeo events; expense control, including insurance premiums; tracking actual numbers with Budget numbers; in light of a current decline of the Hotel/Motel Tax Revenue Stream.

In response to a question by Commissioner Becnel, Mr. Dublin explained that The Shrine on Airline experienced a decline in revenue because it held fewer events last year and the NOLA Gold Season was down compared to the prior year. Evan Holmes then provided additional financial context.

Mr. Dublin further explained that revenue collections are down this year compared to last year, which included both the Super Bowl and the three Taylor Swift concerts. An uptick in revenue should be shown following Mardi Gras, the Savannah Bananas, and a busy Event calendar for March and April. Mr. Dublin then addressed Total Event Revenue and Total Event numbers at the Superdome and Smoothie King Center.

**[This concludes the report of Corey Dublin]**

Eileen Long then gave the Construction Report, which included: A Status Report on the ADA and Life Safety upgrades at the Alario Center; the Shrine on Airline Conversion Project; the Smoothie King Center Freight Elevator Upgrades; the substantial completion of the Superdome Parking Garage Repair Project; and the TPC Louisiana Site Generators Dewatering Project.

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

Kathleen Turner then gave the Diversity Report which included: the Legends Global Business Incubator Program; the YouthForce NOLA Career Expo Event; and the Legends New Orleans Human Resource Team's participation in that event.

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

### **III. LEGAL REPORT**

The Chairman then called on LSED Legal Counsel to present the eight Resolutions on today's Agenda, all of which have been approved by Legal and are fully funded if they require monetary funding, at all. 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 Vosbein, with all Commissioners present concurring, the meeting was adjourned at 2:13 PM.