

**LOUISIANA STADIUM AND EXPOSITION DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES  
FROM THE MEETING OF APRIL 22, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Kyle M. France, Hilary H. Landry, Gregory A. Morrison, Henry N. Baptiste, J.P. Morrell, and Casey J. Robin.

**ABSENT:** Wells T. Watson

**ROLL CALL and WELCOME**

Chairman Kyle France called the April 22, 2021 meeting to order at approximately 1:05 p.m. Present: Commissioners Kyle M. France, Hilary H. Landry, Gregory A. Morrison, J.P. Morrell, Casey J. Robin, and Henry N. Baptiste. Absent: Wells T. Watson

Chairman Kyle M. France reads aloud the Certification under Act 302 of the 2020 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature related to open meetings, pursuant to which the LSED is authorized to conduct the December meeting via telephone conference.

Chairman France, conducts a roll call, with six commissioners responding. Legal Counsel confirms there is a quorum in order to proceed with the Board meeting.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 24, 2021 MEETING**

Chairman France asked for a motion for approval of the Minutes of the (March 24, 2021) Board Meeting. Commissioner Landry moved for approval of same, seconded by Commissioner Robin. All were in favor, and the Minutes of the March 24, 2021 Board meeting were adopted.

**II. ASM REPORT**

Doug Thornton begins the ASM report by providing an industry update. Mr. Thornton notes that there is continued progression as it relates to live entertainment; more and more events are taking place. An ASM facility is due to host a UFC MMA event at 100 percent capacity. The UFC is also planning a 100 percent capacity event in mid-May in Houston, Texas at the Toyota Center. There is a possibility of hosting a Monster Truck show with Feld Entertainment in late July at 25 percent capacity, which is about 17,500 people in the Superdome. The event would occur after Phase 2 and right before the football season, with the possibility of doing two shows in one day. Feld Motor Sports, WWE, PBR, and Cirque du Soleil are, what we call "equity shows," which means they have investments in equipment, people and staff and can play shows at 25 percent capacity and do two or three shows as opposed to a touring act that may have to go across the country and need 80, 90, or 100 percent capacity to make the economics work. We are currently waiting on approval from the City of New Orleans to host three events in July: Monster Truck, The Harlem Globetrotters, and WWE at the Arena with 4200 seat capacity, which is about 22 percent of the total capacity in the building. These events would represent the very first non-Saints, non-Pelicans event back in the building. Fiscal year 2022 will begin on July 1<sup>st</sup> and hosting these events will be extremely helpful to the budget. Seven concerts have been confirmed between August and December and we have eleven separate concert holds. Mr. Thornton emphasizes that Mike Schilling has been closely working with the City of New Orleans to get approvals to do events at reduced capacity and hopefully by fall at 100 percent capacity.

Mr. Thornton briefly discusses the current fiscal year budget with the end of the fiscal year approaching on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Hotel taxes are continuing to struggle; the January-February collections came back worse than anticipated, causing further deterioration in revenues and without the ability to host events, there is no income. The budget deficit has now increased. The previous shortfall projection was about \$12.5 million dollars and now it has increased to \$15 million dollars due to the drop in hotel taxes that was unanticipated. Continued staffing, overhead, and third-party budget cuts have been made and at this point no further cuts can be made with the ongoing basketball season and renovations, but we will closely monitor the event-related manpower and labor. The LSED is currently working with the State Administration to obtain a supplemental appropriation request in the amount of \$12.5 million dollars. We hope to get enough to cover the insurance premium payment for the Office of Risk Management, which is about \$4 million dollars. Another step being taken to save budget dollars is the deferment of the Master Lease payment on Champions Square to Zelia Corporation, which saves about \$2.6 million dollars. The deferment will have to be paid over time but will help relieve against the current \$15 million budget deficit. Borrowed funds in the renovation account would allow us to bridge the difference in the current fiscal year; it would later require the funds to be replaced. The American Rescue Plan would be the source that would allow us to obtain the borrowed money that would be used to bridge the operating deficit. Mr. Thornton states that the LSED is the most impacted agency in the State and because the LSED can't generate any revenues and had a tremendous lost in hotel tax, he believes the LSED has a good chance of receiving funds from the State. Mr. Thornton also notes the possibility of the LSED being eligible for the Small Business Association Program Shuttered Venue Grant under the new guidelines issued 10 days ago.

Commissioner Robin asks Mr. Thornton a few questions regarding the entertainment industry and they briefly discuss how the Covid restrictions are affecting the entertainment industry along with Mr. Bouton. Mr. Schilling briefly tells the Board how he is closely working with the City to allow for greater capacities as it related to events in the Superdome and Smoothie King Center.

[This concludes the ASM report]

Evan Holmes presents the Services Report by providing a brief update on the first two budget hearings with the Senate Finance Committee and the House Appropriations Committee for the upcoming fiscal year. Mr. Holmes discussed with the Committee the impacts that reduced hotel tax and self-generated revenues have caused as well as the mitigation efforts made with respect to same. Mr. Holmes states that both hearings were a success. Phase 2 work is continuing at the Superdome which includes the new field level suites as well as the corner standing room decks at the 200 and 500 level. The Zurich Classic is operating at a reduced capacity. The Shrine on Airline is currently the venue generating the most business; they continue to host Nola Gold events at a reduced capacity, vaccination sites, and will host an upcoming drive-in concert with local acts hosted by Farmstand Entertainment.

[This concludes the Services Report.]

Mike Schilling presents the Facility Operations Report by reporting that the Superdome is still closed for renovations and the renovations are going very well. Event activity continues to be very limited to Pelicans basketball games. The Pelicans are stills struggling with fan attendance.

However, the fan attendance did break the 3,000 fan mark on April 9<sup>th</sup> against the 76ers. The Pelicans are currently in 11<sup>th</sup> place in the Western Conference and they will be hosting five Pelicans games over the next 30 days at the Smoothie King Center. There was a recent meeting with the Pelicans to discuss the 2021-2022 season calendar and structure format and Mr. Schilling notes that they have returned to their regular season calendar. Numerous inquiries are being received from concert promoters for available dates in 2022. Many 2021 confirmed concerts are still in place for fall of 2021. Two big country concerts were confirmed recently, Kane Brown and Eric Church. Kane Brown will take place in the fourth quarter of 2021 and Eric Church is scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup> of 2022. Champions Square continues to go eventless due to the ongoing Covid-restrictions. Ongoing conversations are being held with the City of New Orleans and the State Fire Marshal regarding nonsporting event attendance guidelines and the effectiveness of the LSED's VenueShield protocols that have been in place. The KIPS New Orleans School commencements are confirmed and are scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup>. The attendance is expected to be approximately 1600 guests. Efforts continue regarding the implementation of the new Superdome naming rights sponsor, including securing the internet domain names. Negotiations with Centerplate continue regarding contract restructuring of the current fiscal year as well as a one-year extension. The restructuring is necessary due to the limited event revenues currently being generated and the responsibility of the venues to fund Centerplate's operations. Annual employee training discussions and preparations are under way. The Saints Game Day Training Session usually takes place in July or one month prior to the first Saints preseason game in August. The operations department is continuing the relocation, planning, and execution of spaces that are impacted due to Phase 3a renovations. The operations departments also continues to meet all of the VenueShield and NBA standards relative to cleaning sanitation and air quality for the Pelicans games. The same standards would be used for all future events.

Mr. Schilling takes the Board through a series of PowerPoint slides relative to local venues. The Smoothie King Center is officially a Global Biorisk Advisory Council accredited facility known as GBAC. It is one of 2 facilities in the State that have the GBAC accreditation and the accreditation was also required by the NBA. GBAC is an organization that provides an assessment on a facility's preparedness for Biorisk prevention and responsiveness. This organization sets a very high standard on disinfecting, sanitation and standard operating procedures. GBAC is the gold standard in facility accreditation in the local area and T.J. Boudreaux is the compliance manager who has taken the lead on this initiative and is working very closely with the advisory council to get this accomplished. There are very few facilities in the country that have this accreditation as this is a big deal in the Biorisk world.

Mr. Schilling turns it over to Ms. Talbot who briefly discusses the new campaign that was started and will evolve as the months go by outlining live events. Ms. Talbot notes that after a 13 month hiatus there are now some events to promote. A monthly calendar of events that outlines all of the events taking place was sent out this past month. This usually results in direct ticket sales. The new campaign is focused on being mobile friendly because so many people are getting their information on phones versus a desktop. The presale email for Kane Brown resulted in 503 ticket sales with over \$32,000 in sales on the pre-sale email blast. Ms. Talbot emphasizes that everything is back in order and looking good for the future.

[This concludes the Facility Operations Report]

#### **IV. FINANCE REPORT**

David Weidler presents the Finance Report by stating that the budget shortfall increased by \$4 million. Mr. Weidler notes that he is currently preparing the 2022 budget and plans to present it to the Board at the May LSED meeting.

[This concludes the Finance Report.]

#### **CONSTRUCTION REPORT**

Eileen Long presents a brief summary of the construction projects.

Master Plan Superdome Renovation: With respect to Phase 2, the project is half way done. The first half of the project involved demolition and pouring slabs, and now different areas are starting to get framed. In the next two weeks, the north end zone suites, club areas, and food service areas are going to start to be framed and have all the mechanical, electrical and plumbing installed and the walls started. The two north end auxiliary locker rooms and the NFL visiting locker rooms have undergone plumbing and slab has been poured and now they are starting to tape and prime the walls, and install backer board and tile on those areas. The substation work is continuing and in the next two weeks the event level electrical work will be completed. The demolition on the ADA platforms and viewing decks on level 200 and 500 are complete. The ceilings have started to get framed. Commissary work for Phase 3a will begin after the football season starts. All of Centerplate has been moved out of their existing areas and have been shifted around so that the work can commence.

Alario Center Kitchen Replacement Project: The project has just about finished. Fire Marshal approval was received and the department of Health has signed off on the entire building except for one 3-compartment sink that was back ordered, which will be in at the end of the month. Kitchen equipment is in and the flooring is done. In the coming week there will be a punch list meeting with the design team and the food service operator for the Alario Center will come out with the contractor to make sure all the equipment is properly working.

TPC-No current project since the completion of the Bunker Renovation Project.

Westwego Sports Complex: The architect Duplantis Design Group has finished design development drawings. A meeting was conducted with Legends, DDG, Hilary from LSED, and Jefferson Parish to review the project. The construction drawings are still slated to be finished by the end of June with hopes of putting Phase I and Phase II of the project out for bid by July 1st. The project is project to cost below the \$26 million dollars that was targeted. A revised Conditional Use Permit set of drawings were submitted on February 8<sup>th</sup>; comments were received from Duplantis Design Group. A Public hearing will be held on May 6th, with the Jefferson Parish Council meeting occurring on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman France notes for the record that Commissioners Baptiste and Morrison are in attendance and participating in this meeting.

[This concludes the Construction Report.]

## **VI. LEGAL REPORT**

Shawn M. Bridgewater introduced the LSED Legal Report and presented the following 11 Resolutions, which were approved by the Board of Commissioners as noted below:

On motion of Commissioner Landry, seconded by Commissioner Robin, the LSED authorized and approved an appropriation from the LSED Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$18,539.59 to purchase equipment and make repairs necessary to maintain and operate the Mercedes Benz Superdome, the Smoothie King Center, and Champions Square for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year, including the specific items described on the Capital Reserve Request attached to the Resolution. SMG has received competitive proposals for the equipment and the repairs related thereto. SMG (acting on behalf of the LSED) and/or Chairman Kyle M. France are authorized to sign the respective Purchase Requisitions and related documents for the specific equipment to be purchased and the repairs to be made by ADS Alarm, Detection & Suppression Systems, A-1 Elevator, Ferguson Enterprises, LLC, Titan of Louisiana, Inc., AllTemp Insulations, CT Traina, AirPro Services and Semper Fire Protection. Copies of each of the Purchase Requisition forms and related documents are attached to the Resolution. The funding source is the LSED Capital Reserve Account, and there are sufficient funds to support this Resolution.

Voting in favor were Commissioners Kyle M. France, Hilary H. Landry, Gregory A. Morrison, Casey J. Robin, J.P. Morrell, and Henry N. Baptiste Voting against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Wells T. Watson. Motion **21-23 passed**.

On motion of Commissioner Robin, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, the LSED authorized, ratified and approved Phase 1a Guaranteed Maximum Price Adjustment No. 15 (“Phase 1a GMP Adjustment No. 15”) and Phase 2 Guaranteed Maximum Price Adjustment Nos. 1 and 2 (“Phase 2 GMP Adjustment Nos. 1 and 2”) (collectively “Phase 1 and Phase 2 GMP Adjustments”) to the Phase 1a and Phase 2 Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendments for the Construction Manager at Risk Contract by and between the LSED and Broadmoor, LLC, dated May 1, 2019 and January 29, 2021, with respect to the 2019 Superdome Capital Improvements Project (“Master Plan Project”). The Phase 1 and Phase 2 GMP Adjustments provide as follows;

- (i) Phase 1a GMP Adjustment No. 15 provides for an increase in the amount of \$220,402.00 to the Phase 1a Master Plan Project Guaranteed Maximum Price for costs associated with the additional scope of work related to the impacted conference rooms at the Project Site all as more fully described on the Phase 1 GMP Adjustment No. 15 attached to the Resolution;
- (ii) Phase 2 GMP Adjustment No. 1 provides for a no cost change to the Phase 2 Master Plan Project Guaranteed Maximum Price to incorporate the baseline scheduling for Phase 2 of the Master Plan Project; and
- (iii) Phase 2 GMP Adjustment No. 2 provides for a net increase to the Phase 2 Master Plan Project Guaranteed Maximum Price in the amount of

\$234,203.00 for adjustments to costs associated with the progression of the architectural and structural construction documents from 50% to 100% all as more fully described on the Phase 2 GMP Adjustment No. 2 attached to the Resolution.

This Resolution has been recommended by Legends Hospitality (Master Plan Project Manager) and Trahan Architects (Project Architect), and has been approved by the Master Plan Project Team, consisting of the LSED Project Representative, the ASM Project Representative, and the New Orleans Saints Project Representative. The source of funding for Phase 1a GMP Adjustment No. 15 and Phase 2 GMP Adjustment Nos. 1 and 2 is the Master Plan Project Budget, and there are sufficient funds to support this Resolution. The execution of the Phase 1a GMP Adjustment No. 15 and the Phase 2 GMP Adjustment Nos. 1 and 2 by LSED Project Representative, Commissioner Hilary H. Landry is hereby authorized, ratified and approved.

Voting in favor were Commissioners Kyle M. France, Hilary H. Landry, Gregory A. Morrison, Casey J. Robin, J.P. Morrell, and Henry N. Baptiste Voting against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Wells T. Watson. Motion **21-24 passed**.

On motion of Commissioner Landry, seconded by Commissioner Baptiste, the LSED authorized, approved, and ratified Trahan Architects, Additional Service Requests Nos. 7r2, ASR 11r3, ASR 12r2, and 23r4 (collectively, "ASR 7r2, ASR 11r3, ASR 12r2, and ASR 23r4") with respect to the 2019 Superdome Capital Improvements Project (the "Master Plan Project") under its Contract for architectural services, dated March 25, 2019, as amended ("Trahan Contract"). The Additional Architectural Services that are to be performed by Trahan pursuant to ASR Nos. 7r2, 11r3, 12r2 and 23r4 (copies of which are attached to the Resolution), shall consist of the following:

- (i) ASR Nos. 7r2 and 12r2 provide for the performance of Additional Architectural Services related to (i) Phase 1 Existing Conditions and Design Models Reconciliation for a reduced, not to exceed fee of \$102,413.75, and (ii) Phase 2-5 Existing Conditions and Design Models Reconciliation for a reduced, not to exceed fee of \$77,125.00;
- (ii) ASR No. 11r3 provides for the performance of Additional Architectural Services related to design changes related to scope and budget adjustments for Phases 1-5 of the Master Plan Project for a not to exceed fee of \$1,769,103.00; and
- (iii) ASR No. 23r4 provides for the performance of Additional Architectural Services related to the redraw and redesign of the Master Plan Project for Phases 3b+ for a reduced not to exceed fee of \$3,400,000.00.

This Resolution has been recommended by Legends Hospitality (Master Plan Project Manager-copy of which is attached to the Resolution) and has been approved by the Master Plan Project Team, consisting of the LSED Project Representative, the ASM Project Representative, and the New Orleans Saints Project Representative. The source of funds for ASR Nos. 7r2, 11r3, 12r2, and 23r4 is the Master Plan Project Budget and there are sufficient funds to support the Resolution. The execution of ASR Nos. 7r2, 11r3, 12r2, and 23r4 by Commissioner Hilary H. Landry is hereby authorized, approved, and ratified.

Voting in favor were Commissioners Kyle M. France, Hilary H. Landry, Gregory A. Morrison, Casey J. Robin, J.P. Morrell, and Henry N. Baptiste Voting against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Wells T. Watson. Motion **21-25 passed**.

On motion of Commissioner Robin, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, Pursuant to Resolution 21-16, dated March 24, 2021, the Louisiana Stadium & Exposition District (“LSED”) accepted the Base Bid of Daktronics, Inc. in the amount of \$2,248,379.00 (“Bid”), as the lowest responsive bid for the LED Fascia Displays and Control Systems Procurement (“Project”). On April 15, 2021, the LSED received the attached letter from Daktronics, Inc. wherein it requests the LSED to withdraw its Bid from consideration due to its inability to meet the Project schedule as required by the bid documents. Accordingly, the LSED hereby authorizes, confirms and approves the following actions with respect to the Project:

1. Accepts the request of Daktronics, Inc. to withdraw its Bid dated March 3, 2021 and rescinds LSED Resolution 21-16, dated March 24, 2021;
2. Based on the review, examination, and recommendations of ASM Global and Legends Hospitality (as the Master Plan Project Manager) the LSED recognizes and accepts the Base Bid of ANC Sports Enterprises, LLC in the amount of \$2,363,057.00, as the lowest responsive bid for the Project; and
3. Authorizes and approves the negotiation of an agreement/contract with ANC Sports Enterprises, LLC on terms and conditions that are acceptable to the Master Plan Project Team and LSED Legal Counsel (“Project Contract”).

This Resolution has the Staff Analysis Support and Recommendation of ASM Global, and Legends Hospitality (copies of which are attached to the Resolution), and has been approved by the LSED Construction Committee and the Master Plan Project Team, consisting of the LSED Project Representative, the ASM Project Representative, and the New Orleans Saints Project Representative. The source of funding for this Resolution is the Master Plan Project Budget and there are sufficient funds to support this Resolution. Chairman Kyle M. France and/or Commissioner Hilary H. Landry are hereby authorized to execute the Project Contract.

Voting in favor were Commissioners Kyle M. France, Hilary H. Landry, Gregory A. Morrison, Casey J. Robin, J.P. Morrell, and Henry N. Baptiste Voting against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Wells T. Watson. Motion **21-26 passed**.

On motion of Commissioner Baptiste, seconded by Commissioner Landry, the LSED authorized, approved, and ratified the negotiation and execution of a Site Use Agreement (“Agreement”) by and between the LSED and Farmstand Entertainment, LLC (“Farmstand”) with respect to the limited use of the parking facility at the Stadium on Airline Drive for a series of outdoor drive-in concerts, on such terms and conditions as are more fully set forth in the Agreement attached to the Resolution. The execution of the Farmstand Agreement by Chairman Kyle M. France is hereby and herein ratified.

Voting in favor were Commissioners Kyle M. France, Hilary H. Landry, Gregory A. Morrison, Casey J. Robin, J.P. Morrell, and Henry N. Baptiste Voting against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Wells T. Watson. Motion **21-27 passed.**

On motion of Commissioner Robin, seconded by Commissioner Landry, the LSED authorized, approved, and ratified the negotiation and execution of a Site Use Agreement (“Agreement”) by and between the LSED and Southern Quality Ford Dealers, LLC (“Southern Quality”) with respect to the limited use of the parking facility at the Stadium on Airline Drive for a Ford Motor Company exhibition event, on such terms and conditions as are more fully set forth in the Agreement attached to the Resolution. The execution of the Southern Quality Agreement by Chairman Kyle M. France is hereby and herein ratified.

Voting in favor were Commissioners Kyle M. France, Hilary H. Landry, Gregory A. Morrison, Casey J. Robin, J.P. Morrell, and Henry N. Baptiste Voting against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Wells T. Watson. Motion **21-28 passed.**

On motion of Commissioner Robin, seconded by Commissioner Landry, the LSED authorized and approved Change Order No. 005 to the Contract between the LSED and CM Combs Construction, LLC with respect to the Alario Center Kitchen Replacement Project No. ALR-2017-KIT-AFC825KR1 (the “Project Contract”). Change Order No. 005 reflects a total increase in the amount of \$11,349.53 to the Project Contract that consists of the following: (i) an increase of \$2,315.93 to the Project Contract amount to furnish and install safety quick disconnects to (7) seven gas appliances at the Project Site, (ii) an increase of \$6,266.33 to the Project Contract amount to furnish and install (3) three compartment sink plus faucets at the Project site, and (iii) an increase of \$2,767.27 to the Project Contract amount to furnish and install regulators to the kitchen equipment at the Project site.

This Resolution has the Staff Analysis Support and Recommendation of ASM Global and has been approved by the LSED Construction Committee. The source of funding for Change Order No. 005 is the Alario Center Capital Outlay, and there are sufficient funds to support this Resolution. Chairman Kyle M. France is hereby authorized to execute Change Order No. 005 (a copy of which is attached to the Resolution).

Voting in favor were Commissioners Kyle M. France, Hilary H. Landry, Gregory A. Morrison, Casey J. Robin, J.P. Morrell, and Henry N. Baptiste Voting against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Wells T. Watson. Motion **21-29 passed.**

On motion of Commissioner Landry, seconded by Commissioner Robin, the LSED authorized and approved the negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 002 (“Amendment No. 002”) to the Agreement for Professional Services by and between the LSED and Duplantis Design Group, P.C. dated August 25, 2017 (“Contract”) for the 2017 Westwego Sports Complex Project (“Westwego Project”). Pursuant to Amendment No. 002, the Contract amount will be increase by \$13,925.00 for costs associated with additional surveying that is required in connection with the Westwego Project.

This Resolution has the Staff Analysis and Recommendation of ASM Global (copy attached to the Resolution) and has been approved by the LSED Construction Committee. The



source of funds for Amendment No. 002 is the Westwego Sports Complex Project Capital Outlay and there are sufficient funds to support the Resolution. Chairman Kyle M. France is hereby authorized to execute Amendment No. 002 (a copy of which is attached to the Resolution).

Voting in favor were Commissioners Kyle M. France, Hilary H. Landry, Gregory A. Morrison, Casey J. Robin, J.P. Morrell, and Henry N. Baptiste Voting against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Wells T. Watson. Motion **21-30 passed.**

On motion of Commissioner Landry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, the LSED authorized and approved the negotiation and execution of a settlement agreement with one or more of the defendants in the lawsuits entitled (i) "*Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District and The State of Louisiana v. GAF Materials, LLC and GAF Corporation*" Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans, No. 17-10443, Division N, Section 8 and (ii) "*Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District and The State of Louisiana v. Brazos Industries, LLC*", 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court for the Parish of East Baton Rouge, No. 691760, Division F, Section 22 and (collectively the "Lawsuit") and further authorizes Chairman Kyle M. France and LSED Legal Counsel to finalize the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement with one or more of the defendants in the lawsuit and sign and file any and all pleadings and other papers consistent with the terms of the Settlement Agreement in order to obtain a full and/or partial dismissal of the Lawsuit.

Voting in favor were Commissioners Kyle M. France, Hilary H. Landry, Gregory A. Morrison, Casey J. Robin, J.P. Morrell, and Henry N. Baptiste Voting against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Wells T. Watson. Motion **21-31 passed.**

On motion of Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Robin, Pursuant to Title V, Section 5005 of the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits and Venues Act ("Shuttered Venue Operators Act"), the U. S. Small Business Administration has established a grant program for live venue operators to provide grants for unforeseen expenses and revenue losses associated with event cancellation and venue closures resulting from the Coronavirus Disease of 2019 ("COVID-19").

The Shuttered Venue Operators Act and associated federal guidance has established procedures and guidelines whereby the Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District ("LSED") could be eligible to receive one or more grants through the U.S. Small Business Administration, upon the completion and submission of an application and other related forms and documents (collectively, the "Shuttered Venue Operator Grant Application").

In connection with the submission of the Shuttered Venue Operator Grant Application, the LSED will require the engagement of LaPorte, APAC to perform professional services related to the preparation and compilation of schedules to include, without limitation, LSED financial data, revenue(s), receipt(s) and expenses for the period that covers the 2019 and 2020 calendar and LSED Fiscal Years.

This Resolution authorizes, approves and ratifies: (i) the engagement of LaPorte, APAC to perform professional accounting services related to the preparation and compilation of the necessary financial, revenue, receipt and expense information to complete the LSED Shuttered Venue Operator Grant Application, all as more fully described in the attached engagement letter;

(ii) the preparation and completion of the LSED Shuttered Venue Operator Grant Application, and  
(ii) the execution and submission by Chairman, Kyle M. France of any and all documents that are required in connection with the LSED Shuttered Venue Operator Grant Application.

This Resolution has the Staff Analysis Support and Recommendation of ASM Global. Chairman Kyle M. France is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents that are required in connection with the LSED Shuttered Venue Operator Grant Application.

Voting in favor were Commissioners Kyle M. France, Hilary H. Landry, Gregory A. Morrison, Casey J. Robin, J.P. Morrell, and Henry N. Baptiste Voting against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Wells T. Watson. Motion **21-32 passed.**

On motion of Commissioner Landry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, the LSED authorized and approved Chairman Kyle M. France, upon the recommendation of Legal Counsel and Bond Counsel, to request any opinion from the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana that may be beneficial to the plan of finance for the 2019 Superdome Capital Improvements Project.

Voting in favor were Commissioners Kyle M. France, Hilary H. Landry, Gregory A. Morrison, Casey J. Robin, J.P. Morrell, and Henry N. Baptiste Voting against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Wells T. Watson. Motion **21-33 passed.**

[This concludes the Legal Report.]

## **VII. BOARD REPORTS**

Chairman France announces that Zane Collins will be joining the ASM Team to replace Alan Freeman as General Manager of the Superdome, Smoothie King Center, and Champion Square.

## **VIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The LSED April 22, 2021 monthly meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.