

**Iberia Economic Development Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
Friday, April 24, 2026**

Board of Commissioners of the Iberia Economic Development Authority
met on Friday, April 24, 2026, at 7:30 a.m. at
101 Burke Street, New Iberia, LA 70560

The meeting was called to order by Cecil Hymel and the roll was called for.

Members Present: Cecil Hymel, Scott Saunier, David O, Korey Kimball, Bart Romero

Members Absent:

Others Present: Michael Tarantino, Jeff Simon, Elizabeth Belton, Evelyn Ducote, Troy Villa (Zoom)

Public Comments: None

Mr. Hymel asked the Commissioners to review the March 24, 2026 Special Meeting minutes and the March 2026 regular meeting minutes. On a motion by Korey Kimball, seconded by David O., the Special Meeting minutes were unanimously approved. On a motion by Scott Saunier, seconded by Korey Kimball, the regular meeting minutes for the month of March were unanimously approved.

Mr. Hymel asked the Commissioners to review the financials for the month of March 2026. On a motion by Korey Kimball, seconded by David O., the financials were unanimously approved.

Mr. Hymel asked the Commissioners to discuss and consider the approval of new policies and procedures. On a motion by Scott Saunier and seconded by David. O, the new policies and procedures were unanimously approved.

A motion was made by David O. seconded by Korey Kimball, and unanimously accepted, to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy and/or negotiations with respect to prospective litigation with the Iberia Parish School District and the Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office, after formal written demand when an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body. Mrs. Belton and Mrs. Ducote were excused. Mr. Tarantino was invited to stay for the remainder of the Executive Session. On a motion by Korey Kimball, seconded by Scott Saunier, the motion to close the Executive Session was unanimously approved, and the regular session was resumed. Upon going back into regular session, Mr. Simon reported that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

Mr. Hymel asked Mr. Tarantino to give his Business Park update. Mr. Tarantino introduced Dax Douet and Chase Berard from C.H. Fenstermaker and asked them to give the commissioners a progress update on Progress Point. Mr. Douet reported on communications with Facility Planning & Control and coordination with utilities regarding general plans in moving forward with the Progress Point Master Plan.

Mr. Hymel asked Mr. Tarantino to give his Economic Development Update. Mr. Tarantino decided to forego the Economic Development update at this time.

On a motion by Scott Saunier, seconded by Korey Kimball, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 22, 2026, at 7:30 AM. The meeting will be held at the IDF Offices.