

**LOUISIANA STADIUM AND EXPOSITION DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES**  
**FROM THE MEETING OF JANUARY 15, 2026**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 20, 2025, MEETING**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and opening remarks by Chairman Vosbein, on motion of Commissioner Cvitanovich, seconded by Commissioner Condos, the Minutes of the November 20, 2025, LSED Board Meeting were adopted.

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

Evan Holmes began the ASM report by providing a summary of the calendar year and events. He focused on budget-related matters, including the hotel occupancy tax running a bit behind the 3-year rolling average. However, major events such as Mardi Gras and Jazz Fest remain to support an uptick in hotel tax collections. The event traffic at both facilities continues to over-perform. Jessica Trabeaux, Finance Director, will provide additional details.

Evan Holmes then moved on to operational structure to both introduce and recognize the names and responsibilities on the Organizational Chart. Mike Schilling serves as the Assistant General Manager of the Superdome; Farow Bouton serves as Director of Services and Public Safety; Jessica Trabeaux is the Finance and Accounting Director; Corey Dublin has been elevated to Director of Business Intelligence; Finn Bendana serves as Operations Manager; Jeff Powell serves as Director of Public Safety and In-House Security; Laurie Ducros has been elevated to oversee all front-of-house events, ushers, ticket-takers, and planning of events behind the scenes. Chairman Vosbein then recognized and congratulated ASM employees who have received promotions and/or reassignments on the Organizational Chart.

Evan Holmes provided an Event recap which included: the Brandy and Monica Show; the Jonas Brothers; the LHSAA High School Football Championship Games; the Trans-Siberian Orchestra Event; the New Orleans Bowl; the Sugar Bowl with Ole Miss and Georgia; the final 2 Saints games; and plans for Mardi Gras festivities.

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

Finn Bendana then provided his report, which included: the Rockin’ 1000 event. This event is playing its first U.S. concert at the Superdome. Upcoming events include Nine Inch Nails at the Smoothie King Center; the Comedian Katt Williams; the Queens (which includes Gladys Knight, Patti LaBelle; Chaka Khan; and Stephanie Mills); multiple Pelicans home

games; Mana, a Mexican pop-rock band; the Lumineers; a local rapper known as Rob49; and the Hondo Rodeo, which will have an All-Star Lineup including Jason Aldean, Cody Johnson; and Creed. Finally, a major announcement included the Bruno Mars World Tour to the Superdome in the Fall of 2026. Ticket sales are brisk, and a sellout is expected.

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

Next, Abby Jones provided her report, which included the Premium Experience Programs that produce ancillary ticket revenue and also enhance the fan and patron experience. She congratulated the team for its effort in generating \$12.5 million in total group revenue. The Box Office Team, led by Mark Arata, Renee \_\_\_\_\_, and Rechelle Fields excelled at a high level. Abby Jones then discussed the Krewe of Cleopatra, which was a December 5<sup>th</sup> Mardi Gras themed Ball and congratulated Caroline Guidry, an ASM Sales Associate, who recruited this event that included Mannie Fresh, plus KC and the Sunshine Band, and with a huge social media presence. Plans are underway to host Endymion and other Mardi Gras-related events.

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

Jessica Trabeaux then provided the Finance Report. With the slight decline in the hotel tax revenue stream, efforts are underway to keep a close eye on budgets, including increased monitoring, with efforts to keep spending in line, and finding ways to cut costs.

Evan Holmes provided additional context, noting that Jessica Trabeaux coordinates closely with the CPA firm on audit matters. He also reported that the 2025 calendar year included 32 events at the Smoothie King Center, in addition to the Pelicans games. Looking ahead, he anticipates increased activity during the summer and the latter half of the year, with 18 events already confirmed at the Smoothie King Center.

For additional context, Finn Bendana noted that the live entertainment industry typically slows during the last half of December and first half of January. Further, average annual event income is expected to exceed the budget, so he anticipates a successful year with the Smoothie King Center. The outlook for the Superdome for 2026 looks similar to 2025.

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

Eileen Long then provided the Construction Report as follows: The timeline for the ADA and Life Safety upgrades at the Alario Center; progress at the Shrine on Airline Conversion Project with the goal of having a Guaranteed Maximum Price locked in by mid-April 2026 and hopefully a construction start date in mid- to late May of 2026.

At the Smoothie King Center, two projects are progressing: the LED Board on the Corridor outside the Players Locker Room and the Freight Elevator Upgrade. The Superdome Men's Restroom Project is nearing completion, with an expectation of Substantial Completion by the end of December. The contractor is working on punch list items at this time. Python Corporation is nearing completion of the Parking Garage repairs at the Superdome, which

should be completed by the February LSED Board Meeting. The TPC Louisiana Dewatering Project is underway. Lastly, the John Alario Jr. Sports Complex is substantially complete, with a Ribbon Cutting Public Ceremony set for July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 AM.

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

Kathleen Turner then provided her report by commenting on Legends Global and its Sourcing and Procurement Team; venue savings; and strengthening supplier partnerships. Venues managed by Legends will begin submitting expense data with a focus on savings opportunities. Legends has nationally-approved vendors and partners which provide opportunities for increased savings and improved quality of service.

**[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 \_\_ Resolutions for consideration, 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 2:56 PM.