PROCEEDINGS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 21, 2026, HELD AT LITE CENTER, 537 CAJUNDOME BLVD., SUITE 111, LAFAYETTE, LA 70506.

ATTENDANCE

DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS: Dr. Ramesh Kolluru (Chairman), Mandi D. Mitchell, Geoffrey Stewart, and Scott Hebert.

ABSENT: Steven Oubre.

LEGAL COUNSEL: Charles Landry and Cearley W. Fontenot, UL Lafayette General Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Lauren Emert

(9:12 a.m.) **COMMENCEMENT**

AGENDA ITEM A: Call to Order

The Chairman called the Regular District Meeting of April 21, 2026, to order.

AGENDA ITEM B: Pledge of Allegiance

The Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA ITEM C: Roll Call

The Chairman called roll and Geoffrey Stewart, Scott Hebert and Mandi D. Mitchell were present and attending. Steven Oubre was absent.

AGENDA ITEM D: Public Notice Acknowledgement.

The Board acknowledged receipt of proof of public notice and affidavit of posting.

AGENDA ITEM E: Approval of the May 20, 2025, Meeting Minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2025, meeting by Mitchell, seconded by Stewart, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS:	Kolluru, Mitchell, Geoffrey Stewart and Scott Hebert.
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Oubre
ABSTAIN:	None

Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM F: Board Announcements

Chairman Kolluru discussed changes in University administration, his role as Chairman of the EDD and introduction of new Board members, Geoffrey Stewart and Scott Hebert.

AGENDA ITEM G: Reports of Officers and Committees

There were no reports of Officers and Committees.

AGENDA ITEM H: Tax Collections Report.

The Board reviewed tax collection data:

- Approximate revenue to date: $250,000

Discussion included potential gaps in vendor compliance, need for improved notification/communication efforts to taxpayers, clarification of sales vs. use tax obligations, and opportunities to enhance collections, particularly related to: Cajundome events and vendors operating within the district.

AGENDA ITEM I: Resolutions.

1. R-2026-005. The Board considered designation of the Daily Advertiser as the official journal. Motion to designate the Daily Advertiser by Mitchell, seconded by Stewart.
   YEAS: Kolluru, Mitchell, Stewart and Hebert
   NAYS: None
   ABSENT: Oubre

   Motion carried.

2. R-2026-006. The Board considered entering into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana for the LA Hub Complex project capital outlay funding. Motion to enter into the CEA by Hebert, seconded by Mitchell.
   YEAS: Kolluru, Mitchell, Stewart and Hebert
   NAYS: None
   ABSENT: Oubre

   Motion carried.

3. R-2026-007. The Board considered appointment of a Secretary/Treasurer. Motion to appoint Stewart by Mitchell, seconded by Hebert.

   YEAS: Kolluru, Mitchell, Stewart and Hebert
   NAYS: None

ABSENT: Oubre
Motion carried.

4. R-2026-008. The Board considered the hiring of Charles Landry as legal counsel. Mr. Landry was introduced and addressed the Board regarding his experience in economic development and redevelopment projects. Motion to select Mr. Landry was made by Mitchell, seconded by Stewart.

YEAS: Kolluru, Mitchell, Stewart and Hebert
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Oubre

Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM J: Notification to Taxpayers.

Discussion was held regarding notification processes for district taxpayers, contractual language regarding vendor compliance, and potential administrative strategies to improve collections.

AGENDA ITEM K: Entertainment District Study for the Future Growth of the District in Master Plan 2.0.

The Board discussed development of an entertainment district strategy aligned with the University's Master Plan 2.0. Motion was made to authorize a study by Hebert, seconded by Mitchell.

YEAS: Kolluru, Mitchell, Stewart and Hebert
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Oubre

Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM L: Communications Plan.

Discussion was held regarding importance of stakeholder engagement, need for coordinated messaging, and emphasis on community benefit and transparency.

No action was taken.

AGENDA ITEM M: Public Private Partnerships.

Discussion occurred; no action was taken.

AGENDA ITEM N: FY 2026-2027 Budget

The Board acknowledged requirement to adopt a budget prior to June 30, 2026 and will reconvene for budget approval.

AGENDA ITEM O: Old Business

None.

AGENDA ITEM P: New Business

None.

COMMENT(S) FROM THE PUBLIC

Wayne Domingue, Chairman of the RCFI Board of Directors, addressed the Board to express his willingness to support EDD initiatives and collaborate on future efforts.

AGENDA ITEM R: Adjournment

(10:27 a.m.) There being no further business to come before the District Commissioners, Chairman Kolluru declared the Regular Meeting adjourned.