

**MINUTES OF THE
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST
BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2025**

The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (Authority or FPA) was held on July 17, 2025, in the Franklin Avenue Administrative Complex, Meeting Room 201, 6920 Franklin Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, after due legal notice of the meeting was sent to each Board member and the news media and posted.

Mr. Carubba called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

Ms. Settoon called the roll and a quorum was present:

PRESENT:

Roy M. Carubba, P.E., President

Michael Schnell, Vice-President

K. Randall Noel, Treasurer

Gregory Marsiglia, Secretary

Deboah M. Settoon, P.E.

Peter Vicari

ABSENT:

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was offered by Mr. Noel to adopt and to amend the agenda by adding a resolution to approve the Louisiana Compliance Audit Questionnaire. The motion was offered by Mr. Noel, seconded by Mr. Carubba and was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-17-25-01 – APPROVAL of the minutes of the Board meeting held on June 17 2025.

On the motion of Mr. Noel,

Seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East approves the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on June 17, 2025.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Carubba, Ms. Settoon, Mr. Noel, Mr. Schnell, Mr. Vicari, Mr. Marsiglia

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

**NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE TERM BEGINNING
JULY 1, 2025 – JULY 1, 2026**

Mr. Carubba called for nominations.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-17-25-02 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

“A resolution stating the results of the election of Officers of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (“FPA”) Board of Commissioners for a term of one-year commencing on July 1, 2025.”

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East adopted revised Bylaws at a Regular Board Meeting held on December 17, 2009, which provide in part for the designation and election of Officers of the Board; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 1 of the Bylaws (Officers and Elections), designates the officers as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer to be elected from among the members of the Board at the regularly scheduled meeting in June; and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2024, Governor Jeff Landry signed into law SB 462, which grants him the authority to appoint the Chair of the boards where he already appoints the majority of the membership; and

WHEREAS, on October 31, 2024, Governor Jeff Landry appointed Roy M. Carubba as President of the FPA Board; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 1 further provides that officers shall assume their duties on July 1st; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 2, provides that officers shall be elected to serve one-year terms; and

WHEREAS, an election of Officers was conducted on June 17, 2025, which resulted in inconclusive results for the offices of Vice-President and Secretary; and

WHEREAS, an election of Officers was conducted on July 17, 2025, with nominations for each officer duly offered and seconded and a vote conducted thereafter to fill each office.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that, in accordance with elections held this date, the Officers of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East Board shall be as follows for the one-year term commencing on July 1, 2025:

Vice President – Michael Schnell

Secretary – Gregory Marsiglia

The foregoing was submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Office of Vice-President

Nomination of Michael Schnell, by motion of Mr. Carubba, seconded by Mr. Noel.

YEAS: Mr. Carubba, Mr. Noel, Ms. Settoon, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Vicari, Mr. Schnell

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN:None

Office of Secretary

Nomination of Gregory Marsiglia, by motion of Mr. Carubba, seconded by Mr. Noel.

YEAS: Mr. Carubba, Mr. Noel, Mr. Vicari, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Schnell

NAYS: Ms. Settoon

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN:None

OPENING COMMENTS BY PRESIDENT AND COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Carubba gave welcoming comments to the newly appointed Commissioners and asked that they introduce themselves.

Mr. Vicari began by thanking the selection committee and the Governor for entrusting him with his appointment. He stated that he is not a rubber stamp for the board and will be very involved. He recognized the employees for their professionalism and advised that he is here to help.

Mr. Marsiglia began his comments by stating that he echoed the vision of the Agency and that is to ensure that nobody floods, we have a professional and properly functioning police department and faithful stewards of the public trust.

Mr. Schnell echoed the comments of Mr. Vicari and Mr. Marsiglia.

Ms. Settoon offered to assist the new Commissioners by helping to on-board them.

Mr. Carrubba gave a brief description of the Commissioners. Mr. Schnell has a Finance background, Mr. Marsiglia is an attorney and Mr. Vicari is a contractor.

Mr. Carubba extended an apology to Commissioners Settoon and Mr. Noel for his behavior at the previous board member. He also committed to run the agency with the professional decorum that it deserves. He stated that he is very grateful for being here and he is very excited to be at the helm.

Ms. Settoon stated that she appreciated Mr. Carubba's comments and looked forward to everyone focusing on flood protection and not politics.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

PRESENTATION TO EMPLOYEES: EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER:

Mr. Carubba recognized Angel Shepherd for her contribution to the Finance Department by helping out when the Agency lost the Purchasing manager.

PRESENTATIONS:

Will Parrie from Empower gave a presentation on the Louisiana State Deferred Compensation 457(b) plan. He encouraged everyone to participate in the plan as an additional tool to supplement retirement and pension benefits. He discussed the methods to participate in the plan, as well as, the benefits of enrolling in the program and the option to roll another retirement fund into the plan if the individual so desired. He advised that he is available to meet on an individual basis if needed in the future.

Mr. Noel asked whether or not this program was an addition to the state retirement plan.

Mr. Parrie advised that it is an additional supplemental benefit.

Ms. Settoon asked what measures will be used to entice enrollment.

Mr. Parrie advised that it is a program that utilizes HR in helping to inform the employees.

Mr. Noel asked Mr. Parrie to please let the employees know that the fee to manage the program comes directly from the fund.

Mr. Vicari asked Mr. Parrie how they were selected and second, what is their track record?

Mr. Parrie stated that they were selected by the State to administer the plan. He reported that their track record is based on the individuals specific funds. He also stated that individuals have a variety of investment options to choose from.

Mr. Parrie ended his presentation by advising the board that he works for us and if there are any questions, to please contact him and he will be available to answer all questions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**Finance Committee:**

Mr. Noel reported that the Finance Committee met earlier. He advised that there were a couple of recommendations and one was to add the resolution pertaining to the compliance audit to the agenda. He further stated that the Finance Committee discussed the Deferred Compensation plan and was going to recommend approval of the resolution authorizing the implementation of the program. He reported that Richie Kernion was not in attendance because there are no bonds maturing. He concluded his report by stating that he received a report from the Finance Director and our finances look good.

Operations Committee: None

Legal Committee: None

Special Issues Committee: Chair Deborah Settoon

Commissioner Settoon advised that the committee had restarted the Regional Director search and she also reported that the committee would recommend that the Board Administrator Position be allocated as an Executive Management Officer Position.

Commissioner Settoon stated that prior to the meeting she received information that some action had been taken which may have violated the by-laws and asked Mr. Carubba to please explain.

Mr. Carubba stated that he hired a gentleman named Jeff Williams to replace Maloy in the capacity of Chief Engineer so that he could immediately appoint him to the Interim Regional Director Position. He apologized for his exuberance in appointing Mr. Williams without notifying the Board. He stated that he has the ability to appoint him as Interim Regional Director as one of his functions as the Board President. He advised that Mr. Williams is coming from the Corp of Engineers. He also stated that that Mr. Williams was instrumental in helping to get our 17 pumps ready for the storm season. Mr. Carubba described him as a man of impeccable integrity with great leadership skills. Mr. Carubba further stated that he would like to have him in the Interim position while we continue our search for a Regional Director.

Mr. Noel repeated Mr. Carubba's description of how he hired Mr. Williams as follows; "You hired him as a Chief Engineer, which made him an in-house employee so that you would be compliant with the by-laws." He further asked if he is coming in as classified or unclassified and what his salary was.

Mr. Carubba asked Kenyetta Sewell to come up and answer the questions. Mr. Carubba asked Ms. Sewell if we had to ask Civil service for the position and Kenyetta informed him that the position was already in existence and she did not.

Mr. Marsiglia stated that it was his appreciation that this was a vacancy that already existed and that we are filling it with Mr. Williams before he is elevated to Interim Regional Director.

Mr. Carubba advised yes.

Ms. Settoon stated that she was tenuous about the appointment because the idea behind hiring an individual from in-house is because of the experience they have with the team. She stated that she would be cautious about bringing someone new in and immediately appointing him to the position of Interim Regional Director. "I have no problem with him coming in at the original position".

Ms. Settoon asked if the position was advertised or if Mr. Williams had applied for the position.

Mr. Carubba advised that he had the authority to appoint him as part of his duties as President and he asked Mr. Ordoyne to give a legal opinion and Mr. Ordoyne stated that the Board President had the exclusive authority to hire him per the by-laws.

Ms. Settoon suggested that Mr. Williams be considered as Interim Regional Director after being here at least six months because she felt he had to have some sense of how the organization operates.

Mr. Carubba asked Mr. Ordoyne if there was a time-line or requirement that should be adhered to and Mr. Ordoyne stated that per the by-laws, there was not.

Discussion ended on the position of Interim Regional Director and Mr. Carubba proceeded to the Directors reports.

Directors Reports:

Ryan Foster began his report by welcoming the new commissioners.

He reported that we are dealing with the first storm of the season which is projected to be a rain event.

- Next, he reported that we are out of flood stage and that the entire process lasted roughly three months, April 15, 2025 – July 8, 2025 and required the work of 5 inspectors from the Engineering and GIS Departments. They performed 39 separate inspections of the nearly 40 mile MS River Levee. It also involved receiving help from The Engineering, Permits, GIS, Maintenance and Police Departments. Maintenance repaired inspection issues such as animal burrows in the levee crown and the police patrolled for unpermitted excavations and assisted inspectors in shutting down unpermitted work.

Next, Ryan presented information on upcoming projects that are going to require board approval:

- LPV -111 Access Bridge Repair & Rehabilitation located in New Orleans East – Estimated cost is \$506,946.00;
- Vault 4 Generator Backup Franklin Avenue Facility – Estimated Costs \$383,653.18;
- He also informed that in addition to this project, a total roof replacement project will soon be required;
- Orpheum Avenue Slope Paving – Projection has been going on about 3 years; Estimated costs \$2,344,000.00 with parish paying for +/- 36% of the costs. (IGA has been signed by Parish with Council and Board approvals). USACE recently issued the 408 permit and final check plans have been sent out for review. The project runs from Old Hammond Hwy to south of West Esplanade. The project includes installing a barrier curve to help with the issues associated with the various on-going sloping issues.

- West Return Wall Splash Pad Replacement – Estimated costs: \$1,194,419.36; Since Katrina there has been some subsidence which has to be addressed.
- HSDRSS Surveys - surveys are done every 3 years. Staff and corp are aware of the subsidence problems in south Louisiana and are very proactive in addressing the issues. The walls are above the 100 year mark (1% storm elevation). There is a superiority built into the walls.
 - Levee and Complex Structure Surveys 2025
 - Complex Structures (bathymetry) – complete
 - Floodwalls (LiDAR & conventional) – complete
 - Earthen Levees – 95% completed

Ryan concluded his report by reporting that Engineering has placed a resolution on the agenda to address the LPV foreshore project.

New Business

RESOLUTION NO. 07-17-25-03 – APPROVAL OF EMPLOYER MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE 457(B) LOUISIANA DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

On the motion of Ms. Settoon,

Seconded by Mr. Noel, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (“FPA”) recognizes the importance of supporting employee retirement savings and promoting long-term financial wellness, as well as, retention and recruitment of talented employees; and

WHEREAS, the FPA currently offers participation in a 457(b) Deferred Compensation Program as permitted under the Internal Revenue Code and administered in accordance with Louisiana State Law; and

WHEREAS, the FPA is committed to matching its employee’s contributions to the plan;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the FPA hereby establishes a 100 % matching compensation plan for its employees. The FPA will match employee contributions to the plan, dollar for dollar, not to exceed the annual contribution limits established by the Internal Revenue Code and applicable federal regulations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Finance Director is authorized to take all necessary actions to implement this resolution, including amending relevant plan documents, communicating the change to employees and coordinating with the Program Administrator;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Empower Retirement shall be the Administrator of the Program and the FPA shall fund the deferred compensation plan through payroll deductions and matching contributions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the matching contribution is allowed for all full-time classified and unclassified employees of the FPA and will be effective August 1, 2025;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the FPA shall take all necessary steps to ensure that the deferred compensation plan complies with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations and reserves the right to amend or modify the deferred compensation plan in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Carubba, Ms. Settoon, Mr. Noel, Mr. Schnell, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Vicari

NAYS: None
ABSTAINED : None
ABSENT: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 07-17-25-04 LPV FORESHORE REPAIR PROJECT COST SHARE
PAYMENT OF \$1,118,600.00 BY THE EAST JEFFERSON LEVEE DISTRICT.**

On the Motion of Ms. Settoon

Seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, a portion of the Federal Flood Protection System (EJLD Lakefront Foreshore Protection Project) was damaged by several Hurricane Storms over multiple storm seasons; and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority -East "FPA" / CPRA conducted post storm assessment submitting said assessments to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers authorized under PL84-99 will be repairing the damaged project to its original pre-storm(s) condition.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East approves and authorizes the payment by the East Jefferson Levee District the amount of \$1,118,600.00 for the cost share (Lands, Easements, Rights-of-Way Relocations and Disposals (LERRD) for the LPV Foreshore Repair Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Engineering is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to accomplish the above.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Carubba, Ms. Settoon, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Noel, Mr. Schnell, Mr. Vicari
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 07-17-25-05 IDIQ CONTRACTS FOR SURVEYING SERVICES

On the Motion of Mr. Noel,

Seconded by Mr. Carubba, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 03-20-25-05, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA) authorized the advertisement and issuance of Requests for Qualifications for professional Surveying Services for the purpose of entering into Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity (ID-IQ) contracts for services on an as needed basis; and

WHEREAS, the Statements of Qualifications submitted in response to the RFQs were reviewed and competitively rated by a selection team, and the selection team provided its recommendation of Consultants for the purpose of entering into ID-IQ Contracts with said Consultants; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned ID-IQ Contracts shall have a total not-to-exceed value of \$500,000 and shall be for a term of three years with no renewal options.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East approves the recommendation of the selection team and selects the following firms for the purpose of entering into ID-IQ Contracts with said Consultants for Surveying Services:

- 1 Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Inc.
- 2 Bryant Hammett & Associates
- 3 Fenstermaker
- 4 EMC Surveying and Mapping

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the FPA Regional Director, and in his/her absence the Director of Engineering, is authorized to negotiate the aforementioned ID-IQ Contracts with the approved Consultants and to execute the final ID-IQ Contracts with said Consultants.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Carubba, Mr. Noel, Ms. Settoon, Mr. Vicari, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Schnell

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

RESOLUTION NO. 07-17-25-06 IDIQ CONTRACTS FOR CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES

On the Motion of Mr.

Seconded by Mr., the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 03-20-25-09, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA) authorized the advertisement and issuance of Requests for Qualifications for professional Civil Engineering Services for the purpose of entering into Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity (ID-IQ) contracts for services on an as needed basis; and

WHEREAS, the Statements of Qualifications submitted in response to the RFQs were reviewed and competitively rated by a selection team, and the selection team provided its recommendation of Consultants for the purpose of entering into ID-IQ Contracts with said Consultants; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned ID-IQ Contracts shall have a total not-to-exceed value of \$1,000,000.00 and shall be for a term of three years with no renewal options.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East approves the recommendation of the selection team and selects the following firms for the purpose of entering into ID-IQ Contracts with said Consultants for Civil Engineering Services:

- 1 Evans-Graves Engineering
- 2 Digital Engineering Inc.
- 3 AECOM
- 4 Jacobs
- 5 T. Baker Smith
- 6 Linfield, Hunter and Junius
- 7 HNTB

8 Burk Kleinpeter Inc.
9 Richard C. Lambert
10 Shred, Kuyrkendall & Associates

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the FPA Regional Director, and in his/her absence the Director of Engineering, is authorized to negotiate the aforementioned ID-IQ Contracts with the approved Consultants and to execute the final ID-IQ Contracts with said Consultants.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Carubba, Mr. Noel, Mr. Vicari, Ms. Settoon, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Schnell

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 25-07-17- APPROVED LIST OF ATTORNEYS AND LAW FIRMS

A motion to defer the resolution was offered by Mr. Carubba, seconded by Mr. Noel. The motion was unanimously approved to defer the item until next month.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-07-17-07 – CEA BETWEEN LAKE BORGNE BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT, ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT, AND THE ST. BERNARD SHERIFFS OFFICE FOR MAINTENANCE AND POLICING OF EXISTING BICYCLE PATHS AND CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL BICYCLE PATHS AND CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL BICYCLE PATHS ON THE LEVEES AND ON LEVEE RIGHT OF WAYS IN ST. BERNARD PARISH.

On the Motion of Mr. Schnell,

Seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the Parish desires to maintain existing bike paths on levees in St. Bernard Parish and to construct additional bicycle paths on the levees and on levee Right of Ways; and

WHEREAS, the District has a legal servitude and general jurisdiction of the Mississippi River Levee on the East Bank of St. Bernard Parish and the 40 Arpent Levee (“Levees”); and

WHEREAS, the District, St. Bernard Parish Government, and the St. Bernard Sheriff desire to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the construction, maintenance and policing of bike paths on levees under the general jurisdiction of the Lake Borgne Levee District in St. Bernard Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East, (“SLFPA-E”) acting as governing authority of the District, authorized the Director of Engineering of the District to enter into this Cooperative Endeavor Agreement; and

WHEREAS, while St. Bernard Parish will maintain and design and build the proposed additional bicycle paths, LBBLD requires that it be provided the opportunity to review and approve design and construction of the bike paths prior to construction of any phase of the project; and

WHEREAS, a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) is required between the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA), on behalf of the LBBLD, St. Bernard Parish and the St. Bernard Sheriff’s Office, in order to set forth a formal agreement for the presentation of plans for design and build by St. Bernard Parish and for review and approval by LBBLD; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14(C) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 provides that, “for a public purpose, the State and its political subdivisions or political corporations may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States, or its agencies, or with any public or private association, corporation, or individual”;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East authorizes the FPA Director of Engineering, to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the FPA, on behalf of LBBLD, and St. Bernard Parish relating to the maintenance of existing bicycle paths and the construction of additional bicycle paths on the levees and on levee Right of Ways in St. Bernard Parish.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Carubba, Mr. Schnell, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Settoon, Mr. Noel, Mr. Vicari

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

RESOLUTION NO. 07-17-25-08 – LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRES

On the Motion of Mr. Carubba,

Seconded by Mr. Noel, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire is a required part of a financial audit of Louisiana state and local government agencies; and

WHEREAS, the completed and signed questionnaire must be presented to and adopted by the governing body of the organization by means of a formal resolution in an open meeting; and

WHEREAS, the completed and signed questionnaire and a copy of the resolution must be given to the auditor at the beginning of the audit; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Compliance Questionnaires have been completed by management for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA), the Orleans Levee District, the East Jefferson Levee District and the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and provided to the Board of Commissioners for review.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East adopts the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaires for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA), the Orleans Levee District, the East Jefferson Levee District and the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the FPA President, FPA Secretary and FPA Treasurer are authorized to sign the aforementioned Louisiana Compliance Questionnaires for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Carubba, Mr. Noel, Ms. Settoon, Mr. Schnell, Mr. Vicari, Mr. Marsiglia

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Engineering and Operations:

None

Action Item List:

Commissioner Settoon asked Ryan Foster to give an update on the Plauche Court project. He report that all interior walls have been removed. A crew will go out to do a site inspection this week to determine if to sell the site as-is or if more work should be done on the building prior to offering for sale.

Commissioner Settoon next asked Kirk Ordoyne to give an update on the March 14th request submitted to the Attorney General in regards to the visitor center. Mr. Ordoyne reported that the AG's office has not rendered an opinion. Ms. Settoon asked if we were spending any funds on the project and Mr. Foster reported that we have not spent any funds on the project and everything is on hold.

Commissioner Setton gave an update on filling Board vacancies. Two have been appointed. Three are waiting to be filled.

Mr. Carubba asked Mr. Ordoyne to advise where the nominating committee is in the process. Mr. Ordoyne advised that he is awaiting confirmation from the AG on which law will be followed in filling the positions, old law or new law.

In response to a question from Mr. Noel, Mr. Ordoyne advised the board that they cannot speak with the Nominating Committee.

Next item on the list was the Execution of CEA for safehouse. Ryan reported it is on-going.

Announcement of Next Board Meeting:

August 21, 2025, Franklin Avenue Administrative Complex Meeting Rom 201, New Orleans. Mr. Carubba thanked Mr. Ordoyne, Ms. Gethers and the rest of the staff for their assistance and help in ensuring that the meeting went smoothly.

Ms. Settoon questioned why the meeting was not being held in another locale. Mr. Carubba advised that we are following the established pattern of conducting the meetings at Franklin and having the April and May meetings held in St. Bernard and Jefferson.

Mr. Carubba asked Mr. Ordoyne to give a legal opinion on whether or not there was a set rotation and Mr. Ordoyne advised per the by-laws, there was not.

There was no further items to discuss, therefore the meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.