

**MINUTES OF THE
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST
BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2026**

A Public Hearing was held on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 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. Vicari called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Marsiglia called the roll and a quorum was present.

PRESENT:

Peter G. Vicari, President
Roy M. Carubba, P.E.- Vice-President
Gregory Marsiglia, Secretary
K. Randall Noel, Treasurer
David Martin. P.E., Commissioner
Kerwyn King, P.E. Commissioner

Deborah M. Settoon, P.E. Commissioner (Arrived at 10:05 a.m.)

ABSENT: None

A Motion was offered by Mr. Carubba, seconded by Greg Marsiglia to amend the agenda to add one item. A Resolution to elect a Vice-President to fill the unexpired term of Commissioner Schnell. The resolution was added after item 2 under New Business. The motion to amend the agenda was unanimously adopted. The vote was as follows: Yeas: Mr. Vicari, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Noel, Mr. Carubba, Mr. Martin, Mr. King; Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Settoon

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

A motion was offered by Mr. Carubba and seconded by Mr. Martin to adopt the agenda as amended and the motion was unanimously adopted to adopt the agenda.

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-13-26-01 - APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC HEARING AND BOARD MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 18, 2025**

On the motion of Mr. Marsiglia,
Seconded by Mr. Carubba, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East approves the Minutes of the Public Hearing and Board Meeting held on December 18, 2025.

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

YEAS: Mr. Vicari, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Noel, Mr. Carubba, Mr. Martin, Mr. King

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ms. Settoon

Ms. Settoon arrived at 10:05 a.m., after the adoption of the agenda and the approval of the minutes.

OPENING COMMENTS BY PRESIDENT AND COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brewster Stalter

Mark Schlefstein

PRESENTATION:

1. Federal Bureau of Investigation – Cyber Security

Presenters: Megan W., Nathan A., David L.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

REPORT BY REGIONAL DIRECTOR

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. Update by Attorney General on employee grievances and investigations.
2. DHS/CISA PCCP Security Assessment Update

A motion was offered by Mr. Marsiglia and seconded by Mr. Carubba to convene into Executive Session to discuss the items listed on the agenda. The Board convened into Executive Session at 11:30 a.m. The vote was as follows: Yeas: Mr. Vicari, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Noel, Mr. Carubba, Mr. Martin, Mr. King. Abstain: Ms. Settoon Nays: None.

A motion to reconvene was offered by Mr. Carubba, seconded by Mr. Martin. The vote was as follows: Yays: Mr. Vicari, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Carubba, Mr. Martin, Mr. King Nays: None. The motion to reconvene passed. Commissioners Randall Noel and Deborah M. Settoon did not attend the executive session and did not re-join the meeting when it reconvened.

The Board reconvened in regular session at 1:23 p.m.

Mr. Vicari advised that no action was taken in Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS:

Administrative:

RESOLUTION 01-13-26-02 – MOTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDED LIST OF ATTORNEYS AND LAW FIRMS.

On the motion of Mr. Carubba,

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

“A resolution to approve a list of attorneys and law firms from which the SLFPA-E may choose to enter into contracts to provide special legal services, as needed, by the SLFPA-E and the levee districts within its jurisdiction.”

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (SLFPA-E) published a Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) for special legal services for the SLFPA-E and the levee districts within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing all timely submitted responses to said RFQ, the Legal Department recommends approval of the following list of attorneys and firms, from which the SLFPA-E Board may select an attorney or law firm with which to enter into a contract to provide special legal services, as needed, by the SLFPA-E and levee districts within its jurisdiction:

1. Burglass, Tankersley, Gaudin, Phayer, LLC
2. Degan, Blanchard & Nash
3. Fisher Phillips LLP
4. Mouldoux, Bland, Legrand & Bracket, LLC
5. Sher, Garner, Cahill, Richter, Klein & Hilbert, LLC

WHEREAS, attorney fee rates in said contracts for special legal services shall comply with the Hourly Fee Schedule of the Attorney General for special legal services, unless otherwise specifically provided for in the contract and approved by the Attorney General. The hourly fee schedule for these contracts shall be as follows:

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| \$350.00 | Per hour for Attorneys having experience of ten years or more in the practice of law |
| \$275.00 | Per hour for Attorneys having experience of five to ten Years in the practice of law |

\$225.00 Per hour for Attorneys having experience of three to five Years in the practice of law

\$175.00 Per hour for Attorneys having experience of less than three years in the practice of law

\$ 80.00 Per hour for Paralegal Services

WHEREAS, the terms of any contract for special legal services shall be limited to a period of one year, and all contracts shall be submitted to the office of the Attorney General for approval.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the SLFPA-E approves the following list of attorneys and firms, from which the Board of Commissioners of the SLFPA-E may select an attorney or law firm with which to enter into a contract to provide special legal services, as needed, by the SLFPA-E and levee districts within its jurisdiction:

1. Burglass, Tankersley, Gaudin, Phayer, LLC
2. Degan, Blanchard & Nash
3. Fisher Phillips LLP
4. Mouledoux, Bland, Legrand & Bracket, LLC
5. Sher, Garner, Cahill, Richter, Klein & Hilbert, LLC

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Counsel and the Board Secretary are authorized to make minor, non-substantive changes to this resolution as necessary to comply with Attorney General requirements, without further Board approval;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be submitted to the Office of the Attorney General for the State of Louisiana for approval, and shall be included in the submission of each subsequent contract submitted to the Attorney General for approval pursuant to this resolution.

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

YEAS: Mr. Vicari, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Carubba, Mr. Martin, Mr. King

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Noel, Ms. Settoon

The motion to approve recommended list of attorneys and firms passed.

Motion to approve the payment of legal fees for Commissioner Deborah M. Settoon.

A motion was offered by Mr. Marsiglia, seconded by Mr. Martin to defer the item until legal auditors have reviewed the submitted expenses.

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

Yeas: Mr. Vicari, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Carubba, Mr. Martin, Mr. King;

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Noel, Ms. Settoon.

The motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-13-26-03 – ELECTION TO FILL THE OFFICE OF VICE-PRESIDENT.

On the motion of Mr. Marsiglia,

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

“A resolution stating the results of the election to fill the unexpired term of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East Vice-President.”

WHEREAS, the Board 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 (Officers and Elections), designates the Officers of the Board to be elected from among the members of the Board of Commissioners at the regularly scheduled June meeting; 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, the Board at its meeting held on July 17, 2025, elected Michael Schnell, Vice-President, which said term ends on June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schnell resigned as Vice-President of the Board of Commissioners effective December 26, 2025; and

WHEREAS, an election was held on January 13, 2026 with nominations for the office of Vice-President duly offered and seconded and a vote conducted thereafter to fill the vacant office of Vice-President for the unexpired term ending on June 30, 2026.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that in accordance with the election held this date, the Vice-President of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East Board shall be as follows for the unexpired term ending on June 30, 2026.

Vice-President: Roy M. Carubba

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

YEAS: Mr. Vicari, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Carubba, Mr. Martin, Mr. King

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Noel, Ms. Settoon

The motion passed.

Engineering and Operations:

Motion to approve award of Project No. E2430016: Orpheum Ave Crest Widening and Slope Paving. Bid Opening October 13, 2025.

A motion was offered by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Carubba to defer the item to next month due to an insufficient number of members present to take a valid vote. (six votes required)

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

YEAS: Mr. Vicari, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Carubba, Mr. Martin, Mr. King

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Noel, Ms. Settoon

The motion to defer passed.

Mr. Vicari announced that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2026 due to the Mardi Gras Holiday. He also requested that the March meeting which was originally scheduled for Thursday, March 19th be re-scheduled to Tuesday, March 24th. A vote to change the March meeting was taken and unanimously agreed to change the date to Tuesday, March 24, 2026.

There was no further business, therefore the meeting was adjourned.