

**MINUTES OF THE  
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST  
BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026**

A Special Meeting of the Board was held on Thursday, April 23, 2026 in the Franklin Avenue Administrative Complex, Meeting Room 201, 6920 Franklin Avenue, 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 2:01 p.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  
David Martin, P.E. - Treasurer  
Gregory Marsiglia, Secretary  
Ronald Schumann, Jr., P.E., Commissioner

**ABSENT:** Kerwyn King  
Elton J. Meyers

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

A motion was offered by Mr. Marsiglia and seconded by Mr. Carubba to adopt the agenda. The motion to adopt the agenda was unanimously approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-23-26-01 - APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 23, 2025**

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

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East approves the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on October 23, 2025.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Mr. Schumann

ABSENT: Mr. King, Mr. Meyers

The motion failed.

**OPENING COMMENTS BY PRESIDENT AND COMMISSIONERS**

Mr. Vicari gave comments pertaining to the bylaw changes.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Administrative:**

Discussion and review of proposed bylaw changes – Sidney Degan.

Proposed Changes:

ARTICLE II – The official domicile of the FPA should be listed as 6920 Franklin Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70122.

ARTICLE III § 1.A - Authority

**Board Authority.** The board is the governing body of the authority and shall exercise **final authority to determine and interpret the policies to govern, subject to the mandates and limits imposed by state and federal authorities and has complete and full control over management.**

**Official Board action shall be taken only in meetings that comply with the Louisiana Open Meetings Law.**

Article III § 1.B - Authority

**No individual Board member shall direct or require Authority employees to prepare reports derived from an analysis of information in existing Authority records or to create a new record compiled from information in existing Authority records. Directives to staff regarding the preparation of reports shall lie by Board action or upon request of an individual Board member made in a Board or Committee meeting after discussion by the Board or Committee.**

ARTICLE III §6 Removal

**Each Board member shall have a fiduciary duty of utmost good faith, trust, confidence, and candor to act in the best interest of the Board and shall serve the Board's mission without any undue influence. In case of neglect of fiduciary duty or any other duty by any Board member or of his/her failure, without good cause, to attend three successive regular meetings, on request of the Board, the governor shall remove the Board member.**

ARTICLE III § 7 – Powers and Duties of the Board:

The Board is charged with the responsibility of managing the business of the Authority and shall have the powers and duties as provided by law. **The Board shall execute its powers and duties ethically to promote the best interests of the Authority as a whole.**

Article III §7.6 **Attend all education training required by law.**

Article III§7.7 **Inspect, maintain and operate the flood defense system within the territorial jurisdiction of the Authority.**

ARTICLE III § 8.C – Remuneration to Board members:

**Board members are allowed to be paid mileage for attendance of meetings on board business in any parish, including the attendance of meetings in the same parish as their personal residence.**

ARTICLE III § 8.F:

**Prior approval of the Board shall be required for any member of the Board to attend conferences, training, conduct business of the Board, or for any other purpose that requires international travel.**

ARTICLE IV – BOARD OFFICERS:

Article IV § 1- Officers and Elections:

Officers of the Board are designated as President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. **As provided by law, the President may be appointed by the Governor from the members of the Board and serve at the pleasure of the Governor.** The Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected from among the members of the Board at the regularly scheduled **June** meeting. Officers shall assume their duties upon election.

**Should the Governor neglect to appoint a President, the Office of President shall also be elected from among the members of the Board in accordance with this section.**

Article IV § 2 – Removal of Officers:

Officers shall be elected to serve one (1) year terms subject to the appointment of the President by the Governor. An elected officer may only be removed from office prior to the expiration of his/her elected term by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Commissioners voting in favor of said removal at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board. Officers shall be removed only for good cause. **Good cause shall mean a substantial failure of an officer to meet his fiduciary duties as set forth in Article III, §6 of these Bylaws; indictment or conviction of any officer for any crime relating directly or indirectly to his or her office and/or commission; a violation of the Code of Ethics for Public Officials as determined by the Ethics Board; a violation of La. R.S. 38:330.1(G), (J), or (K); the physical or mental incapacity of an officer to perform his or her duties for an extended period of time; public conduct by an officer which brings discredit to the Authority; or failure to meet any residency requirement mandated by law.**

Article IV §3 DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT:

Article IV § 3e:

**To act as appointing authority for all employees of the Authority except the Regional Director, Executive Counsel, and Superintendent of Police.**

Article IV §3 f:

**To exercise functional supervision over the Regional Director, Executive Counsel, and Superintendent of Police.**

Article IV §6 Duties of the Treasurer:

**Eliminate duties for Treasurer to handle all accounting and prepare annual budgets.**

**(1) To serve as Chairperson of the Board's Finance Committee;**

**(2) To perform such additional duties as may be directed by the President from time to time.**

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS:

Article V §1.(a) – Regular Board Meetings:

**Members must be physically present at a meeting in order to participate in the general discussion of agenda items, to vote, and to be counted towards a quorum. Members must be physically present to participate in confidential discussions during executive session. Remote attendance by Board members shall only be allowed upon following the ADA procedure as adopted by the Board. Remote attendance or participation by Board members, including members with an ADA accommodations, is strictly prohibited in executive sessions.**

Article 5 §1(b):

**The regular meetings of the board shall be convened in a levee district under the jurisdiction of the authority.** The Board shall give public notice of its schedule of regular meetings including time, date and place at the beginning of the calendar year.

Article 5 §3 – Agenda

**All requests that an item be placed on the regular agenda shall be made by the Board President.** The Board President shall advise the Board Secretary not later than seven (7) business days prior to the regular meeting. **Upon written request of three (3) or more Board members, an item shall be added to the agenda if the item is submitted to the Secretary at least seven (7) business days prior to the regular meeting. If a matter is not on the public agenda, it can be added with a unanimous vote of the Board.**

Article 5 §5 – Executive Session:

**Executive sessions may be held in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 42:16 et seq. An executive session shall be limited only to matters allowed to be exempted from discussion at open meetings by La. R.S. 42:17. No final or binding action shall be taken during an executive session. The vote of each Board member on the question of holding the executive session and the reason for holding the executive session shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the meeting.**

Article V. §8(a) – Emergency Meetings:

**Emergency meetings may be held via electronic means only when the Governor has declared a state of emergency or disaster involving a geographic area within the jurisdiction of the Authority and the nature of the emergency or disaster would cause a public meeting to be detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of the public. Emergency meetings shall be**

**noticed and conducted in accordance with La. R.S. 42:17.1(B) and (C) and any and all other laws pertaining to such meetings.**

Article V. §9 – Parliamentary Authority:

Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure of this board not otherwise covered by these bylaws. **Procedural rules may be suspended at any Board meeting by a majority vote of the Board members present and voting.**

ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES:

Article VI. § 1(a) – Executive Committee:

**This committee shall be composed of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Board and shall operate under the direction of the President for any purpose in accordance with any applicable law and these bylaws.**

Article VI § 1(b) – Finance Committee:

**This committee shall oversee all matters concerning the budgetary and fiscal matters of the Authority and subject levee districts and shall advise and make recommendations to the Board when such matters are presented.**

Article VI §3 Committee Procedures:

- (a) **The members of all Committees shall perform such duties and functions as the President or the Board shall determine. Each Committee shall be composed of no more than four (4) Board members and such other persons as the President may deem beneficial. A Board member who is not a member of the Committee may attend the Committee’s meeting, but he/she may not vote nor participate in any discussion.**
- (b) **The Regional Director (or his or her designee), Executive Counsel, or Director of Engineering shall cause such matters to be brought before the relevant committee for review in a timely manner.**
- (c) **Each committee shall meet at such times as is deemed necessary and at any time on the call of its Chairman. The Chairman shall conduct all meetings in accordance with the Louisiana Open Meetings Law and the provisions of these bylaws for regular Board meetings.**

- (d) **The purpose of each Committee is to act in an advisory capacity to the Board and its President and to make such recommendations as it deems appropriate in those areas for which the Committee is organized. Unless expressly authorized by a resolution of the Board, a Committee shall have no power to act on its own authority. The Chairman of the committee shall reports its recommendations to the Board, which may or may not adopt or act on such recommendations.**

Article VI §4 Notice:

**Committee meetings shall be noticed in accordance with the Louisiana Open Meetings Law and the provisions of these bylaws applicable to regular Board meetings.**

Article VI § 7 – Removal of Committee members:

**Any committee member may be removed from a committee by a majority of the entire Board. Any vacancies occurring in any committee shall be filled by the President.**

ARTICLE VII EMPLOYEES:

Article VII. §1.d Counsel to Authority:

**The Board President, or a committee designated to do so on his/her behalf, shall recommend the starting annual salary of the Executive Counsel and any annual salary adjustments to the Board subject to approval by a majority vote of the Board.**

Article VII §1.e

**Attorney-Client Privilege and Confidential Communications. Communication with legal counsel or outside counsel is considered confidential if it is not intended to be disclosed to third persons other than those to whom the disclosure is made in furtherance of the rendition of professional legal services to the Authority and/or Board members or those reasonably necessary for the transmission of the communication. The attorney-client privilege belongs to the Board as a whole, and the privilege may not be waived except by the Board as a whole. Any unauthorized disclosure of attorney-client communication by individual board members is strictly prohibited.**

Article VII §2 – Regional Director:

**The Executive Committee shall review annually the performance of the Regional Director and make a recommendation to the President for an annual salary adjustment for the Regional Director. The Board President, or a committee designated to do so on his/her behalf, shall recommend an annual salary adjustment for the Regional Director to the Board subject to a majority vote of the Board.**

Article VII §3 – Superintendent of Police:

**The Board may hire a Superintendent of Police who shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. The Superintendent of Police shall report directly to the Board President and exercise operational control and independence over both police districts, including the supervision of personnel, deployment of equipment, and day-to-day law-enforcement operations. The Board shall fix the qualifications and duties of the Superintendent of Police and may establish additional requirements consistent with Louisiana law. The Board President, or a committee designated to do so on his/her behalf, shall recommend an annual salary adjustment for the Superintendent of Police to the Board subject to a majority vote of the Board.**

Article VII §4 – Appointment of Executive staff:

**The President shall retain the authority to hire all unclassified employees without approval of the Board except for the Executive Counsel, Regional Director, and the Superintendent of Police. The Executive Counsel, Regional Director, and the Superintendent of Police can only be terminated by a majority vote of the Board**

Article VII §5 – Organization Chart:

**The Board may require the Regional Director to publish a detailed organization chart showing reporting responsibilities of all employees, their titles and grade level and designating which are unclassified. The chart shall be published on the Authority’s website annually and whenever significant changes occur.**

ARTICLE XII – EFFECTIVE DATE OF BYLAWS:

These bylaws and any amendments thereto shall become effective upon the date voted and approved by the Board **and shall not affect any actions, contracts, appointments or other matters previously taken, made, had, or entered into by the board prior to the effective date thereof.**

There was no further business, therefore the meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.