

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAFAYETTE CONVENTION & VISITORS COMMISSION, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD OCTOBER 15, 2025

The Board of Commissioners of the Lafayette Convention & Visitors Commission, State of Louisiana, met in person at the Lafayette Convention & Visitors Commission boardroom, 1100 Lafayette St., Lafayette, LA at 3:15 pm.

In attendance were the Board of Commissioners as follows: Dr. Vincent June, Chair, Chris Alack, Vice-Chair, Nayan Patel, Treasurer, Gerald Breaux, Jim Doré, Dr. Jessica Leger, John O'Meara, and Ricky Patel.

Commissioner Brenda Comeaux Trahan was absent due to other obligations.

SPECIAL GUESTS: Michael Hebert, Attorney, Becker & Hebert, and Jamison Abshire, Director of Parks & Recreation, Broussard Sports Complex.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair June called the meeting to order.

MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

Commissioner O'Meara motioned to approve the **September 17, 2025**, regular meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Leger seconded the motion. There was no public comment. Motion carried.

SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

Treasurer N. Patel presented the **September** financial statement report to Commissioners. Commissioner Breaux motioned to approve the **September** financial statement. Commissioner Alack seconded the motion. There was no public comment. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT & CEO'S REPORT

Ben Berthelot, President & CEO, reported Festivals Acadiens et Créoles was successful, and according to organizers sales on Friday and Saturday evening were twenty-five percent higher than the previous year.

Mr. Berthelot noted the American Junior Golf Association National All-Star Invitational at Le Triomphe featured players from twenty-two states and five countries, and organizers indicated they plan to return in 2026.

Mr. Berthelot stated planning for the Lafayette Live and Lafayette Sheauxcaze events for 2026 SXSW has begun.

Mr. Berthelot reported he attended the groundbreaking for Phase I of the Heymann Park Amphitheater project, which will be great new product development for both Heymann Park and our area.

Mr. Berthelot noted a new, well received EatLafayette video was filmed with Ragin' Cajuns quarterback "Lunch" Winfield.

Mr. Berthelot reported the Bayou Vermilion District is currently working on a new master plan, the first in fifty years, and he attended a focus group on the cultural portion of the mission.

Mr. Berthelot stated he was invited to speak to doctors in residence at Ochsner Hospital & Clinics | Lafayette about some of the events happening in the area.

Mr. Berthelot noted planning for Mardi Gras is underway and he attended the first board meeting of the Greater SW Mardi Gras Association.

Mr. Berthelot stated he took a sales call with the America 250 Tour show regarding an event in Lafayette but believes it will be cost prohibitive.

Mr. Berthelot reported he participated in a successful Lafayette Tech Council boomerang panel presentation to UL alumni.

Mr. Berthelot stated he and several partners will be part of a panel discussion for One Acadiana's CivicCon event focused on ongoing urban core work.

Mr. Berthelot noted on the sports side LCVC has two large scale prestigious national bids out for review, USA Trampoline and Tumbling, and USA Judo, along with an upcoming site visit by officials with the USA Track and Field Jr. Olympic Cross Country Championships.

Mr. Berthelot thanked the LCVC team led by the Communications Department and VP of Communications Jesse Guidry for an incredible job hosting the International, Food, Wine, and Travel Writers Association conference. The team will next host the TV crew of Traveling with Denella Ri'chard.

Mr. Berthelot noted the EatLafayette app is almost ready for release and he believes it will be very well received.

Mr. Berthelot stated he attended the Grand Reveil Acadien opening ceremonies for the Lafayette area at Vermilionville welcoming visitors and thanking the Louisiane Acadie and the Lt. Governor's office for their support.

Mr. Berthelot reported that following the staff retreat held earlier this year, the staff met and finalized our organizational core values.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of the proposed 2026 LCVC Budget

Mr. Berthelot presented the 2026 proposed LCVC Budget to the board of Commissioners for approval. He answered specific questions regarding the 2026 LCVC proposed budget.

Commissioner O'Meara motioned to approve the 2026 LCVC Budget for adoption. Commissioner N. Patel seconded the motion. There was no public comment. YEA: (8) V. June, C. Alack, N. Patel, G. Breaux, J. Doré, J. Leger, J. O'Meara, and R. Patel. NAY: (0). ABSENT: (1) B. Comeaux Trahan. ABSTAIN: (0). The motion to approve the 2026 proposed budget passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Indoor sports complex updates

Mr. Berthelot shared with Commissioners a draft lease agreement from University of Louisiana at Lafayette for the indoor sports complex. He and Mr. Mike Hebert, LCVC attorney, discussed with Commissioners points surrounding areas in need of revision that included subjective language, sections that require additional specific definitions, clear timelines, and additional clauses.

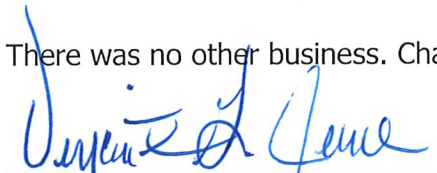
Commissioners provided additional feedback regarding food and beverage contracts, reciprocal contract timelines and guidelines between the organizations, facility scheduling timelines, construction group, vendor subletting options, and terms of ownership during and after the lease ends. An additional point of discussion excluded from the contract was previously discussed parking options. Mr. Hebert noted that some language should be included regarding parking, with specifics agreed upon by both organizations, and should also include a timeline to provide parking with construction of the indoor facility in mind. Commissioners agreed to review the draft lease agreement and provide written feedback to Mr. Berthelot within one week.

Commissioner N. Patel asked if the language proposed by the Lafayette Tourism Improvement District (LTID) Advisory Committee was included in the lease agreement, and if not, requested a meeting to inform and discuss the draft lease and comments with the LTID Advisory Committee. Commissioners agreed, and Mr. Berthelot stated he would call an LTID Advisory Committee meeting prior to the next LCVC Board of Commissioners meeting.

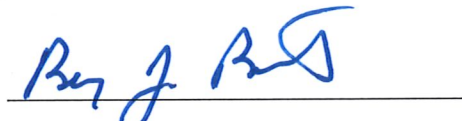
Mr. Berthelot noted that a proposal for a multiuse facility in Lake Charles will be voted upon this month. Discussion ensued regarding the nature of the funding and agreement for the multiuse facility in Lake Charles, the working relationship between the Cajundome Convention Center and LCVC, and an additional example of an indoor sports facility management subletting as a source of revenue generation.

Commissioner Breaux motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner O'Meara seconded the motion. There was no public comment. Motion carried.

There was no other business. Chair June adjourned the meeting.



Dr. Vincent June
Chair



Benjamin J. Berthelot
President & CEO