

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAFAYETTE CONVENTION & VISITORS COMMISSION, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 18, 2026

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: Chris Alack, Chair, Nayan Patel, Vice-Chair, Simone Ancelet, Jim Doré, Dr. Vincent June, and John O'Meara. Commissioners Gerald Breaux and Dr. Jessica Leger were absent due to other obligations.

SPECIAL GUESTS: Michael Hebert, Becker & Hebert, LLC, Millicent Norbert, City of Broussard, and Stephen Marcantel, The Acadiana Advocate.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Alack called the meeting to order.

MINUTES FROM JANUARY 21, 2026

Commissioner O'Meara motioned to approve the **January 21, 2026**, regular meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Doré seconded the motion. There was no public comment. Motion carried.

DECEMBER 2025 FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

Vice Chair Patel presented the **December 2025** financial statement report to the Commissioners. Commissioner Ancelet motioned to approve the **December** financial statement report. Commissioner O'Meara seconded the motion. There was no public comment. Motion carried.

JANUARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

Vice Chair Patel presented the **January** financial statement report to the Commissioners. Commissioner Doré motioned to approve the **January** financial statement report. Commissioner Ancelet seconded the motion. There was no public comment. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT & CEO'S REPORT

Ben Berthelot, President & CEO, stated Isabelle Mafouz was hired as our new Social Media Manager and will report directly to VP of Creative, Lance LeBlanc.

Mr. Berthelot noted the Krewe Allons Friday night Kick-Off Parade went well and crowds were the largest they had been, and both the Greater SW Mardi Gras Association and UL Athletic officials were pleased.

Mr. Berthelot reported that the Louisiana Seafood Board is donating crawfish as a sponsor of our Lafayette Sheauxkaze event at Antone's during SXSW.

Mr. Berthelot noted he was the guest speaker for the 705's "Coffee with" program. He stated the organization will celebrate its 20-year anniversary next year and it is great to see their community engagement.

Mr. Berthelot stated he joined other officials for the flag raising for Black History Month at Lafayette City Hall.

Mr. Berthelot reported the Louisiana Travel Association Annual meeting set an attendance record and City Club was sold out. During the meeting Mr. Berthelot was honored to receive the Marion "Butch" Fox Advocacy Award.

Mr. Berthelot noted he attended the fundraiser for members of the Acadiana Legislative Delegation at the new Louisiana Travel Association office in Baton Rouge.

Mr. Berthelot noted he attended the visitation and funeral for EatLafayette founder and former LCVC Board member Charlie Goodson, who passed away after a brief battle with cancer.

Mr. Berthelot reported he served as a judge for LAGCOE's Roux Fest Gumbo Cook-off held at Blackham Coliseum.

Mr. Berthelot stated the LCVC team is working to bid on the LHSAA State Wrestling Championships and hosted a meeting with possible committee members to begin discussions for the event.

Mr. Berthelot reported one nomination was received for the vacant Hotel-Lodging Association LCVC Board appointment, and three are required to present to the Parish Council on behalf of the Association.

Mr. Berthelot stated planning continues for local America 250 activities alongside LCG and other parish wide municipalities. Activities include promoting 250 acts of service and displaying American flags at homes and businesses.

OLD BUSINESS

Indoor sports complex updates

Mr. Berthelot noted the transitional changes in administration at UL have delayed discussion of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and lease agreement but hopes to continue discussion after the University President is selected.

Mr. Berthelot reported he has not received a response from hoteliers on the Lafayette Tourism Improvement District (LTID) Advisory Committee regarding the legal opinion of dissolution of the LTID.

Mr. Berthelot noted he asked Mr. Michael Hebert, LCVC attorney, and in conversation with UL's general council, to prepare the draft lease agreement addressing comments provided by the LCVC Board of Commissioners. Pending agreement on the updated language, and more information on the timeline with guaranteed parking, Mr. Berthelot would request a meeting with the LTID Advisory Committee and an LCVC board vote on the agreement.

Commissioner Patel requested an update regarding administrative changes at the Cajundome Convention Center. Mr. Berthelot noted that due to upcoming retirement some changes may occur, but LCVC will need to work with UL, and the Cajundome Convention Center Board of

Commissioners and staff when scheduling events for the proposed indoor multiuse sports facility.

Commissioner Doré noted actionable items to assist with a draft of the MOU with UL. Mr. Berthelot stated he would send the requested language for the MOU to Mr. Hebert to draft a document. The proposed language for the MOU would be shared with the LTID Advisory Committee for additional comments if there were an LCVC Board vote to proceed.

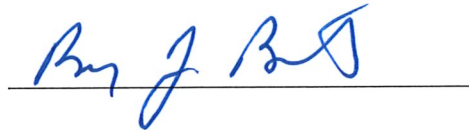
Commissioner Doré requested an update on the progress of the Louisiana Music Museum. Mr. Berthelot stated he would ask a representative, either Mr. Sam Oliver or Ms. Jane Vidrine, to provide an update during the next board meeting.

Commissioner Doré motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Ancelet seconded the motion. There was no public comment. Motion carried.

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

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Chris Alack
Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Ben J. Berthelot', written over a horizontal line.

Benjamin J. Berthelot
President & CEO