Summary of the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lake Charles/Southwest Louisiana Convention & Visitors Bureau, State of Louisiana, taken at a regular meeting held April 30, 2026, at the bureau, 1205 N. Lakeshore Dr., Lake Charles, LA, at 10:00 am.

In attendance was the Board of Directors as follows:

Nathaniel Allured
Richert "Ricky" Self
Eric Avery
Jay Kumar
Janie Fruge
Kala Kuhlthau
Derrick Morris
Jana Crain
John Hamati
Tiffany Celestine

Absent: Evelyn White

Also present was Kyle Edmiston, president/CEO, Adam Carter and Alicia Boutte

Approved the agenda for the April 30, 2026, meeting as presented.

Approved the February 26, 2026, Minutes as written.

Approved the February and March 2026 Financial Statements.

Approved a contract with James Fontenot Construction for repairs to VLC Board Room.

Approved authorizing the CEO to draft a letter to the City of Lake Charles regarding the use and allocation of ACT 608 funds.

Received Report from Self-Assessment Task Force.

Approved a contract with Civitas for a hotel self-assessment initiative in Calcasieu Parish.

Approved an agreement for 2027 Louisiana Food and Wine Festival.

Approved final reports for Tourism Enhancement Development Zone Grant for Iowa and DeQuincy.

Approved a final report for Tourist Development and Marketing Matching Grant for Rum Revival.

Approved applications for the Lake Charles Regional Sports Authority Warchest Grant program for 2026 Baseball Bonanza Battle of the Bats Tournament, 2026 Jennie Finch World Series,

2026 Perfect Game Louisiana State Championships, and 2026 Perfect Game Bayou World Series.

Approved contract for the 2028 Small Market Meetings Summit.

Approved grant applications for the Meeting Incentive Program.

Approved staff and CEO reports as presented.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Nathaniel Allured, Chair

Kyle Edmiston, President/CEO