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 August 27, 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
Janie Fruge
Kala Kuhlthau
Derrick Morris
Jay Kumar
Jana Crain
John Hamati
Hiren Zaveri

Absent: Evelyn White

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

Officially seated new board member: Hiren Zaveri appointed by the City of Lake Charles to represent the SWLA Lodging Association.

Approved the agenda for the August 27, 2026 board meeting as presented.

Approved the June 25, 2026 Minutes as presented.

Approved the June and July Financial Graphs & Statements as submitted.

Approved funds for the Children's Museum Let's All Play Outdoor Park project.

Approved the proposal from James Fontenot Construction for VLC building maintenance and repairs as presented.

Approved recommendations to amend the 2026 VLC Budget as presented.

Approved Tourism Marketing Grant Final Reports for the Lake Charles Symphony Summer Pops, Juneteenth Freedom Festival, Live at the Lakefront, and Red White Blue and You.

Approved applications for the Lake Charles Regional Sports Authority Warchest Grant program for Southwest Louisiana USSSA and Southeast Texas Baseball Academy.

Approved Meeting Incentive Program applications as presented.

Approved staff and CEO reports as presented.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Nathaniel Allured, Chair

Kyle Edmiston, President/CEO