

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 February 27, 2025, 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
Hiren Zaveri
Evelyn White
Jay Kumar
Richert "Ricky" Self
Janie Fruge
Kala Kuhlthau
Derrick Morris
Eric Avery

Absent: none

Also present was Kyle Edmiston, president/CEO.

Officially seated the new board members: Janie Fruge, Kala Kuhlthau, and Derrick Morris. He shared that the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury appointed Janie Fruge to represent the Chamber Southwest Louisiana and Kala Kuhlthau to represent the West Calcasieu Association of Commerce, while the City of Lake Charles appointed Derrick Morris to an at-large position.

Approved the agenda for the February 27, 2025, meeting as presented.

Approved the minutes from the December 16, 2024, meeting as presented.

Approved the election of officers as presented: Chair – Nathaniel Allured, Vice-Chair – Hiren Zaveri and Secretary/Treasurer – Richert "Ricky" Self.

Approved the November, December 2024, and January 2025 financial reports as submitted.

Approved the 2024 Budget Adjustments as presented.

Ratified a motion approved by the Executive Committee to sell an automobile as Surplus Property and utilize the online auction service, Public Surplus.

Adopted a resolution approving the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire as part of the 2024 audit process.

Approved a Tourism Development and Marketing Grant from the Imperial Calcasieu Museum.

Approved the final TEDZ grant reports for the City of DeQuincy and the Town of Iowa.

Approved a grant application for the Meeting and Incentive Program.

Approved the grant applications for the Lake Charles Reginal Sports Authority Warchest Program which included 2025 Krewe of Champions Baseball Tournament and 2025 Mardi Gras Madness NIT Baseball Tournament.

Approved a resolution authorizing Kyle Edmiston, President/CEO, continuous authority to enter into any contractual obligations with the Louisiana Office of Tourism.

Approved staff and CEO reports as presented.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.


Nathaniel Allured, Chair


Kyle Edmiston, President/CEO