

THE ENGLAND ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS      **REGULAR SESSION    DECEMBER 13, 2007**

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The England Economic and Industrial Development District met in Regular Session at the England Authority Board Room, 1611 Arnold Drive, England Industrial Airpark and Community, Alexandria, Louisiana, on **Thursday, December 13, 2007.**

**There were present:** Mr. William Barron, Chairman; Mr. Curman Gaines, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Richard Bushnell, Secretary/Treasurer; Mr. Lance Harris, Mr. Martin Johnson, Mr. Charles Waites and Mr. Charlie Weems.

**Absent:** Ms. Brown, Mr. Denley and Mr. Spears

**Also present were:** Members of the England Authority staff, legal counsel, and members of the public, press and media.

Commissioner Waites gave the invocation and Commissioner Gaines led the Pledge of Allegiance.

England Economic and Industrial Development District was duly convened as the governing authority of said District by Mr. William Barron, Chairman, who then stated that the England Economic and Industrial Development District was ready for the transaction of business.

Chairman opened with nominations for election of Chairman of EEIDD Board.

**MOTION TO ELECT CURMAN GAINES AS CHAIRMAN OF EEIDD BOARD.**

Motion by **Mr. Johnson**, second by **Mr. Harris** to elect Curman Gaines as Chairman of EEIDD Board. On vote, motion carried. **122-2007**

Chairman opened with nominations for election of Vice-Chairman of EEIDD Board.

**MOTION TO ELECT RICHARD BUSHNELL AS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF EEIDD BOARD.**

Motion by **Mr. Johnson**, second by **Mr. Gaines** to elect Mr. Richard Bushnell as Vice-Chairman of EEIDD Board. On vote, motion carried. **123-2007**

Chairman opened with nominations for election of Secretary/Treasurer of EEIDD Board.

**MOTION TO ELECT WILLIAM BARRON AS SECRETARY/TREASURER OF EEIDD BOARD.**

Motion by **Mr. Johnson**, second by **Mr. Waites**, to elect William Barron as Secretary/Treasurer of EEIDD Board. On vote, motion carried. **124-2007**

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA  
(2/3 VOTE REQUIRED)**

Motion by **Mr. Gaines**, second by **Mr. Waites** to add the following motion as item #8 to agenda:

*MOTION TO CHANGE JANUARY 2008 COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEETINGS FROM JANUARY 24, 2008 TO JANUARY 17, 2008.*

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On vote, motion was added to agenda as Item #8.

*Consent Calendar*

Chairman Barron asked for a motion to approve consent calendar for items #4, #6, #7 and #8.

Motion by **Mr. Gaines**, second by **Mr. Waites** to approve consent agenda items #4, #6, #7 and #8.

On vote, motion carried.

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 15, 2007 REGULAR BOARD MEETING.**

Motion by **Mr. Gaines**, second by **Mr. Waites**, to approve Minutes from the November 15, 2007, regular Board Meeting. On vote, motion carried. **125-2007**

**MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF PROVOSTY BILL FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2007.**

Motion by **Mr. Gaines**, second by **Mr. Waites**, to approve payment of Provosty bill for the month of November, 2007. On vote, motion carried. **126-2007**

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE OF WASHINGTON MARDI GRAS CONFERENCE IN JANUARY 2008, SPECIFICALLY THE CHAIRMAN OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, ANY OTHER COMMISSIONERS, A MEMBER OF STAFF, AND THAT THE ENGLAND AUTHORITY COVER COST OF TRAVEL AND EXPENSES OF THOSE ATTENDING.**

Motion by **Mr. Gaines**, second by **Mr. Waites**, to authorize attendance of Washington Mardi Gras Conference in January 2008, specifically the Chairman of Economic Development Committee, any other Commissioners, a member of staff, and that the England Authority cover cost of travel and expenses of those attending. On vote, motion carried. **127-2007**

**MOTION TO CHANGE JANUARY 2008 COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEETINGS FROM JANUARY 24, 2008 TO JANUARY 17, 2008.**

Motion by **Mr. Gaines**, second by **Mr. Waites**, to change January 2008 Committee and Board Meetings from January 24, 2008 to January 17, 2008. On vote, motion carried. **128-2007**

The Chairman next called on Mr. James Ballard of Payne, Moore & Herrington to present the annual independent audit report on Fiscal Year 2006/2007.

**Comments by Legal Counsel** – Mr. Provosty and Mr. Doggett, on behalf of the Provosty Law Firm, thanked the England Authority Board and staff for allowing them to represent and serve as legal counsel.

**Comments or Questions by Commissioners** – Mr. Barron personally thanked the board and staff for serving as Chairman for the 2007 year. Fellow Commissioners and Executive Director, Jon Grafton, stated that they appreciated Mr. Barron's work as Chairman for 2007.

**Staff Report –**

**a. Economic Development** - None

**b. Executive Director** – Mr. Grafton briefed the board regarding the Planning Retreat in Natchitoches on March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, of 2008.

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Finance Report: 41.6% through with the fiscal year and have collected 41% of budgeted revenue.  
Expended 37.7% of budget.

Comparative Air Traffic Report: 1% up for month commercial in November. 9% up for the year to date.  
Load factors: Continental – 64%; Northwest - 71%; ASA – 67%; American – 65%.

Air Operations: down slightly through November, about 3%. Cargo - to date have handled over 11 million pounds of air cargo this month.

**Public Comments or Questions - None**

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting was adjourned.

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**William Barron, Chairman**

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**Richard Bushnell, Secretary/Treasurer**

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