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, AUGUST 24 at 4:48 p.m.

There were present William Barron, Richard Bushnell, Dennis Frazier, Curman Gaines, Mike Johnson, Scott Linzay and Charlie Weems.

Also present were members of the England Authority staff and legal counsel.

Absent: Brady Baudin, Robert L. Beck, Joe McPherson.

Commissioner Bushnell 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. Charlie Weems, Chairman, who then stated that the England Economic and Industrial Development District was ready for the transaction of business.

Chairman Weems stated to board that Commissioner Brady Baudin submitted his resignation by letter of August 19, 2017 to Mayor Fields and the England Authority Board.

Chairman Weems asked for a motion to approve consent calendar for item #1 through #8.
Motion by Mr. Bushnell, second by Mr. Linzay to approve consent calendar for item #1 through #8. The Chair called for any comments from the public. There being none, a vote was called and motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 27, 2017 REGULAR BOARD MEETING.
Motion by Mr. Bushnell, second by Mr. Linzay, to approve minutes of July 27, 2017 regular board meeting. The Chair called for any comments from the public. There being none, a vote was called and motion carried. 075-2017

MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY’S BILL TO PROVOSTY, SADLER, DELAUNAY, FIORENZA & SOBEL FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2017.
Motion by Mr. Bushnell, second by Mr. Linzay, to approve payment of attorney’s bill to Provosty, Sadler, deLaunay, Fiorenza & Sobel for the month of July 2017. The Chair called for any comments from the public. There being none, a vote was called and motion carried. 076-2017

MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY’S BILL TO WHEELIS & ROZANSKI FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2017.
Motion by Mr. Bushnell, second by Mr. Linzay, to approve payment of attorney’s bill to Wheelis & Rozanski for the month of July 2017. The Chair called for any comments from the public. There being none, a vote was called and motion carried. 077-2017

MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY’S BILL TO CHADWICK & ODOM, LLC FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2017.
Motion by Mr. Bushnell, second by Mr. Linzay, to approve payment of attorney’s bill to Chadwick & Odom, LLC for the month of July 2017. The Chair called for any comments from the public. There being none, a vote was called and motion carried. 078-2017
MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE SPONSOR/STATE AGREEMENT #H.013161 BETWEEN THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE EEIDD FOR AIRFIELD ELECTRICAL REHABILITATION – PHASE IV IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,225,417.00.
Motion by Mr. Bushnell, second by Mr. Linzay, to adopt resolution authorizing Executive Director to execute Sponsor/State Agreement #H.013161 between the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and the EEIDD for Airfield Electrical Rehabilitation – Phase IV in the amount of $1,225,417.00. The Chair called for any comments from the public. There being none, a vote was called and motion carried. 079-2017

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN EEIDD AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR BUILDING #1707.
Motion by Mr. Bushnell, second by Mr. Linzay, to authorize Executive Director to execute lease agreement between EEIDD and the United States of America for Building #1707. The Chair called for any comments from the public. There being none, a vote was called and motion carried. 080-2017

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT #3 TO THE AIRPORT USE PERMIT BETWEEN EEIDD AND CSI AVIATION SERVICES, INC. TO ACCOMMODATE DELAYS IN AWARD OF FEDERAL CONTRACT.
Motion by Mr. Bushnell, second by Mr. Linzay, to authorize Executive Director to Execute Amendment #3 to the Airport Use Permit between EEIDD and CSI Aviation Services, Inc. to accommodate delays in award of federal contract. The Chair called for any comments from the public. There being none, a vote was called and motion carried. 081-2017

MOTION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER # 3 TO MERRICK, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF $30,776.70 AND INCREASE THE CONTRACT TIME BY 86 DAYS FOR THE NORTH RAMP REHABILITATION PROJECT.
Motion by Mr. Bushnell, second by Mr. Linzay, to approve Change Order # 3 to Merrick, LLC in the amount of $30,776.70 and increase the contract time by 86 days for the North Ramp Rehabilitation Project. The Chair called for any comments from the public. There being none, a vote was called and motion carried. 082-2017

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO RECEIVE BRIEFING AND LEGAL OPINIONS FROM LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING PERSPECTIVE LITIGATION BETWEEN THE EEIDD AND PARC ENGLAND HOTEL.

John Ryland, attorney for England Authority, recommended that there were no new developments that would require an Executive Session.

Attorney John Ryland reported to board that the assignment and sale between Parc England and Bank of Montgomery was finalized and filed this week with the Rapides Parish Clerk of Court office. Will get certified copy soon.

Chairman notified Board of Barron, Heinberg & Brocato's potential cost letter for Bistro renovation.

Discussion ensued regarding Bistro and Hotel.
F. Comments by Legal counsel – N/A
G. Comments or Questions by Commissioners – Mr. Frazier led discussion for a diverse workforce. Mr. Frazier expressed his disappointment in the diversity of the England workforce and response by staff to a 2016 information request.

Mr. Gaines thanked England Authority staff for their assistance and support in helping him host the Southern Board of Supervisors on August 11th.

Mr. Johnson invited board and staff to attend Rotary Club meeting on September 25th, where Colonel Douglas Mistrone is the special speaker. Colonel Mistrone is the Army Intelligence Specialist on Russia.

H. Staff Report – Financial Report – Expended 3.3% for end of July; Collected 17.9% of the revenue.
   Comparative Air Traffic Report – Down for month of July, American – 16%; Delta – 4% and United 19%. Mr. Gammel reported that the airlines are having issues system wide.

I. Public Comments or Questions – N/A

Mr. Grafton reintroduced Colonel Ray Schindler (retired), who is now Tower Chief for AEX.

J. Adjourn - Motion by Mr. Johnson, second by Mr. Linzay, to adjourn the meeting.

By unanimous vote, with there being no further business to come before the Board, meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.