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APC Board Meeting

Thursday, February 12, 2026
Rosa Parks Transportation Center
101 Jefferson St., Lafayette LA 70501
Thursday, February 12, 2026
10:00am – 12:00pm

Meeting Minutes

The Acadiana Planning Commission Board meeting was called to order on Thursday February 12, 2026, at 10:05 am by Chairman Larry Richard. The pledge was said. Roll was called and quorum announced by CEO Sara Gary. Guests were introduced.

Present

Iberia Parish	M. Larry Richard, Iberia Parish President
Lafayette Parish	Monique Boulet, Mayor-President
St. Landry Parish	Jessie Bellard, St. Landry Parish President
Acadia Parish	Brett Bayard for Beau Petitjean, Police Jury President
Evangeline Parish	Dirk Deville for Kevin Veillon, Policy Jury President
St. Martin Parish	Pete Delcambre, St. Martin parish President
Vermilion Parish	Chad Vallo, Police Jury President
Troy Wayman	President/CEO One Acadiana, non-voting
Dr. Ramesh Kolluru	President University of Louisiana Lafayette, non-voting, arrived at 10:24 am
Dr. Nancee Sorenson	Chancellor LSUE, non-voting

Staff

Sara Gary	APC CEO
Nicole Clavier	APC Staff
Kade Jones	APC Staff

Absent

Dr. June Vincent	Chancellor SoLAcc, non-voting

Public

Keith Roy	Vermilion Parish
Gabby Riles	St. Landry Parish
Saige Vasseur	St. Landry Parish
Christie Dunn	Darnall Sikes & Frederck
Christina Dayries	Lafayette Parish
Andre Breaux	1 Acadiana
Peter Johnson	LED
Garric Brown	
Jake Benoit	Senator Kennedy
Brenda Faulcard	Acadiana Workforce Solutions

Election of Officers

Chairman

A motion was made by Jessie Bellard to appoint M. Larry Richard as Chairman, Keith Roy seconded this motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman

A motion was made by M. Larry Richard to appoint Jessie Bellard as Vice Chairman, Keith Roy seconded this motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer

A motion was made by Jessie Bellard to appoint Monique Boulet as Secretary/Treasurer, Keith Roy seconded this motion; the motion carried unanimously.

APC Administrative

Minute Approval

A motion was made by Keith Roy to approve November 20,2025, APC Board Meeting Minutes, Jessie Bellard seconded this motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Management Meeting Minute Approval

A motion was made by Keith Roy to approve February 2, 2026, APC Management Meeting Minutes, Jessie Bellard seconded this motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Accounting

APC Budget to Actuals

The APC Budget to Actuals was presented in the Agenda Packet and acknowledged by the APC Board.

Legislative FY 22-23 Audit Review

Christi Dunn with Darnall Sikes, & Frederck presented the FY24-25 Legislative Audit, the review was acknowledged by the APC Board.

Banking Resolution

A motion was made by Keith Roy to approve the Banking Resolution, Jessie Bellard seconded this motion; the motion carried unanimously.

CEO Signature Authority

A motion was made by Larry Richard to adopt a resolution which authorizes Sara Gary to have signature authority as the CEO of the Acadiana Planning Commission. Brett Bayard seconded this motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Economic and Community Development

Grant Training Meetings

Kade informed the Board that APC will be hosting meetings to educate communities on available grant opportunities, while also using these meetings to conduct a needs assessment to support updates to the CEDS.

Acadiana Regional Gauge Network

Sara provided the Board with an update on the Gauge Project, noting that APC was able to meet with Acadia Parish, which ultimately decided not to fund the long-term operations and maintenance of the gauge locations within the parish. As a result, Sara stated that all gauge locations within the Mermentau Basin will be removed from the project.

Chad Vallo inquired about the gauge locations in Vermilion Parish that are situated within the Mermentau Basin, and Sara confirmed that those locations would also be removed.

Keith Roy asked whether those sites could remain if Vermilion Parish agreed to assume responsibility for their operation and maintenance. Sara responded that APC would provide the associated maintenance cost estimates for consideration.

NTIA

Sara informed the Board that the NTIA award is approaching the end of its period of performance. At this time, service has been activated for customers in all three parishes targeted under the grant. She also noted that APC is actively coordinating with NTIA and its subcontractors to complete and compile all required documentation for reporting and grant closeout.

EPA

Kade informed the Board that a coalition meeting for the grant had taken place. He provided a brief overview of the topics discussed and outlined the next steps moving forward.

OZ 2.0 Presentation

Andre Breaux provided an overview of 1 Acadiana's involvement in coordinating meetings with Economic Development Organizations (EDOs) and parishes to assess eligibility. He also reviewed the anticipated project timeline.

Peter Johnson, representing the Louisiana Economic Development office, presented an overview of the state's role in the designation process.

Workforce

Jessie provided an overview of Executive Order JML 26-011, a copy of which was included in the meeting packet and discussed its potential impact on Workforce Boards.

Ms. Brenda Falcard spoke on behalf of Acadiana Workforce Solutions, outlining the anticipated effects of the Executive Order on the organization. She also distributed the organization's 2025 Annual Report to the Board.

Crisis Recovery Center

Christina Dayries provided the Board with an overview of Crisis Recovery Centers. She explained that Lafayette Consolidated Government, in partnership with local health systems, will be conducting a community assessment to evaluate the need for a Crisis Recovery Center. While this is an LCG-led initiative, she noted that it has the potential to create a broader regional impact.

Other Business

Keith Roy noted that, at a previous meeting, the Board discussed the possibility of a trip to Washington, D.C. to address issues affecting each parish.

Monique Boulet suggested that APC focus on regional issues that are common across all parishes.

Larry Richard and Jessie Bellard both requested that a Zoom meeting be scheduled with Parish Presidents and Police Jury Presidents to further discuss these matters.

Christina Dayries identified FEMA-related concerns, particularly the current standstill in mitigation funding, as a potential topic for discussion.

Keith Roy added that he would like to address inconsistencies in FEMA program requirements, noting that some programs require matching funds while others do not, and also suggested including rising insurance rates as a key discussion point.

Public Comment

No public comment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm.

APC Board 2026 Meeting Dates:

Q2: Thursday, June 4, 2026
Q3: Thursday, August 2026
Q4: Thursday, November 19, 2026