



SPECIAL APC Board Meeting

Monday April 27, 2026

Rosa Parks Transportation Center
101 Jefferson St., Lafayette LA 70501

2:00pm – 3:00pm

Meeting Minutes

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The Acadiana Planning Commission Board meeting was called to order on Monday April 27, 2026, at 2:02 pm by Chairman Larry Richard. The pledge was said. Roll was called and quorum announced by CEO Sara Gary. Guests were introduced.

Present

Iberia Parish
Lafayette Parish
St. Landry Parish
Evangeline Parish
St. Martin Parish
Vermilion Parish
Geoff Stewart

Dr. June Vincent

M. Larry Richard, Iberia Parish President
Rachel Godeaux for Monique Boulet, Mayor-President
Jessie Bellard, St. Landry Parish President
Dirk Deville for Kevin Veillon, Policy Jury President
Pete Delcambre, St. Martin parish President
Keith Roy for Chad Vallo, Police Jury President
For Dr. Ramesh Kolluru President University of Louisiana Lafayette,
non-voting,
Chancellor SoLAcc, non-voting

Staff

Sara Gary

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Absent

Dr. June Vincent
Beau Petitjean
Troy Wayman
Dr. Nancee Sorenson

Chancellor SoLAcc, non-voting
Acadia Parish Police Jury President
President/CEO One Acadiana, non-voting
Chancellor LSUE, non-voting

Public

Gabby Riles

St. Landry Parish

Washington DC

Sara Gary gave a recap of what led to the Special Board meeting.

Sara gave a list of FEMA related concerns that were listed as regional priorities.

Jessie Bellard stated that he went to the Hurricane Conference in Orlando and at the conference they discussed changes within FEMA concerning reimbursement on disaster funds. He stated that the most a Parish could receive is 75% but could be as little as 50%.

Rachel Godeaux asked if they distinguished between individual assistance or government assistance.

Jessie stated that they did not.

Larry Richard asked if while in Washington DC if a meeting with FEMA could be scheduled to get more details.

Rachel stated that she heard that they were getting rid of the CRS program.

Sara stated that she had received something that stated that was not the case but that they would be revamping the requirements for the program.

Keith Roy stated that they would like to discuss with legislators while in DC the removal on the Cap of GOMESA funds.

Larry stated that he thought that the Cap was raised.

Keith stated that it was, but Vermilion Parish would like to see the Cap removed.

Jessie asked about a Regional Drainage plan.

Sara stated that there was not one, but the Watershed District was working on a regional watershed plan that would have a list of projects.

Sara stated that a good regional project is the flood control structure at the mouth of the Vermilion River.

Keith Roy stated that Vermilion Parish submitted that project to CRPA for potential inclusion in their master plan.

Larry stated that Iberia Parish was putting in a flood control structure on the Delcambre canal as well as making some improvements to Nelson Canal.

Pete Delcambre stated that he was working with Lafayette Consolidated Government on issues with the flooding of Hwy 90 in the Le Triomphe area. He also spoke about the Bayou Chene control structure.

Larry stated that he thought that shoreline protection could fall in line with levee structures.

Sara gave an update on transportation and where Congress was in the process of the new transportation bill since the current bill is set to expire September 30th of this year.

Sara let the Board know that she made contact with Senator Cassidy and Kennedy's offices as well as Congressmen Higgins office and that she was waiting on a contact from Speaker Johnson office.

Dirk Deville stated that he had a contact within the office and he would reach out.

Sara stated that she needs a list of individuals who would like to go to Washington so she could provide the list to each office. She asked if everyone could let her know by close of business Tuesday.

A motion was made by Jessie Bellard to approve the Regional Priorities; Keith Roy seconded this motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

No public comment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52pm.

APC Board 2026 Meeting Dates:

Q2: Thursday, June 4, 2026

Q3: Thursday, August 2026

Q4: Thursday, November 19, 2026