# MINUTES OF THE RIVER PARISHES TRANSIT AUTHORITY
# FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET HEARING December 11, 2025

The Board Chairperson, S. Lewis, called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 11, 2025, within the first-floor meeting room, St. John the Baptist General Government Building – 1811 West Airline Highway, Laplace, LA 70068. Members present included: S. Lewis, E. Broussard, III, G. Monti, W. Joseph, Jr, and P. Beard thus achieving a quorum. Members absent included M. Jenkins and K. Bourgois. Also present were S. Van Sickle (Transdev) and M. Johnson and S. Slack (both from Solutient).

S. Lewis opened the meeting for the public Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Hearing. The Board reviewed the proposed budget. Discussion ensued. P. Beard requested that prior year actuals be added to the budget. E. Broussard, III would like to see the approved versus actuals total rather than monthly in order to see if there is more cushion than it appears. P. Beard agreed – would like to make sure we are not overestimating loss on a monthly basis. The board requested that A. Thompson submit the financials for review at least one week prior to meetings and that the monthly financials show both cash and monthly accruals. G. Monti requested no more per diem for board members as of January 1, 2026. Motion was seconded by E. Broussard, III. G. Monti also stated that he was still not happy about the $33/month "account analysis settlement" bank fee. The board asked contractors to look into partnering with other providers (such as medical providers) to do Medicaid rides and receive reimbursement. P Beard asked S. Van Sickle if Transdev provides vehicles in other contracts. S. Van Sickle replied that Transdev does supply vehicles under some other contracts. The board then asked if capital funding (for vehicles) could be used for operations. S. Van Sickle stated that only operations funding could be used for operations. The board requested that the contractors look into ride shares and requested data on the number of rides requiring ADA access. The board discussed potentially cutting Saturday service in April but stated that the issue could be revisited if the RPTA has more funds than reflected in the budget. W. Joseph, Jr. stated that he was not in favor of cutting service. P. Beard requested that Solutient and Transdev provide the board with meeting notes and action items based on the meeting discussion.

S. Lewis asked if there were any public questions or comments. There were no members of the public in attendance.

S. Lewis read Resolution No. 10-2025 to the board and asked for a motion.

***S. Lewis asked for a motion to approve Resolution No. 10-2025 approving the 2026 budget. It was moved by G. Monti and seconded by W. Joseph, Jr., to approve with the provision that the budget be revised to include actuals year to year. Motion carried unanimously.***

***S. Lewis asked for a motion to adjourn. It was moved by E. Broussard, III and seconded by P. Beard. The motion carried unanimously.***

Having no more business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:42 PM.

Shantha J. Lewis 1.23.26

S. Lewis, Chairperson Date