

MINUTES OF THE RIVER PARISHES TRANSIT AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING – February 26, 2026

S. Lewis called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 pm on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at the St. John the Baptist Parish Council Chambers, 1811 W. Airline Highway, Laplace, LA 70068. Members present included S. Lewis, K. Bourgeois, W. Joseph, Jr., P. Beard, E. Broussard III and G. Monti thus achieving a quorum. Members absent included M. Jenkins. Also in attendance were S. Van Sickle (Transdev), A. Thompson (Solutient), and M. Johnson (Solutient).

S. Lewis asked all board members to review the January 23, 2026, meeting minutes. It was moved to accept by E. Broussard, III and seconded by K. Bourgeois. Motion carried unanimously.

Comments from the public – There were no members of the public present.

S. Van Sickle presented the Operations Report for January 2026. The number of passenger trips in January was 1,542. January's daily average was 61.68 riders. The average scheduled trips per hour were 1.66. There were 15,902 passenger miles traveled in January. The ADA denial rate was 0%.

A. Thompson presented the Secretary/Treasurer's Report for January 2026. Thompson stated that profit and loss for January 2026 shows a net income of \$62,178.75. The cash flow statement for YTD and from inception through January 2026 shows cash at the end of the period of \$115,271.32. After the new transactions are considered and including payables prepared after January 31, 2026, the cash balance is \$55,501.73. No pledge reports were required for January 2026.

S. Lewis requested a motion for approval of the January 2026 Secretary/Treasurer's Report. Approval was moved by P. Beard and seconded by E. Broussard, III. Motion carried unanimously.

A. Thompson listed the following checks for accounts payable: Solutient, Invoice No. 12990 (January 2026 Services), Check No. 2648, \$6,250 and Transdev, Invoice No. 0101-2026 (January 2026), Check No. 2649, \$87,624.60.

S. Lewis requested a motion for approval of the Accounts Payable. Approval was moved by P. Beard and seconded by E. Broussard, III. Motion carried unanimously.

S. Lewis requested a motion for approval to eliminate board per diems as of January 1, 2026, as introduced during the January 23, 2026, meeting. Approval was moved by P. Beard and seconded by G. Monti. Motion carried unanimously.

A. Thompson directed the board to Resolution No. 01-2026 – a resolution acknowledging and accepting the rescission of resignation submitted by E. Broussard, III from the Board of Commissioners and confirming his continued service as Commissioner until such time as his successor is duly appointed and qualified.

S. Lewis requested a motion for approval of Resolution No. 01-2026. Approval was moved by G. Monti and seconded by P. Beard. Motion carried unanimously.

A. Thompson directed the board to Resolution No. 02-2026 – a resolution designating P. Beard to serve as a bank signatory of the Board of Commissioners of the River Parishes Transit Authority, and removing E. Broussard, III as a bank signatory of the Board of Commissioners of the River Parishes Transit Authority.

S. Lewis requested a motion for approval of Resolution No. 02-2026. Approval was moved by G. Monti and seconded by E. Broussard, III. Motion carried unanimously.

S. Van Sickle stated that, with E. Broussard, III leaving, the board needs to elect a new Vice-Chairperson. E. Broussard, III motioned that he would like to nominate P. Beard to be Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by G. Monti.

K. Bourgeois stated that he would be leaving the board as of April 30, 2026.

S. Van Sickle directed the board to the reports requested at the previous meeting including: the 2025 trip purpose by time periods for weekdays and Saturdays; the January Saturday trip summary; and the January 2026 Saturday trip purpose by time report. Discussion ensued regarding asking passengers about their trip purpose. S. Van Sickle stated that the service is first come first served and that they did not ask for the trip purpose, but rather, inferred from the addresses. The board requested that S. Van Sickle ask FTA about requesting trip purpose.

P. Beard motioned to eliminate Saturday service and the last hour of service as soon as practicable with May 1, 2026, proposed. A. Thompson stated that the board would have to renegotiate with Transdev given the number of cuts suggested and the contract. She also stated that the board would have to follow the public participation plan. A. Thompson stated that she would reach out to D. Breun regarding the potential service cuts.

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S. Lewis requested a motion to adjourn. Approval was moved by G. Monti. and seconded by E. Broussard, III.
Having no more business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:45 pm.

Shamika J. Lewis *3-30-26*

S. Lewis, Chairperson

Date