

**River Parishes Convention, Tourist, and Visitors Commission  
Regular Meeting | December 16, 2025, | Official Minutes**

The River Parishes Convention, Tourist, and Visitors Commission Regular Meeting met on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at the St. John the Baptist Parish Library, Third Floor, 1482 LA-44, Reserve, Louisiana 70084

**Call To Order**

Chairman Garrett Monti called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM

**Roll Call**

Denise Burrell called the roll as follows:

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Board Assignment</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Garrett Monti	Chairman	<b>Present</b>
Camella Landry	Vice-Chairwoman	<b>Present</b>
Noble Benoit	Secretary/Treasurer	<b>Present</b>
Bonnie Dinvaut	Commissioner	<b>Present</b>
Terrence Jones	Commissioner	<b>Absent</b>
Elizabeth Joseph	Commissioner	<b>Present</b>
Bradley Poche	Commissioner	<b>Present</b>
Tracy Smith	Commissioner	<b>Present</b>
Kelly Lee Tomeny	Commissioner	<b>Present</b>

**Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**

Secretary/Treasurer Noble Benoit led the Prayer, and Chairman Garrett Monti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment - START: 5:03 pm                      END: 5:03 pm**

No public comments.

**Approval of Current Agenda**

Elizabeth Joseph motioned to approve the agenda of December 16, 2025. Commissioner Kelly Lee Tomeny seconded the motion:

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Board Assignment</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Garrett Monti	Chairman	<b>Yes</b>
Camella Landry	Vice-Chairwoman	<b>Yes</b>
Noble Benoit	Secretary/Treasurer	<b>Yes</b>
Bonnie Dinvaut	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>
Terrence Jones	Commissioner	<b>Absent</b>
Elizabeth Joseph	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>
Bradley Poche	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>
Tracy Smith	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>
Kelly Lee Tomeny	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>

The motion having been duly made and seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Board, Chairman Garrett Monti declared the motion adopted on December 16, 2025.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Tracy Smith motioned to approve the minutes of October 21, 2025, Regular Meeting. Commissioner Bonnie Dinvaut seconded the motion. Chairman Garrett Monti called the question with the following results:

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Board Assignment</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Garrett Monti	Chairman	<b>Yes</b>
Camella Landry	Vice-Chairwoman	<b>Yes</b>
Noble Benoit	Secretary/Treasurer	<b>Yes</b>
Bonnie Dinvaut	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>
Terrence Jones	Commissioner	<b>Absent</b>
Elizabeth Joseph	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>
Bradley Poche	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>
Tracy Smith	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>
Kelly Lee Tomeny	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>

The motion having been duly made and seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Board, Chairwoman Garrett Monti declared the motion adopted on December 16, 2025.

### **Financials**

Commissioner Bonnie Dinvaut motioned to approve the October 2025 financials. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Elizabeth Joseph. Chairman Garrett Monti called the question with the following results:

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Board Assignment</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Garrett Monti	Chairman	<b>Yes</b>
Camella Landry	Vice-Chairwoman	<b>Yes</b>
Noble Benoit	Secretary/Treasurer	<b>Yes</b>
Bonnie Dinvaut	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>
Terrence Jones	Commissioner	<b>Absent</b>
Elizabeth Joseph	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>
Bradley Poche	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>
Tracy Smith	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>
Kelly Lee Tomeny	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>

The motion having been duly made and seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Board, Chairman Garrett Monti declared the motion adopted on December 16, 2025.

Chairwoman Camella Landry motioned to approve the November 2025 financials. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bonnie Dinvaut. Chairman Garrett Monti called the question with the following results:

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Board Assignment</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Garrett Monti	Chairman	<b>Yes</b>
Camella Landry	Vice-Chairwoman	<b>Yes</b>
Noble Benoit	Secretary/Treasurer	<b>Yes</b>
Bonnie Dinvaut	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>
Terrence Jones	Commissioner	<b>Absent</b>
Elizabeth Joseph	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>

Bradley Poche	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>
Tracy Smith	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>
Kelly Lee Tomeny	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>

The motion having been duly made and seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Board, Chairman Garrett Monti declared the motion adopted on December 16, 2025.

**Approvals**

**Directors & Officers Insurance Policy Renewal**

Commissioner Tracy Smith made a motion to approve the renewal of the Directors & Officers Insurance Policy. Commissioner Elizabeth Joseph seconded the motion. Chairman Garrett Monti called the question with the following results:

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Board Assignment</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Garrett Monti	Chairman	<b>Yes</b>
Camella Landry	Vice-Chairwoman	<b>Yes</b>
Noble Benoit	Secretary/Treasurer	<b>Yes</b>
Bonnie Dinvaut	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>
Terrence Jones	Commissioner	<b>Absent</b>
Elizabeth Joseph	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>
Bradley Poche	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>
Tracy Smith	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>
Kelly Lee Tomeny	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>

The motion having been duly made and seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Board, Chairman Garrett Monti declared the motion adopted on December 16, 2025.

**Resolution 2025-20 – 2026 Meeting Schedule**

Chairwoman Camella Landry made a motion to approve the formal meeting schedule of the River Parishes Convention, Tourist, and Visitors Commission for 2026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tracy Smith. Chairman Garrett Monti called the question with the following results:

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Board Assignment</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Garrett Monti	Chairman	<b>Yes</b>
Camella Landry	Vice-Chairwoman	<b>Yes</b>
Noble Benoit	Secretary/Treasurer	<b>Yes</b>
Bonnie Dinvaut	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>
Terrence Jones	Commissioner	<b>Absent</b>
Elizabeth Joseph	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>
Bradley Poche	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>
Tracy Smith	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>
Kelly Lee Tomeny	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>

The motion having been duly made and seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Board, Chairman Garrett Monti declared the motion adopted on December 16, 2025.

**Resolution 2025-21 – Louisiana Travel Association Membership**

Commissioner Tracy Smith made a motion authorizing the Executive Director to execute the Agreement with the Louisiana Travel Association as a 2026 Premium Partner. Commissioner Elizabeth Joseph seconded the motion. Chairman Garrett Monti called the question with the following results:

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Board Assignment</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Garrett Monti	Chairman	<b>Yes</b>
Camella Landry	Vice-Chairwoman	<b>Yes</b>
Noble Benoit	Secretary/Treasurer	<b>Yes</b>
Bonnie Dinvaut	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>
Terrence Jones	Commissioner	<b>Absent</b>
Elizabeth Joseph	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>
Bradley Poche	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>
Tracy Smith	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>
Kelly Lee Tomeny	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>

The motion having been duly made and seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Board, Chairman Garrett Monti declared the motion adopted on December 16, 2025.

**Resolution 2025-22 – Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Annual Engagement**

Commissioner Elizabeth Joseph made a motion authorizing the Executive Director to execute the letter of engagement with T.S. Kearns CPA to conduct the annual and monthly statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. Commissioner Kelly Lee Tomeny seconded the motion. Chairman Garrett Monti called the question with the following results:

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Board Assignment</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Garrett Monti	Chairman	<b>Yes</b>
Camella Landry	Vice-Chairwoman	<b>Yes</b>
Noble Benoit	Secretary/Treasurer	<b>Yes</b>
Bonnie Dinvaut	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>
Terrence Jones	Commissioner	<b>Absent</b>
Elizabeth Joseph	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>
Bradley Poche	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>
Tracy Smith	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>
Kelly Lee Tomeny	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>

The motion having been duly made and seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Board, Chairman Garrett Monti declared the motion adopted on December 16, 2025.

**Resolution 2025-23 – St. John Center Management Professional Services Agreement**

Commissioner Tracy Smith made a motion to table this resolution. Commissioner Bonnie Dinvaut seconded the motion. Chairman Garrett Monti called the question with the following results:

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Board Assignment</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Garrett Monti	Chairman	<b>Yes</b>
Camella Landry	Vice-Chairwoman	<b>Yes</b>
Noble Benoit	Secretary/Treasurer	<b>Yes</b>
Bonnie Dinvaut	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>

Terrence Jones	Commissioner	<b>Absent</b>
Elizabeth Joseph	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>
Bradley Poche	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>
Tracy Smith	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>
Kelly Lee Tomeny	Commissioner	<b>Yes</b>

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### **Executive Director’s Report**

#### **Operations**

Executive Director Denise Burrell reported on the successful execution of the Festival of the Bonfires and other seasonal festivals throughout the River Parishes. She highlighted strong attendance, positive community engagement, and significant regional and statewide media exposure generated through coordinated marketing and public relations efforts.

The Executive Director noted that these events continue to strengthen the destination brand and expand awareness of Louisiana’s River Parishes as a premier cultural and heritage tourism destination.

#### **Sales Report**

The Sales Report was reviewed, and highlights were presented and discussed.

#### **Marketing & Public Relations**

A report from Deveney, the agency of record for Marketing and Public Relations, was shared with the board, detailing campaign updates, media coverage, and ongoing strategic initiatives.

#### **Community Engagement & Events**

The Executive Director shared recent and upcoming initiatives that reflect the Commission’s continued commitment to community involvement and local partnerships.

### **Chairwoman’s Report**

Chairman Garrett Monti announced that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on February 19, 2026, at 5 pm.

### **Adjourn**

Commissioner Tracy Smith motioned to adjourn. Chairwoman Camella Landry seconded the motion. Chairman Garret Monti called the question with the following results:

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