

Louisiana Planning District 5
RESOLUTION NO. 2332

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (SWLA-RPC) FOR LOUISIANA PLANNING DISTRICT 5 APPROVING ACTIVATION OF THE 2026 SWLA-RPC COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES (CEDS) COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, the Southwest Louisiana Regional Planning Commission is the Economic Development District for Southwest Louisiana; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Southwest Louisiana Regional Planning Commission is under contract with the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) to prepare, adopt and maintain Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) every five years for the region; **AND**

WHEREAS, the current Southwest Louisiana Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) were prepared following a series of natural disasters including two hurricanes, historic freeze, historic flood and two tornados that focused priorities on restoration of physical and economic recovery; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Board is desirous of advancing a new rebounding and sustainable regional economy for the benefit of the five parishes and their local jurisdictions; **AND**

WHEREAS, the new 2027-2031 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies preparation, review and adoption is a critical piece in the Comprehensive Regional Plan requiring both public and private stakeholders and institutions; **AND**

WHEREAS, establishment of a Regional CEDS Committee is an essential component for preparation of the 2027-2031 Southwest Louisiana Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies; **AND**

WHEREAS, the responsibilities of the Regional CEDS Committee are to identify, evaluate, prepare, engage, and recommend on strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to area economic viability; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Board approves all members of the 2027-2031 SWLA-RPC CEDS Committee:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (SWLA-RPC) FOR LOUISIANA PLANNING DISTRICT 5 APPROVING AND ACTIVATING THE SWLA-RPC 2027-2031 CEDS COMMITTEE WITH THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTATIVE SEATS.

1. Southwest Louisiana Homebuilders Association
2. Southwest Louisiana Board of Realtors
3. Calcasieu Parish School System
4. Southwest Louisiana Technical College
5. McNeese University
6. Southwest Louisiana Community Foundation
7. Southwest Louisiana Black Chamber of Commerce
8. Southwest Louisiana Economic Alliance
9. Southwest Louisiana Regional Planning Commission
10. Southwest Louisiana Council of Churches
11. Lake Area Industrial Alliance (LAIA)
12. Lake Charles Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
13. Agriculture
14. Jefferson Davis Electric Cooperative
15. Port of Lake Charles

THIS RESOLUTION BEING APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THE 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.


Jacob Dillehay, Chair

ATTEST: 
Michael Hollier, AICP, Director