



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING of the
Ascension Parish Tourism Commission at
Home 2 Suites, 2708 W. Outfitters Drive, Gonzales LA 70769
Tuesday, June 9, 2026 2:00 PM**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Pledge/Prayer/Roll Call
2. Public Comment Sign-In Period
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Advertising-Marketing Grant Application (Festa Italiana)
5. Approval of Contract Position
6. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes
7. Approval of Treasurer's Report
8. Authorize the Treasurer to handle the renewal and negotiation of maturing certificates of deposit (CDs)
9. Approval of Fiscal Policy & Procedures Updates
10. Board Chairman's Comments
11. President & CEO's Report

The Ascension Parish Tourism Commission's mission is to attract first time and repeat tourists by promoting all forms of travel to all parts of Ascension Parish. APTC is focused on the sustainability of a thriving tourist industry within Ascension Parish for the economic benefit of its citizens.



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Regular Board Meeting

June 9, 2026

Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order/Prayer/Pledge/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Gasper Chifichi

Present: Michael Bonfanti, Gasper Chifichi & Rutha Cayette

Also Present: Tracy Browning, Michael Calabro, Rae Milano, Lee Melancon & Bobby Charleville

Absent: Richard Zeringue, Mary Skinner, and Liz Laurent

Agenda Item #2 Public Sign in Period

No Sign-In's

Agenda Item #3 Approval Agenda

A motion was made to add induction of new board member item #4.

Motion by Mike Bonfanti

Second by Richard Zeringue

(0) NAYS

Motion passed

Agenda Item #4 Induction of New Appointed Board Member

Michael Calabro inducted new member, Rae Milano to the Board.

Agenda Item #5 Advertising-Marketing Grant Application (Festa Italiana)

Lee Melancon and Bobby Charleville with the Donaldsonville Area Foundation presented information about the first time Fest Italiana to be held on October 10, 2026 at the PACE Center in Gonzales. The goal is to raise funds to complete renovations of the Mistretta Building in Donaldsonville. A motion was made to approve the advertising marketing grant application for \$500 for the 2026 Festa Italiana to be paid as reimbursement upon receiving the required documentation and the execution of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement. All work must include the APTC logo or name.

Motion by Rutha Cayette

Second by Mike Bonfanti

(0) NAYS

Motion passed

Agenda Item #6 Approval of Contract Position

The President & CEO reviewed the job description and terms of the contract position. A motion was made to approve the contract sales position and the Board Attorney will draft a contract.

Motion by Mike Bonfanti

Second by Rae Milano

(0) NAYS

Motion passed

Agenda Item #7 Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on May 12, 2026, were reviewed by the Board and a motion was made to approve the minutes.

Motion by Mike Bonfanti

Second by Rae Milano

(0) NAYS

Motion passed



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Agenda Item #8 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reviewed the 2026 Financial Statements including the Profit and Loss and the Balance Sheet with the Board. A motion was made to approve the financial reports.

Motion by Rae Milano

Second by Rutha Cayette

(0) NAYS

Motion passed

Agenda Item #9 Authorize the Treasurer to handle renewal and negotiation of maturing certificates of deposit (CDs)

CDs sometimes expire right after a Board Meeting and a decision to move it for a better rate or leave it to rollover has to be determined. The information about that decision is not always available at the time of the Board Meeting. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer to oversee negotiations related to all upcoming maturing certificates of deposit (CDs) and report the results and status to the Board for review. Once the decision is made, the Treasurer will report at the next available Board Meeting what action if any took place and email the President & CEO the information on the CD.

Motion by Mike Bonfanti

Second by Rae Milano

(0) NAYS

Motion passed

Agenda Item #10 Approval of Fiscal Policy & Procedures Updates

The President & CEO reviewed some updates needed to the Fiscal Policy & Procedures Manual. A motion was made to approve the updates as presented.

Motion by Mike Bonfanti

Second by Rutha Cayette

(0) NAYS

Motion passed

Agenda Item #11 Board Vice Chairman Comments

The Chairman reminded everyone about some upcoming events. The Chairman also thanked Michael Bonfanti for his years of service to the commission.

Agenda Item #12 President & CEO's Report

The President & CEO submitted a monthly report to the Board.

Adjourn:

Motion by Mike Bonfanti

Second by Richard Zeringue

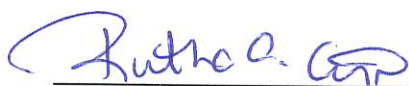
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Motion passed



Gasper Chifci, Chairman

Date 7/14/26



Rutha Cayette, Secretary/Treasurer

Date 7/14/26