# IBERIA PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
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A special meeting of the Iberia Parish Communications District was held on **Thursday, November 4, 2026** at 10:00 a.m. at the Iberia Parish Communications District's Emergency Communications Center with Board Chairman Leland Laseter presiding. The meeting was called to order at **10:16 a.m**. Alex Trahan conducted the roll call and a quorum was established.

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| **MEMBERS PRESENT:** | Leland Laseter, Mike Vincent, Cameron Comeaux, Francis Dorsey, and Greg Guardia |
| **MEMBERS ABSENT:** | Buddy Smith |
| **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** | Lance P. Provost, II, Alex Trahan, and Michael Broussard |

It was MOVED by Greg Guardia SECONDED by Cameron Comeaux to expand the agenda to include public comment.

YEAS: Leland Laseter, Mike Vincent, Cameron Comeaux, and Greg Guardia
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Buddy Smith and Francis Dorsey
And the motion carried.

The Board Chairman opened the floor for public comments and none were received at this time.

**Review and Discuss Parish Government's Resolution:**

- The Director revisited the Board's previous discussions regarding the Director's meeting with Parish Government Administration regarding potential insurance withdrawal and the strong opposition of the administration.
- The Director advised the Board that the Parish President submitted a resolution to the Parish Council that would prohibit departments operated by IPG from seeking and obtaining health, dental, life, or ancillary insurance benefits outside the Parish Government Group Plan.
- The Director noted that, as written, the resolution would impose a categorical prohibition on obtaining group health insurance, creating a direct and significant obstacle to the

District's objectives. Ultimately, the resolution would prevent the District from even soliciting competitive quotes for group health insurance.

**Discuss and Consider Objection:**

- The Director advised that it could move forward in one of two ways which were either to take no action or to file a formal objection with the Council to state its position on the proposed resolution.
- The Director recommended that the Board formally object to the proposed prohibition insofar as it would allow for the mischaracterization of the District's statutory status and structure, restrict the District's ability to evaluate alternative coverage and present proposals to the Council for consideration on its merits, and restrict or otherwise impeded and impair meaningful Board governance.
- The Director cautioned the Board that such a restriction could have impacts that extend far beyond insurance quotes. Should the Board be unable to manage some of the largest line items in its budget without petitioning the Council for relief, the Board would essentially lose functional purpose.
- The Director provided an example which included having to seek more revenue through fee increases dispatch charges to cover expenditures that it would have no control over, both of which impact the public in various ways.
- The Director reiterated that the District's primary and immediate objective was to retain the ability to explore alternative insurance options, not to assert that a better insurance plan had already been identified.
- The Board was in agreement that the ability to review and request changes to insurance policies should be available if needed, especially if there is no guarantee when it comes to potential fee and dispatch charge increases.
- The Board expressed support and approval of the objection to be filed and presented to the council at the November 4, 2026 meeting.

It was MOVED by Mike Vincent SECONDED by Francis Dorsey to approve the resolution to present the objection to the council concerning the proposed group insurance prohibition.

YEAS: Leland Laseter, Mike Vincent, Cameron Comeaux, Francis Dorsey, and Greg Guardia
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Buddy Smith

And the motion carried.

There being no further business, it was MOVED by Mike Vincent SECONDED by Cameron Comeaux to adjourn the meeting.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission will be held on **Thursday, November 19, 2026** at 10:00 a.m. at the Iberia Parish Communications District's Emergency Communications Center, 1111 Ember Dr. New Iberia, LA 70560.