

Minutes of the 2026 Proposed Budget Hearings for the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District held in the Belle Chasse Council Chambers, 333 F. Edward Hebert Blvd., Bldg. 203, Belle Chasse, Louisiana on Monday, January 5, 2026, at 5:14 p.m., pursuant to notice to all members with a quorum present as follows:

PRESENT: Commissioner Ronnie Newsom, Chairman
Commissioner Brian Champagne
Commissioner Stuart J. Guey
Commissioner Patricia McCarty
Commissioner Mitch Jurisich
Commissioner Mark Cognevich

Crystal Flood, Asst. Council Secretary

ABSENT: Commissioner Tyrone Edwards
Commissioner Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr.

ABSTAINED: Commissioner Chris Schulz

Charles Tillotson, Shannon Glapion, Patrice Bell, Jacob Lee were present representing the Port.

Commissioner Edwards joined the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Commissioner LaFrance joined the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

The Proposed 2026 Plaquemines Parish Port, Harbor, and Terminal District Budget was presented and accepted with one amendment. The amendment includes a salary adjustment and decrease of \$9,600.00 to the Port Director, Charles Tillotson's salary, and an increase of \$4,800.00 to the Director of Projects, Celeste Bergeron's salary. This adjustment was offered by Commissioner Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Cognevich with a "YES" vote from all Commissioners except Commissioner Jurisich who "ABSTAINED". The amendment passes 8-0-1. Another amendment to the Plaquemines Parish Port, Harbor and Terminal Districts Budget was offered by Commissioner Schulz to adjust the employees pay raise to 3%. This amendment was seconded by Commissioner Jurisich with all Commissioners voting "YES", except Commissioners Edwards, Champagne, Guey, LaFrance and Cognevich who voted "NO". The vote failed 4-5.

An offer was made by Commissioner Cognevich and seconded by Commissioner LaFrance to accept the Proposed 2026 Plaquemines Parish Port, Harbor, and Terminal District Budget with all Commissioners voting "YES", except Commissioners Schulz, McCarty, Newsom and Jurisich who voted "NO". The vote passes 5-4.

There being no further business to come before this Council, on motion Commissioner Edwards seconded by Commissioner LaFrance and on roll call all members present voting "YES", except Commissioners Schulz, Newsom, Jurisich who voted "NO", the meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Chairman

Asst. Secretary

For a full transcript of discussions and presentations a video of this meeting is available for viewing on the Parish website www.plaqueminesparish.com or on YouTube.