

Minutes of a meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Council, as the Sole Governing Authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District, held in Belle Chasse Council Chambers, 333 F. Edward Hebert Blvd., Bldg. 203, Belle Chasse, Louisiana on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 5:15 p.m., pursuant to notice to all members with a quorum present as follows:

PRESENT: Commissioner Ronnie Newsom, Chairman
Commissioner Tyrone Edwards
Commissioner Brian Champagne
Commissioner Stuart Guey
Commissioner Patricia L. McCarty
Commissioner Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr.
Commissioner Mitch Jurisich
Commissioner Mark Cognevich

Kim Toups, Council Secretary

ABSENT: Commissioner Chris Schulz

The members of the Port Executive Staff were present:

The following items were deferred:

- 6b, “A Resolution authorizing and directing Charles D. Tillotson, Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District (“the Port”) to enter into lease negotiations with a confidential customer for a project known as “LA Haven” and will be Confidential until further notice; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- 6e, “A Resolution authorizing the Executive Director of the Port, Charles D. Tillotson to enter into and execute a Memorandum of Understanding between APMT, and Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District d/b/a Louisiana Gateway Port (“the Port”)”; and
- 6k, “A Resolution adopting amendments to the Administration Policies and Procedures for Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District (the Port); and otherwise, to provide with respect thereto”.

The following items were withdrawn:

- 6a(1), “An Ordinance adopting updates and amendments to Port Tariff and Security fee rates for Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District (the Port) to be added to the Port’s approved Financial Policies and Procedures; and otherwise, to provide with respect thereto”;
- 6c, “An Ordinance authorizing Charles D. Tillotson, Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District (“the Port”), to issue Task Order #____ to Lanier & Associates Consulting Engineers, Inc. for engineering and design services in regards to developing a repair package of the Westbank Belle Chasse Ferry Landing and the Eastbank Scarsdale Ferry Landing; and otherwise, to provide with respect thereto”;
- 6d, “An Ordinance authorizing Charles D. Tillotson, Executive Director, to continue a Navy Business Case Analysis and amend the 2025 Five-Year Capital Improvements Budget, to appropriate funding for the integrated Phase II and III of the Project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- 6f, “An Ordinance authorizing Executive Director, Charles D. Tillotson, of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District to execute a one-year extension for professional services with EVALV IT to secure Information Technology (IT) services for the Port; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;

Commissioner Newsom moved to Agenda Item 2, “Executive Session”. Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-74

On motion of Commissioner Cognevich, seconded by Commissioner Edwards and on roll call all members present and voting “YES”, except Commissioner Schulz who were “ABSENT”, the following Resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT it hereby resolves itself into Executive Session at 5:17 p.m. on the following

matters: Executive Session pursuant to RS 42:17(A)(2) and (11) pertaining to a prospective employment related claim on behalf by Shannon Glapion against PPHTD, and to otherwise receive attorney-client privileged communications; Consideration of authorization of Council Attorney to take action in accordance with recommendations from executive session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby came out of Executive Session at 5:59 p.m. with no final or binding action taken.

Commissioner Newsom moved to Agenda Item 3, "Status Report by Executive Port Staff". Without objection, so ordered.

Port Marine Operations Update:

Port Ferries

- In service (Belle Chasse & Pointe a la Hache)

MV Belle Chasse II

- Vessel dry docking is on schedule progressing well

MV Port Authority I

- Vessel at Aluma Marine & Fabrication LLC
- Vessel is fully completed, and is now waiting on word from the locks to approve vessel to enter the river

M/V West Port

- Waiting on fire pump to be replaced, as the old pump has stopped working

M/V East Port

- Bits on vessel have broken again due to waves from passing vessels, proper actions are being taken to mitigate this problem from continuing

New Build Ferry (Diesel Electric) \$26.5 M

- 100% final design & Spec package for bid
- See rendering

Port Marine Ferry Landing Projects:

PALH Landing Replacement \$18.6 M Grant

Survey data collected and being processed
Preliminary engineering will follow
Estimated Construction 12/2028

Belle Chasse/Scarsdale Landing

Draft Stability & Structure Assessment shows that load rating is still valid. No need to shut down ferry or have additional limits on traffic.
FTA Grant funding to replace two landing barges
Engineering for repairs at landing, construction will have to go out for public bid.

Belle Chasse Security Vessel Landing

Got clarity on Port Security & FTA Grant Funding
Project will kick-off again

Critical Infrastructure Projects:

PALH Landing Replacement \$18.6 M Grant

Survey data collected and being processed
Preliminary engineering will follow
Estimated Construction 12/2028

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Belle Chasse Security Vessel Landing

Dock Support - Port Security
Barge Dock - FTA Grant Funding

LGP Rail Extension Project

STB granted Environmental Assessment (EA) instead of full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).
FNI has completed field work on all, but 3 properties
Ironton Townhall 02-04-26
OPPC=approximately \$103 Mill

Peters Road Rail Bypass

Amendment to CEA will be needed to bring to 30% full realignment design
Meetings with CSRS and Commissioners to explain full realignment

Peters Road Vehicle Bridge

Box Culverts expected to go to bid this year w/DOTD sourcing construction funding.

Survey South of GIWW has begun.

Navigation study draft has been sent to DOTD and being reviewed.

73 foot clearance = construction cost savings

Water Booster Station & Feedlines

1/3 of pipe in ground (20 inch pipe)-completion end of June 2026

No traffic or safety concerns regarding boring under LA 23

Coordinating with PPG Engineers & Inframark

Updates:

- COO position approved: Resumes are being reviewed interviews are anticipated to start end of February, beginning of March.
- Archer studies initiated: Director of IT and Chief Port Engineer, awaiting feedback from the Archer Company
- Staff Newsletter: First issue circulated on February 2nd, will be generated monthly.
- Completing AAPA 2026 Annual Salary Survey
- Scheduling team building exercises
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Port Meeting Summary

02/12/2026 Port Meeting

Description	1/22/2025 Board Meeting	2/12/2025 Board Meeting	Difference
Net Position	\$116,413,816	\$116,413,816	\$0
Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$9,956,784	\$9,956,784	\$0
Land Fund Restricted Fund Balance	\$5,572	\$5,572	\$0
Budget Revenue	\$29,946,701	\$29,946,701	\$0
Actual Revenue	\$614,675	\$2,897,422	\$2,282,747
Budget Expenses	\$28,294,369	\$28,294,369	\$0
Actual Expenses	\$26,263	\$1,543,280	\$1,517,017

Net Position and unrestricted fund balance- The 2 ORD approved at the last meeting for the purchase of property was previously added with 25M revenue Bond.

Budgeted Revenue & Expenditures - No changes

Actual Revenues - Tariff 216,000, Ferry 13,000, Leases 2,664,000

Actual Expenses - Personal Sevices 535K, Insurance 853K, operating services 155K

There were no matters to address under Agenda Item 4, “Bids and Advertisements; therefor, Commissioner to Agenda Item 5, “Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions”. Without objection, so ordered.

1. A Resolution to create a Port Customer Advisory Committee; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER EDWARDS
2. A Resolution authorizing the Interim Executive Director of Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District (the “Port”) to enter into any and all documents, contracts, agreements, rezoning applications, property acquisitions, and to perform any other actions that were previously approved or authorized by this Board to be entered into by Charles D. Tillotson in his capacity as Executive Director; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER NEWSOM
3. An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 12-11, related to the appointing authority for the employees of the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District; and to provide for respect thereto. COMMISSIONER SCHULZ (Voted on at 2-12-26 meeting)
4. A Resolution adopting the findings of Navy Business Case Analysis Phase I; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER NEWSOM
5. A Resolution adopting the additions to the Operations Policy and Procedures for Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District (the Port) reflecting updates to the Ferry

Communications policy regarding major service reductions; and otherwise, to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER NEWSOM

6. An Ordinance to amend Rules for Conducting the Meetings of the Plaquemines Parish Council as the Sole Governing Authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor, and Terminal District; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER GUEY

Commissioner Newsom moved to Agenda Item 6, "Ordinances and Resolutions on Second Reading and Final Passage". Without objection, so ordered.

Item 6g was offered with changes:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-75

On motion of Commissioner Newsom, seconded by Commissioner Champagne and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", except Commissioner Edwards and Commissioner Schulz who were "ABSENT", the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution authorizing the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District d/b/a Louisiana Gateway Port ("the Port") to file a Petition for Exemption before the Surface Transportation Board; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: The Port is seeking authorization to petition the Surface Transportation Board for an exemption from prior approval requirements regarding the LPG Rail Extension Project. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual Resolution.*

WHEREAS, the Port is respectfully petitioning the Surface Transportation Board for an exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 1090 for the construction and operation of a new rail extension in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the LPG Rail Extension Project will connect the Louisiana Gateway Terminal to the national rail network, giving shippers multimodal options for the movement of freight, creating economic development opportunities in Plaquemines Parish by creating access to new markets; and

WHEREAS, Achieving these benefits through an exemption is appropriate because regulation of the Project is not needed to further the goals of the Rail Transportation Policy or to protect shippers from abuse of market power;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT it hereby authorizes the Plaquemines Parish Port, Harbor and Terminal District to file a Petition for Exemption for prior approval requirements before the Surface Transportation Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT the Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Resolution and that Port employees and officials are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Resolution, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REPLACEMENT AGREEMENT AND DESIGNATION OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN

STATE PROJECT NO H.015656
PARISH OF PLAQUEMINES

RESOLUTION NO. 26-76

On motion of Commissioner Newsom, seconded by Commissioner Champagne and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", except Commissioner Edwards and Commissioner Schulz who were "ABSENT", the following Resolution was adopted:

Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District

A Resolution authorizing the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District to enter into an replacement agreement with the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development under the Louisiana Port Construction and Development Priority Program for assistance in the implementation of a port improvement project; providing for the necessary documentation of the need for the port improvement; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District has a need for port improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District has reviewed the application for Alliance Water Booster Station Feed Lines Phase II and agrees with said agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District has applied for State matching funds pursuant to Chapter 47 of Title 34 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, to implement a project to improve its port operation and Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District is fully aware of its obligations under said Statute; and

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District is a political body duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Louisiana and is eligible to apply for funds under said Statute; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District as follows:

Section 1. That Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District acknowledges that an application was submitted to the Louisiana Port Construction and Development Priority Program.

Section 2. That at the appropriate time and prior to commencement of work on the project Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District agrees to execute a Project Agreement and a Statement of Sponsorship pursuant to the Statute and hereby authorizes and empowers Lloyd Newsom, Chairman to enter into and execute said agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

Section 3. That Lloyd Newsom, Chairman is hereby Authorized Representative for Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District to represent the port with regards to the receipt of funds from the Louisiana Port Construction and Development Priority Program for a port improvement project.

Section 4. That said Authorized Representative shall have the authority to sign and approve all documents that are necessary under the circumstances to accomplish the above project.

R E S O L U T I O N NO. 26-77

On motion of Commissioner Newsom, seconded by Commissioner Champagne and on roll call all members present and voting “YES”, except Commissioner Edwards and Commissioner Schulz who were “ABSENT”, the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution authorizing the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District to enter into a replacement agreement with the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development under the Louisiana Port Construction and Development Priority Program for assistance in the implementation of a port improvement project; providing for the necessary documentation of the need for the port improvement; and otherwise provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: The Port is seeking approval to enter into a replacement agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development through the Port Priority Program. This agreement would allow the Port to receive funding to complete the remainder of the Alliance Water Booster Station project. The resolution authorizes the submission of required documentation and supports efforts to advance the Port’s infrastructure. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District has a need for port improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District has reviewed the application for Alliance Water Booster Station Feed Lines Phase II and agrees with said agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District has applied for State matching

funds pursuant to Chapter 47 of Title 34 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, to implement a project to improve its port operation and Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District is fully aware of its obligations under said Statute; and

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District is a political body duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Louisiana and is eligible to apply for funds under said Statute;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT acknowledges that an application was submitted to the Louisiana Port Construction and Development Priority Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT at the appropriate time and prior to commencement of work on the project, Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District agrees to execute a Project Agreement and a Statement of Sponsorship pursuant to the Statute and hereby authorizes and empowers Lloyd Newsom, Chairman to enter into and execute said agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT Lloyd Newsom, Chairman, is hereby Authorized Representative for Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District to represent the port with regards to the receipt of funds from the Louisiana Port Construction and Development Priority Program for a port improvement project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT the Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Resolution and that Parish employees and officials are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Resolution, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-28

The following Ordinance was offered by Commissioner Newsom who moved its adoption:

An Ordinance to amend the Plaquemines Port, Harbor, and Terminal District Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan, Pointe-ala-Hache Ferry Ramp Replacement Project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: An ordinance to amend the 2026 Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan to fund and pay the Local Match portion of State Project No. H.006226 Pointe-a-la-Hache Ferry Landing Replacement project from the Federal Transit Authority Emergency Relief Program. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, Ordinance 21-116, transferred certain rights, obligations, liabilities, and assets related to ferry services and established a Ferry Department in the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 24-066, amending the Plaquemines Port, Harbor, and Terminal District 2024 Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan by appropriating \$18,623,506 to the Pointe-ala-Hache Ferry Ramp Replacement Project from the Federal Transit Authority Emergency Relief Program; and

WHEREAS, the Pointe-ala-Hache ferry ramp is in dire need of replacement; and

WHEREAS, amending the Plaquemines Port, Harbor, and Terminal District 2026 Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan by appropriating \$393,659.70 to the Pointe-ala-Hache Ferry Ramp

Replacement Project from the Unrestricted Fund balance, Funding year 2026; and

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1

It hereby authorizes the Plaquemines Parish Port, Harbor & Terminal District d/b/a Louisiana Gateway Port to appropriate and pay the Local Match for the Pointe-ala-Hache Ferry Ramp Replacement Project to the DOTD.

SECTION 2

The Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District, 2026 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, is amended by appropriating \$393,659.70 to the Pointe-ala-Hache Ferry Ramp Replacement Project from the Unrestricted Fund balance; funding year 2026 as follows:

Fund: 445 Port Harbor Fund			
Dept/Div: 910-9023 Capital Projects – PALH Ferry Ramp Replacement			
Object	Description	Inc/Dec	Amendment
532.601	Professional Services- Planning & Engineering	Inc	\$393,659.70

SECTION 3

The Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Ordinance and that Port officials and employees are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

Commissioner LaFrance seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

The foregoing Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Commissioners Brian Champagne, Stuart J. Guey, Patricia L. McCarty, Ronnie Newsom, Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr., Mitch Jurisich and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Tyronne Edwards and Chris Schulz

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 12th day of February 2026.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-29

The following Ordinance was offered by Commissioner Newsom who moved its adoption:

An Ordinance to amend the 2026 Manpower Structure and Operating Expenditure budget for the salary increases for classified and unclassified employees of the Port; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: The Port has worked with Civil Service to reallocate all licensed vessel employees to attract and retain talent. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2026 Manpower Structure and Operating Expenditure Budget to properly account for the merit increase for classified and cost-of-living increases for the unclassified employees of the Port; and

WHEREAS, the reallocation of resources will better align staffing levels, operational costs, and departmental responsibilities to meet the strategic goals of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District; and

WHEREAS, the reconciled accounting increases the budget by \$44,026.72;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1

The 2026 Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District Manpower Structure and Operating Expenditure budget, is amended by appropriating \$44,027.72 from the Unrestricted Fund Balance as follows:

SECTION 2

The 2026 Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District, Manpower Structure, Operating Expenditure Budget, is amended by appropriating \$44,026.72 from the Unrestricted Fund Balance as follows:

Fund: 445 Port Harbor Fund				
Dept: 490- Port				
<u>Div</u>	<u>Object</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Inc/Dec</u>	<u>Amendment</u>
2460	510.005	Salaries & Wages Regular	Inc	(\$118,460.50)
2462	510.005		Inc	123,601.59
2463	510.005		Inc	35,046.50
2464	510.005		Inc	4,800.00
2465	510.005			(960.87)
			TOTAL	\$44,026.72

SECTION 3

An additional 1% increase shall be given.

SECTION 4

The Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Ordinance and that Port employees and officials are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

Commissioner Champagne seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

The foregoing Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Commissioners Brian Champagne, Stuart J. Guey, Patricia L. McCarty, Ronnie Newsom, Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr., Mitch Jurisich and Mark Cogevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Tyronne Edwards and Chris Schulz

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 12th day of February 2026.

Commissioner Newsom moved to Agenda Item 7, “New Business”. Without objection, so ordered.

On Motion of Commissioner Newsom, seconded by Commissioner Champagne and on roll call,

all members present voting “YES”, except Commissioners Edwards and Schulz who was “ABSENT”, the Motion to suspend the Rules was adopted by a vote of 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-78

On motion of Commissioner Newsom, seconded by Commissioner Champagne and on roll call all members present and voting “YES”, except Commissioner Edwards and Commissioner Schulz who were “ABSENT”, the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution to authorize the signatories on all Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District (“The Port”) bank accounts at Hancock-Whitney Bank; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: The Port needs to update the signatories on all Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District accounts at Hancock-Whitney Bank and remove personnel no longer employed by The Port. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, Hancock-Whitney Bank requests that the governing authority of the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District authorize signatories be listed on all of The Port bank accounts; and

WHEREAS, it is requested that Patrice A. Bell, Chief Administrative Office, and Shannon M. Glapion, Chief Financial Officer, and Jacob K. Lee, Chief Legal Office be authorized as signatories of all Hancock-Whitney bank accounts; and

WHEREAS, Hancock-Whitney Bank is directed to remove all previous signatories and replace them with those listed in this Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT Hancock-Whitney Bank is hereby authorized to honor checks, drafts, and orders of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District on all Hancock-Whitney bank accounts when signed with any two signatures, of which at least one signature must be the handwritten original signature, and the other signature may be an authorized machine facsimile signature of:

Patrice A. Bell, Chief Administrative Officer of The Port
Shannon M. Glapion, Chief Financial Officer of The Port
Jacob K. Lee, Chief Legal Officer of The Port

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT all other resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT the Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Resolution and that Port employees and officials are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Resolution, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

On Motion of Commissioner Newsom, seconded by Commissioner Champagne and on roll call, all members present voting “YES”, except Commissioners Edwards and Schulz who was “ABSENT”, the Motion to suspend the Rules was adopted by a vote of 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-79

On motion of Commissioner Newsom, seconded by Commissioner Champagne and on roll call all members present and voting “YES”, except Commissioner Edwards and Commissioner Schulz who were “ABSENT”, the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution to authorize the signatories on all Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District (“The Port”) bank accounts at Regions Bank; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: The Port needs to update the signatories on all Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District accounts at Regions Bank and remove personnel no longer employed by The Port.

WHEREAS, Regions Bank requests that the governing authority of the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District authorize signatories be listed on all of The Port bank accounts; and

WHEREAS, it is requested that Patrice A. Bell, Chief Administrative Office, and Shannon M. Glapion, Chief Financial Officer, and Jacob K. Lee, Chief Legal Office be authorized as signatories of all Regions bank accounts; and

WHEREAS, Regions Bank is directed to remove all previous signatories and replace them with those listed in this Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT Regions Bank is hereby authorized to honor checks, drafts, and orders of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District on all Regions bank accounts when signed with any two signatures, of which at least one signature must be the handwritten original signature, and the other signature may be an authorized machine facsimile signature of:

Patrice A. Bell, Chief Administrative Officer of The Port
Shannon M. Glapion, Chief Financial Officer of The Port
Jacob K. Lee, Chief Legal Officer of The Port

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT all other resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT the Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Resolution and that Port employees and officials are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Resolution, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

On Motion of Commissioner Newsom, seconded by Commissioner Champagne and on roll call, all members present voting “YES”, except Commissioners Edwards and Schulz who was “ABSENT”, the Motion to suspend the Rules was adopted by a vote of 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-80

On motion of Commissioner Newsom, seconded by Commissioner Champagne and on roll call all members present and voting “YES”, except Commissioner Edwards and Commissioner Schulz who were “ABSENT”, the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Port Chairman to retain an employment agency to begin the search for a new Executive Port Director; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, there is a need to hire a new Executive Port Director due to the resignation of the prior Port Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners would like to seek out the best candidates to be considered for the position; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners believe the best way to find potential quality candidates is to retain an employment agency;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT that it retain the services of Shey Harding for the search for a new Executive Port Director.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT that the Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Resolution and that Parish employees and officials are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Resolution, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

Commissioner Newsom moved to Agenda Item b, "Introduction and Consideration of Ordinance upon initial introduction. Without objection, so ordered.

On Motion of Commissioner Newsom, seconded by Commissioner Jurisich and on roll call, all members present voting "YES", except Commissioner Edwards and Schulz who were "ABSENT", the Motion to suspend the Rules was adopted by a vote of 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-30

The following Ordinance was offered by Commissioner Newsom who moved its adoption:

An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 12-11, related to the appointing authority for the employees of the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District; and to provide for respect thereto.

DIGEST: To establish the appointing authority for the Port when the position for Executive Director is vacant. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 12-11 established the position of Executive Port Director, as the administrative head of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor, and Terminal District ("Port") and setting forth the duties for the position; and

WHEREAS, among the duties delegated to the Executive Port Director included personnel, including serving as the appointing authority for both classified and unclassified employees of the Port;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1

Ordinance 12-11 is hereby amended as follows:

Whenever the position of Executive Port Director is vacant the duty as appointing authority, including the hiring, firing, or discipline of employees shall be handled as follows:

- a. For classified employees, the appointing authority shall be the Chair and Vice Chair of the Plaquemines Parish Council, acting as the sole governing authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor, and Terminal District, and such action shall require the concurrence of both officers;
- b. For unclassified employees, the appointing authority shall be the Plaquemines Parish Council, acting as the sole governing authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor, and Terminal District, and such action shall require the affirmative vote of six of the members thereof.

Upon the position of Executive Port Director being filled, the authority vested in that position shall transfer without any further action of the Plaquemines Parish Council, acting as the sole governing authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor, and Terminal District.

In the event an Interim Executive Director is appointed in the period of vacancy in the position of Executive Port Director, said Interim Executive Director shall have general administrative duties for the day-to-day operations of the Port, but such duties shall not include the duty as appointing authority.

SECTION 2

The Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Ordinance and that Parish employees and officials are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish

Commissioner Jurisich seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

The foregoing Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Commissioners Brian Champagne, Patricia L. McCarty, Ronnie Newsom, Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr., Mitch Jurisich and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: Commissioner Stuart J. Guey

ABSENT: Commissioners Tyronne Edwards and Chris Schulz

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 12th day of February 2026.

Commissioner Newsom moved to Agenda Item 8, Approval of the Minutes of the January 22, 2026 meeting. Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-81

On motion of Commissioner LaFrance, seconded by Commissioner Newsom and on roll call all members present and voting “YES”, except Commissioner Edwards and Commissioner Schulz who were “ABSENT”, the following Resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT it hereby approves the minutes from the January 22, 2026, regular meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT the Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Resolution and that Parish employees and officials are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Resolution.

There being no further business to come before this Council, on motion of Commissioner McCarty, seconded by Commissioner LaFrance, and on roll call all members present voting “YES”, except Commissioner Edwards and Schulz who was “ABSENT”, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

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