

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, August 13, 2026, at 4:13 p.m. pursuant to notice to all members with a quorum present as follows:

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

Kim M. Toups, Council Secretary

ABSENT: None

The Executive Director was present, as well as, the Executive Staff members.

Commissioner Newsom moved to Agenda Item 3, “Status Report by the Executive Port Director provided information regarding the following:

Port Ferries

- M/V Pride is in service at Belle Chasse.
 - PALH ferry landings are in service.
- **MV Belle Chasse II**
 - At Thoma-Sea for repairs to hull bottom.
- **MV Port Authority II**
 - Vessel is at LACAT for repairs. Inspection scheduled for September 3.

Water Booster Station & Feedlines

Project is wrapping up and should be complete October 2026.
Station is operational.

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

1. A Resolution authorizing the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District to enter into a 12-month Professional Services Agreement with Rockwood Steel to provide grant writing and administration services; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER NEWSOM

DIGEST: The Port wishes to enter into a 12-month Professional Services Agreement with Rockwood Steel to assist in acquiring grant funds and their administration to support the Port’s infrastructure growth and development projects. The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.

2. A Resolution authorizing the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District to enter into and execute a Professional Services Agreement with _____ to provide Grant Administration Management Services. COMMISSIONER NEWSOM

DIGEST: The Port wishes to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with _____ to provide Grant Administration Management Services in support of the Port’s grant-funded infrastructure growth and development projects. The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.

3. 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. COMMISSIONER NEWSOM

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. The

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4. 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. COMMISSIONER NEWSOM

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.

5. A Resolution amending certain terms of Ordinance No. 25-220 adopted on December 11, 2025, regarding the acquisition of the “piano keys” properties for Port Development; and otherwise with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER NEWSOM

Digest: The Port seeks to amend the Ordinance approving the purchase of Lot 37 of Pointe Celeste Farms, known colloquially as the “piano keys” properties, to reflect the appointment of an Executive Director, and to correct the purchase amount listed in Section 3; the purchase price was correctly reflected on line 29 of the adopted Ordinance as \$726,000.

6. An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District (the “Port”) Executive Director, James Etheridge (the “Executive Director”), to enter into lease agreements for the letting to Plaquemines Land Ventures, LLC (“Venture Global”) of those certain Port properties, as described in Exhibits A, B, and C, on a long-term basis, and to grant relevant pipeline servitudes thereon to, and further to enter into a Letter Agreement, in order to facilitate the potential execution of a lease option agreement, for the property described in Exhibit D, all upon terms and conditions approved by the Plaquemines Parish Council, as the sole governing authority of Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District (the “Council”). COMMISSIONER NEWSOM

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

Agenda Items 6b, “ A Resolution approving a new visual identity for the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District; authorizing trademark registration; and authorizing related actions; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto” and 6c, “A Resolution reaffirming the legal name of Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District, discontinuing the primary use of the “Louisiana Gateway Port” brand; adopting an interim text-based logo; and authorizing related actions; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto” were deferred.

There were no matters to address under Agenda Item 7, “New Business”; therefore, Commissioner Newsom moved to Agenda Item 2, “Executive Session”. Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO.26-255

On Motion of Commissioner Newsom, seconded by Commissioner Schulz and on roll call, all members present and voting “YES”, the following Resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby resolves itself into Executive Session at 4:24 p.m. on the following matter: Executive Session pursuant to LA R.S. 42:17(A)(11) and in accordance with LA Atty. Gen. Op. No. 18-0144, the Commission shall receive attorney-client privileged communications from its legal counsel as provided for by LA Code of Evid. art. 506(B).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby came out of Executive Session at 5:00 p.m. with no final or binding action taken.

Commissioner Newsom moved to Agenda Item 8, “Approval of the Minutes from the July 23, 2026 regular meeting and the August 5, 2026, special meeting.

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On motion of Council Commissioner LaFrance, seconded by Commissioner Schulz, and on roll call all members present and voting “YES”, the following Resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY THAT it hereby approves the minutes from the July 23, 2026 regular meeting and the August 5, 2026 special meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT 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 Schulz, seconded by Commissioner Cognevich, and on roll call all members present voting “YES”, except Commissioner Edwards who voted “NO”, the meeting adjourned 5:01 p.m.

Chairman

Council 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.