Minutes of a meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Council, as the Sole Governing Authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District, held in the Pointe-a-la-Hache Council Chambers, 18055 Hwy. 15, Pointe-a-la-Hache, Louisiana on Thursday, September 24, 2026, 4:02 p.m., pursuant to notice to all members with a quorum present as follows:

PRESENT: Commissioner Ronnie Newsom, Chairman
Commissioner Brian Champagne
Commissioner Chris Schulz
Commissioner Stuart J. Guey
Commissioner Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr.
Commissioner Mitch Jurisich

Kim M. Toups, Council Secretary

ABSENT: Commissioner Tyronne Edwards
Commissioner Patricia L. McCarty
Commissioner Mark Cognevich

The Port Director and his Executive Team were present representing the Port.

There were no matters to address under Agenda Item 2, “Executive Session” therefore, Commissioner Newsom moved to Agenda Item 3, “Status Report by the Executive Port Director”. Without objection, so ordered.

The financial reports section noted that there were no new reports to present, as the latest financial information had been provided at the earlier meeting held this month. Staff are currently finalizing the audit report for the previous audit cycle, and a meeting with Ms. Rogers is underway to complete the remaining components. The goal is to submit the audit by the end of the month.

The board was updated on two open positions at the port. Recruitment for the Director of IT position has been paused pending completion of the audit findings and response. The port has also begun advertising for a Director of Projects, with the posting released this week.

Members were reminded that the AAPA conference will take place Sunday through Wednesday, with the port serving as a sponsor. Commissioners were invited to attend the “Taste of Louisiana” closing night event, which the port is also sponsoring. Additionally, it was noted that the Lighthouse Gala is scheduled for this evening.

Operational efforts at the port continue to progress positively. Commissioner McCarty’s arrival time was noted for the record. Board members briefly discussed the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund, emphasizing the importance of keeping it on the board’s radar. Staff confirmed that a meeting on the topic had taken place last week and efforts remain ongoing to ensure compliance.

Commissioners Tyronne Edwards and Patricia L. McCarty joined the meeting during the Executive Port Director’s discussion.

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

1. A Resolution to cancel the November 26, 2026, and December 24, 2026, regularly scheduled Port Meetings due to the Thanksgiving Holiday and the Christmas Holiday; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER NEWSOM

2. An ordinance approving an amendment to the Five Deepwater Ports Cooperative Endeavor Agreement authorized by Ordinance No. 25-178 and related to the collaborative market study authorized by Ordinance No. 24-99; increasing the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District's budget by $100,000 in support of the obligations established under said agreement; authorizing the Executive Director to execute the amendment and related documents; and otherwise, to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER NEWSOM

DIGEST: Ordinance No. 24-99, adopted June 13, 2024, authorized funding for a collaborative market study with Louisiana's four other deepwater ports. Ordinance No. 25-178, adopted September 11, 2025, authorized the Executive Director to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor

Agreement with the five Lower Mississippi River Ports to develop a collaborative marketing strategy and authorized the District's $49,000 contribution. This ordinance approves an amendment to that Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and increases the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District's 2026 budget by $100,000 to support the obligations established under the amended agreement. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual Ordinance.*

Commissioner Newsom moved to Agenda Item There were no matters to Address Under Agenda Item 6, “Ordinances and Resolutions on Second Reading and Final Passage”. Without objection, so ordered.

Agenda Item 9b, “A Resolution authorizing the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District to enter into a 12-month agreement with Rockwood Steel to provide gran writing and administration services; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto” was deferred.

Agenda Item 9c, “An Ordinance prohibiting the officials and employees of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District from entering into Non-Disclosure Agreements; and to provide for related matters” was deferred.

There were no matters to address under “New Business”; therefore, Commissioner Newsom moved to Agenda Item 8, “Approval of the Minutes from the September 10, 2026, Regular meeting. Without objection, so ordered.

R E S O L U T I O N NO. 26-289

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the minutes from the September 10, 2026 regular meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL 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 The Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District on Motion of Commissioner Schulz, seconded by Commissioner McCarty and on roll call all, members present voting “YES”, except Commissioner Cognevich who was “ABSENT”, the meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

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Chairman Council Secretary

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