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, October 22, 2026, 3:57 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 Patricia L. McCarty
Commissioner Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr.
Commissioner Mark Cognevich

Kim M. Toups, Council Secretary

ABSENT: Commissioner Tyronne Edwards
Commissioner Mitch Jurisich

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

The following items were deferred:

- 6c, "An Ordinance setting the regular meetings of the Plaquemines Parish Council acting as the Sole Governing Authority of the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto"; and
- 6d, "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 services; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

There were no matters to address under Agenda Item 2, "Executive Session" or Item 3, "Status Report by the Executive Port Director".

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. An Ordinance adopting the Original Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2027, and ending December 31, 2027, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER NEWSOM

Digest: An Ordinance to adopt the 2027 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District submitted on _____. The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.

2. An Ordinance adopting the Original Capital Improvement Budget for the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District for the five-year period beginning January 1, 2027, and ending December 31, 2031, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER NEWSOM

Digest: An Ordinance to adopt the 2027 Capital Improvement Budget for the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District proposed on _____, 2026. The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.

3. An Ordinance establishing a policy of budgetary control for the Operating Budget of Expenditures for the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2027, and ending December 31, 2027, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER NEWSOM

Digest: An Ordinance to establish a Policy of Budgetary Control for the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District proposed with the 2027 Operating and Capital Improvement Budget on _____, 2026. The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.

4. A Resolution to provide Port employees' group coverages consisting of Health, Dental, Vision and Life for the policy period of January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2027; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER NEWSOM

DIGEST: The Port received and reviewed several quotes for Health, Dental, Vision and Life insurance and recommends accepting the quotes outlined below. The digest is for informational purposes only superseded by the language of actual ordinance.

5. 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.

6. 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 digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.

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

R E S O L U T I O N NO. 26-319

On Motion of Commissioner Newsom, seconded by Commissioner McCarty and on roll call members present and voting "YES", except Commissioner Edwards and Commissioner Jurisich who were "ABSENT", the following Resolution was adopted:

> A Resolution establishing the date, time and place of public hearings on the proposed 2027 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Budget as submitted by the Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District; to authorize the Council Secretary to place the necessary Public Notice in the Plaquemines Gazette; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

Digest: A resolution to establish the date, time and place of the public hearings on the 2027 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Budget for the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT it hereby establishes budget hearings on the proposed 2027 Operating Budget and the proposed Capital Improvement Budget for the years 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030 and 2031 for the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District on November 17, 2026 beginning at 9:00 a.m. or immediately following the Plaquemines Parish Council Budget Hearings and Special Meeting in the Council Chambers located at 333 F. Edward Hebert Blvd., Building 203, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, and that said Budget Hearings shall continue thereafter or until the Budget Hearings are canceled or concluded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT the proposed Operational Budget for the year 2027 and the Proposed Capital Improvements Budget covering a period of at least 5 years , as submitted by the Executive Director will be available for public inspection at all Parish Public Libraries and at the Port Office Building located at 8056 Hwy. 23, 3rd Floor, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00am and 4:30 pm, from October 26, 2026 through November 20, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT it hereby authorizes and directs the Secretary of this Council to place the necessary advertisement in the Port Official Journal.

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 as the governing authority of the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District.

There were no matters to address Under Agenda Item 7, "New Business".

Commissioner Newsom moved to Agenda Item 8, "Approval of the Minutes from the October 8, 2026 regular meeting. Without objection, so ordered.

R E S O L U T I O N NO. 26-320

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TEMINAL DISTRICT THAT it hereby approves the minutes from the October 8, 2026 regular Port 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 McCarty, seconded by Commissioner Cognevich and on roll call all, members present voting "YES", except Commissioner Jurisich who was "ABSENT", the meeting adjourned at 5:03 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.