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, November 12, 2026, 4:08 p.m., pursuant to notice to all members with a quorum present as follows:

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

Kim M. Toups, Council Secretary

ABSENT: Commissioner Chris Schulz

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

The following items were deferred:

- 6c, 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
- 6d, 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
- 6e, 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
- 6f, 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

There were no matters to address under Agenda Item 2, “Executive Session”

Commissioner Newsom moved to Agenda Item 3, “Status Report by the Executive Port Director”

The Port Director provided an update on recent business development and operational activities. He reported on a trade mission to France with the World Trade Center, including meetings in Marseille with CMA CGM, one of the world's largest container shipping companies. Discussions focused on the company's operations in Louisiana and opportunities for potential expansion within Plaquemines Parish. During the trip, he also participated in a trade mission in Paris alongside Louisiana Economic Development and met with Governor Jeff Landry to discuss port-related opportunities.

The Port Director thanked Commissioners for their participation in the recent WaterWays Conference, noting strong attendance and positive feedback from students. He also attended the Gulf Ports Association fall meeting in Mobile, Alabama, where discussions centered on current port industry issues, advocacy efforts, and increased engagement with state and federal policymakers.

An update was provided on ongoing recruitment efforts for key leadership positions. Interviews for the Chief Operating Officer position were scheduled to begin the following week, while

interviews for the Director of Projects position were anticipated in early December. Recruitment for legal counsel is also underway, with several qualified applicants having expressed interest.

The Board was advised that work continues on the Port's proposed budget, which would be presented for review at the next meeting. An extension for completion of the annual audit has been granted by the state, allowing additional time to resolve outstanding matters and finalize the report.

The Port Director also reported that three Capital Outlay funding requests had been submitted: construction of a new administrative office building, development of a Mid-River Rescue Boat Complex, and construction of a permanent rescue boat facility in Venice. He noted that the projects are currently in the application stage and have not yet received approval or funding.

Lastly, Commissioners were encouraged to review the Port's social media platforms, where recent outreach efforts have highlighted port operations and community initiatives.

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 to amend the 2026 Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District Operating Budget to reflect increased revenues and expenditures as a result of daily operations; and otherwise, to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER NEWSOM

DIGEST: Plaquemines Port Harbor and Terminal District (“The Port”) wishes to amend the 2026 Plaquemines Port Harbor and Terminal District Operating Budget to reflect increased revenues and expenditures. The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.

2. An Ordinance to amend and as amended readopt Ordinance No. 07-102, adopted May 10, 2007, to establish and initiate the collection of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District Security Fees (Security Surcharges); and otherwise, to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER NEWSOM

3. An Ordinance to amend and to initiate the collection of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District Harbor Fees (Supplemental Harbor Fees); and otherwise, to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER NEWSOM

DIGEST: The Port seeks to amend and initiate the collection of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District Harbor Fees (Supplemental Harbor Fees). The digest is for informational purposes only superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.

4. A Resolution authorizing the Executive Director of the Port, James Ethridge, to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Venture Global Plaquemines LNG, LLC and authorizing Venture Global Plaquemines LNG, LLC the right to construct and install a digital message board on Plaquemines Parish Port Harbor and Terminal District owned property. COMMISSIONER NEWSOM

DIGEST: Authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Venture Global Plaquemines LNG, LLC and authorizing Venture Global Plaquemines LNG, LLC the right to construct and install a back-to-back digital message signs (“DMS”) at Port owned property in Plaquemines Parish. The message board will be used for Emergency notifications only. 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.”

ORDINANCE NO. 26-175

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

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 to provide for related matters.

DIGEST: To provided for a single regular meeting of the Council as the governing authority of the Port meeting; providing for the single meeting to be held in Belle Chasse, except in months where the Parish Council meets only in Pointe a la Hache. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

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 Plaquemines Parish Council, acting as the sole governing authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor, and Terminal District shall hold a single regular meeting each month, on the second Thursday of each month.

The regular meetings of the Plaquemines Parish Council, acting as the sole governing authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor, and Terminal District shall be held at the Council Chambers in Belle Chasse, except in a month in which the Plaquemines Parish Council, in its role as the governing authority of Plaquemines Parish Government, only meets once, in which case the regular meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Council, acting as the sole governing authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor, and Terminal District shall be held on the same date and at the same location.

Nothing herein shall prevent the calling of a special or emergency meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Council, acting as the sole governing authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor, and Terminal District in accordance with the Open Meetings Law.

SECTION 2

The Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Ordinance to the officials of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor, & Terminal District.

Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

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

NAYS: Commissioner Mark Cognevich

ABSENT: Commissioner Chris Schulz

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

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

R E S O L U T I O N NO. 26-334

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

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.

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.*

WHEREAS, the best quotes were received and reviewed for the Port's Health Insurance needs and it is the recommendation of the Executive Director of the Port that the Council authorize acceptance of the following insurance coverage;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT it hereby authorizes the acceptance of the recommended quote of:

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana for Medical Insurance at a cost of $154,577.35 per month or $1,854,928.20 per year.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana for Dental Insurance at a cost of $6,336.81 per month or $76,041.72 per year.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana for Vision Insurance at a cost of $1,270.75 per month or $15,249.00

Southern National Life/Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana for Life Insurance at a cost of $914.90 per month or $10,978.80 per year.

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 the acceptance of Blue Cross of Louisiana for health, vision and dental insurance coverage and SNL/Blue Cross of Louisiana for life insurance coverage to provide the group insurance for the policy period January 1, 2027, to December 31, 2027, on an employer/employee contributory basis of 83% / 17% respectively for health, dental, vision and life coverage.

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 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.

R E S O L U T I O N NO. 26-335

On motion of Commissioner Newsom, seconded by Commissioner McCarty and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", except Commissioner Schulz who was "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 James Ethridge, Executive Director, and Chambrel M. Riley, Chief Financial Officer, and Harrolynn I. Sherman, Human Resources Manager, 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:

James Ethridge, Executive Director of The Port
Chambrel M. Riley, Chief Financial Officer of The Port
Harrolynn I. Sherman, Human Resources Manager 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.

R E S O L U T I O N NO. 26-336

On motion of Commissioner Newsom, seconded by Commissioner McCarty and on roll call all members present and voting “YES”, except Commissioner Schulz who was “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. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

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

WHEREAS, it is requested that James Ethridge, Executive Director, and Chambrel M. Riley, Chief Financial Officer, and Harrolynn I. Sherman, Human Resources Manager, 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:

James Ethridge, Executive Director of The Port
Chambrel M. Riley, Chief Financial Officer of The Port
Harrolynn I. Sherman, Human Resources Manager 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.

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 22, 2026 regular meeting. Without objection, so ordered.

R E S O L U T I O N NO. 26-337

On motion of Commissioner LaFrance, seconded by Commissioner Edwards and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", except Commissioner Schulz who was "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 22, 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 LaFrance, seconded by Commissioner Cognevich and on roll call all, members present voting "YES", except Commissioner Schulz who was "ABSENT" and Commissioner Edwards who voted "NO", the meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

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Chairman Asst. 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.