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Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

Friday, July 18, 2025 (9:00 AM)

Government Chambers at Government Plaza
505 Travis St., Shreveport, LA 71101

Members' Present

Mr. Michael Norton, Vice-Chair – DeSoto Parish
Mr. Eric England – Port of Caddo-Bossier
Mayor Tom Arceneaux, Chair – City of Shreveport
Mr. Bruce Blanton – Webster Parish
Mayor Tommy Chandler – City of Bossier City
Dr. Ken Ward – Bossier Parish

Members Absent

Mrs. Erica Bryant – Caddo Parish

Others Present

Mr. Kent Rogers – NLCOG
Mr. Chris Petro – NLCOG
Mrs. Rita Arnold - NLCOG
Mrs. Heidi Stewart – NLCOG
Mrs. Savannah Williams – NLCOG
Mr. Josh Chevallier – NLCOG Legal Council

Call to Order

Mr. Norton called the meeting to order. He stated that we generally have an invocation, roll call and a pledge at the beginning of the meeting. Mr. Norton said that Mr. Blanton was going to lead us in prayer and Mayor Chandler to lead us in the pledge. He asked if those that cared to join them to please stand. Mr. Blanton began the invocation followed by Mayor Chandler, leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Norton asked Mr. Rogers to begin the roll call. Mr. Rogers called roll. A quorum was present.

Public Comments

Mr. Norton asked if there were any public comments. Mr. Rogers stated they hadn't received any comments.

Financial

1. Fiscal Year 2025 Audit –

Approval of Letter of Engagement for Fiscal Year 2025 Financial Audit

Mr. Norton asked if there were any questions. Having none, Mr. Norton entertained a motion for the Approval of Letter of Engagement with Heard, McElroy & Vestal for Fiscal Year 2025 Financial Audit. Mayor Arceneaux motioned, and Dr. Ward seconded. Mr. Norton called for questions or comments. Having none, the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

Legal Report

Mr. Chevallier stated there was no legal news to report.

Other Business

1. Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update – Contract

Approval of Contract between NLCOG and Neel Schafer INC

Mr. Norton asked if there were any further questions. Having none, Mr. Norton entertained a motion for Approval of the Contract for services between NLCOG and Neel-Schafer Inc. for the development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update in accordance with State Project No. H.972556. Mayor Arceneaux motioned, and Mayor Chandler seconded. Mr. Norton called for questions or comments. Having none, the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

2. Approval of Minutes – Approval of Minutes of June 13, 2025

The next item on the agenda was for approval of the minutes from the June 13, 2025, meeting. Mr. Norton called for a motion to Approve the Minutes as provided. Mayor Arceneaux motioned, and Mayor Chandler seconded. All approved and motion was passed.

3. Announcements

Mr. Norton reminded everyone that the next regularly scheduled meeting for the Board of Directors will be on Friday, August 15, 2025, at Government Plaza in the Government Chambers.

Adjourn

With no remaining agenda items, Mayor Arceneaux entertained a motion to adjourn. Mayor Arceneaux was the first to motion, and Mayor Chandler seconded. The meeting was adjourned.



J. Kent Rogers, Secretary