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Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

Thursday, January 22, 2026 (10:30 AM)

Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments
401 Edwards St., Suite 1100, Shreveport, LA 71101

Members' Present

Mr. Eric England – Vice-Chair - Port of Caddo-Bossier
Mayor Tom Arceneaux, City of Shreveport
Mrs. Erica Bryant – Caddo Parish
Dr. Ken Ward – Bossier Parish

Members Absent

Mr. Michael Norton, Chair – DeSoto Parish
Mr. Bruce Blanton – Webster Parish
Mayor Tommy Chandler – City of Bossier City

Others Present

Mr. Kent Rogers – NLCOG
Mr. Chris Petro – NLCOG
Mrs. Rita Arnold - NLCOG
Mrs. Savannah Williams – NLCOG

Call to Order

Mrs. Bryant called the meeting to order. Mayor Arceneaux motioned that they dispense with the invocation and pledge. Mr. England seconded. Mr. Rogers called roll. A quorum was present.

Public Comments

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

Financial

Fiscal Year 2025 Audit – Extension Granted

Mr. Rogers stated the first item on the agenda was the approval from the legislative auditors. Part of that was the delay in the feds issuing their single audit guidelines. Mr. Rogers said the audit will be completed by the March 31, 2026, deadline. They're finalizing it now and may be able to have it at the next meeting.

Legal Report

By-Law Amendments

Amendment of By-Law ARTICLE XV Section 2. CHECKS AND NOTES

Mr. Rogers said the next item on the agenda was a by-law amendment in terms of writing checks, signing and whatnot. They had different things within by-laws regarding corporations for policies and procedures. Mr. Rogers said they're trying to move it all together because they're moving accounts from Regions Bank to Bonvenu Bank.

Mr. Chevallier said the amendment in front of them calls for any two Board members or the Executive Director and one Board member to sign any checks, which is the practice that NLCOG has been utilizing for some time. The by-laws called for a resolution with three authorized signers from the Board, which obviously the fact that they all turn over and the fact that the officers turn over, they're needing to have that changed on a routine basis. It was impractical so he proposed the amendment to restate rather than that resolution format to allow any one Board member and the Executive Director or two Board members, which is really called to the attention of NLCOG as it's been in the process of moving its banking to Bonvenu.

Mrs. Bryant asked if there were any questions. Having none, Mrs. Bryant entertained a motion for the Approval of the By-Law Amendments to Adopt the Proposed Amendment of By-Law ARTICLE XV Section 2. CHECKS AND NOTES. Mayor Arceneaux motioned, and Mr. England seconded. Mrs. Bryant called for questions or comments. Having none, the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

Other Business

Approval of Minutes

The next item on the agenda was for approval of the minutes from the November 21, 2025, meeting. Mrs. Bryant called for a motion to Approve the Minutes as provided. Mayor Arceneaux motioned, and Mr. England seconded. All approved and motion was passed.

Announcements

Mr. Rogers stated that the next regularly scheduled meeting for the Board of Directors will be on Friday, February 20, 2026, at Government Plaza in the Government Chambers.

Adjourn

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



J. Kent Rogers, Secretary