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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.

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J. Kent Rogers, Secretary