

MEETING MINUTES OF 3/23/2026

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Notice of Public Meeting

Washington Parish Personnel Committee Meeting
Regular Meeting
Washington Parish Courthouse
908 Washington Street, Franklinton, Louisiana 70438
Council Chambers
Monday, March 23, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

AGENDA:

Item No. 1: Call to Order: Council Chairman Reggie McMasters called the meeting to order.

Item no. 2: Invocation: The invocation was led by Councilman Branch.

Item No. 3: The Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was led by Councilman Culpepper.

Item No. 4: Roll Call: Council Clerk, Jesse Applewhite called the roll. Present were Reggie McMasters, Steven Branch, and Joe Culpepper. Shawn Rice was absent.

Item No. 5: Approval of Minutes: February 9, 2026, Regular Personnel Committee Meeting.

Council Chairman McMasters: Would anyone from the public like to speak before the Committee votes to approve the minutes? *No one came forward.*

Councilman Culpepper: As no one has come forward, I make a motion to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2026, Regular Personnel Committee Meeting.

Committee Chairman Rice: I have a motion by Councilman Culpepper and a second by Councilman Branch.

Roll call of the vote as follows:

YEAS: (3) McMasters, Branch, Culpepper

NAYS: ()

ABSTAIN: ()

ABSENT: ()

Item No. 6: New Business: Resolution for Appointment to the Washington Parish Tourism Commission Board of Directors.

Vice President of the Tourism Commission Board of Directors: The Tourism Commission was given the job of advertising for the open position on the board. We received ten applications and those applicants were asked to try and attend our meetings so they would be aware of how the meetings were conducted and the type of business we discuss. We only had two of the ten applicants attend meetings and from that, the board made a recommendation.

Council Chairman McMasters: Tonya Sharp resigned from her position on the Commission and Victoria D. Grant was recommended by the Tourism Commission Board of Directors. Would anyone from the public like to come forward and speak before the committee votes? *No one came forward.*

Councilman Branch: As no one has come forward, I make a motion to recommend Victoria D. Grant to the full Council to appoint to the Tourism Commission Board of Directors.

Councilman Culpepper: Second.

Council Chairman McMasters: I have a motion by Councilman Branch and a second by Councilman Culpepper.

Roll call of the vote as follows:

YEAS: (3) McMasters, Branch, Culpepper

NAYS: ()

ABSTAIN: ()

ABSENT: ()

Item No. 7: Public Participation:

Council Chairman McMasters: Would anyone from the public like to come forward and speak? *No one came forward.*

Councilman Culpepper: As no one has come forward, I make a motion to close public participation.

Councilman Branch: Second.

Council Chairman McMasters: I have a motion by Councilman Culpepper and a second by Councilman Branch.

Roll call of the vote as follows:

YEAS: (3) McMasters, Branch, Culpepper

NAYS: ()

ABSTAIN: ()

ABSENT: ()

Item No. 8: Adjourn:

Council Chairman McMasters: May I have a motion to adjourn?

Councilman Branch: I make a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Councilman Culpepper: Second.

Council Chairman McMasters: I have a motion by Councilman Branch and a second by Councilman Culpepper.

Roll call of the vote as follows:

YEAS: (3) McMasters, Branch, Culpepper

NAYS: ()

ABSTAIN: ()

ABSENT: ()

Council Chairman McMasters: Meeting adjourned.

Reginald McMasters, Chairman
Washington Parish Council

Jesse Applewhite, Clerk
Washington Parish Council

Order of Voting

Chairman, Shawn Rice, Steven Branch, Joe Culpepper.
Alternate-Reginald McMasters

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