

MEETING MINUTES FROM 6/9/2026

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Notice of Public Meeting

Washington Parish Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Washington Parish Courthouse
908 Washington Street, Franklinton, Louisiana 70438
Council Chambers
Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Item No. 1: Call to Order: Commission Chairwoman Moses called the meeting to order.

Item No. 2: Invocation: The Invocation was led by Jerome Warren.

Item No. 3: Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was led by Troy Crain.

Item No. 4: Roll Call: Jesse Applewhite, Clerk to the Washington Parish Council called the roll. Present were Penny Moses, Troy Crain, Robert Michel and Jerome Warren. Vance Rogers, Bradley Cooper and Tammy Pierce were absent.

Item No. 5: Approval of Minutes: May 19, 2026, Regular Planning Commission Meeting.

Commission Chairwoman Moses: Would anyone like to come forward and speak before we vote to approve the minutes?

Parish President Ryan Seal made a request to change the wording on Item No. 16 of the minutes from “failed” to “denied”.

Commissioner Chairwoman Moses: Would anyone else like to come forward and speak before the Commission votes to approve the minutes? *No one came forward.*

Commissioner Michel: As no one has come forward, I am making a motion to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2026, meeting.

Commissioner Crain: Second.

Commission Chairwoman Moses: I have a motion by Commissioner Michel and a second by Commissioner Crain.

Roll call of the vote as follows:

YEAS: (3) Moses, Crain, Warren

NAYS: ()

ABSTAIN: (1) Michel

ABSENT: (3) Rogers, Cooper, Pierce

Item No. 6: Old Business: Special Event Application – Dukes & Boots

Stephanie Graves of Bogalusa: I am requesting a special event permit for Dukes & Boots, which we have held in Angie, Louisiana for the past five years. I am aware that at last month’s meeting, it was tabled. I am bringing it to you today to give you some more information regarding the event and provisions I have made to ensure that I continue to have a safe event for the community. For the last five years, this event has been successful without any issues. Safety is my first priority for this event. There are elderly people who

attend the event and they always feel safe to enter and enjoy themselves. For the year 2026, I submitted my application for the permit and paid the \$75 application fee. I had to make sure I had certain things in place or make any provisions that needed to be made with the site where the event will be held such as exit routes, proper security, restrooms, and additional parking. We have all those things planned and in place. In previous years, if there was a problem or concern, it would be brought to me and addressed right away. We also added an additional field that is five acres to accommodate parking. There is also an evacuation route and a first aid tent available. I have also planned for a Washington Parish Sheriff's Deputy to provide security at the event. The event was postponed on May 24th due to the weather and is now rescheduled for June 18th. I am now asking for your approval to go ahead with the event.

Commission Chairwoman Moses: When we received your permit application, one of the first things we noticed was missing was the required 4x4 sign at the event site with the meeting date and time to let the community know about the event. This is one of the COD requirements. The proposal you submitted tonight was also not included in the original application. This information is what we need to see along with the application. There have been no portable rest rooms seen on the site recently either.

Stephanie Graves: I purchased portable rest rooms in the past and kept them on site, however, they were stolen so now we rent them and they are delivered to the site and picked up after the event. The public was aware of the event because it is hosted on the same date every year and advertised on social media. Every year, people start reaching out weeks prior to the date asking about the event because it has been successful.

Commission Chairwoman Moses: When is the usual event date?

Stephanie Graves: It is normally held on Sunday prior to Memorial Day. The event started as a small get together for my birthday. As the years passed, the public started attending and the event has become much bigger. This year, I was informed that I had not gone through the proper channels to get the permit granted. I was not aware of some of the steps I needed to take so I made a point to order a custom sign with even information and rules.

Commissioner Crain: Can you explain the tents on the map of the event that you submitted to us?

Stephanie Graves: I do not have any vendors at the event. The public is allowed to bring their own food and drinks to the event. We have a limited number of spots for the public to reserve if they choose to and set up a tent, table, chairs, etc. I must provide lighting for the area, too. I rent three 20-foot solar light posts that are powered by generators. We also put led string lights throughout the area.

Commissioner Crain: What facility is this event held at?

Stephanie Graves: It is not a facility, but a parcel of land owned by a member of the community.

Commissioner Crain: Is there a cover charge for the event?

Stephanie Graves: I ask for a donation from participants to be able to fund the included amenities.

Commission Chairwoman Moses: I live in the Angie community where the event is held. In previous years, there was an issue with vehicles parked all down the public roadway as well as ATVs and horses. This was causing issues with many of the community members that live close to the event. When does the event end?

Stephanie Graves: The event ends at 10pm. Horses and ATVs are not allowed at the event.

Antoine Smith of Angie explained his role in helping with the event, like installation of the lights. He talked about some of his positive experiences with the event.

Commission Chairwoman Moses explained some of the application process and the importance of going through the proper channels to obtain the permit.

The Planning Commission discussed the conditions of the special event permit request which included everything that was written in the proposal submitted by Stephanie Graves along with the addition of having absolutely no horses or ATVs at the event.

Director of Public Works Alex Sumrall thanked Stephanie for her detailed proposal and spoke about the permit application process and its importance.

Attorney Matt Garver: I have heard both ways regarding admission and donations. I think it was advertised as a cover charge but tonight you indicated it would be a donation. If there is a cover charge which is a paid admission to the event, it is subject to sales tax.

Stephanie Graves: I have a licensed company which the event is held through. The insurance and everything else are under my business name. I do have a Tax ID and file taxes every year for any profits made through my company.

Attorney Matt Garver: Since the tax would be on sales, it would be collected by the Sheriff's Office which is different from income tax. You must be very clear about whether there is an admission charge or just donations because you will not be able to refuse access to the event to anyone if they do not pay the donation fee.

Attorney Garver explained the process of obtaining a Sales Tax ID.

Commissioner Crain: What is the name of your business?

Stephanie Graves explained her business, The Pineapple Plugg, LLC. and the type of service they offer including specialty drinks at events.

Washington Parish President Ryan Seal explained how well the event has done in the previous years and commended Stephanie Graves on her hard work and planning that she has put into planning Dukes & Boots and for making safety a priority.

Commission Chairwoman Moses: Would anyone else like to come forward and speak before the Commission votes? *No one came forward.*

Commissioner Crain: As no one has come forward, I make a motion to approve a one-time Special Event Permit for the Dukes & Boots event along with the conditions of implementing everything from the event proposal submitted by Stephanie Graves along with a rule added that states no horses or ATVs will be allowed at the event.

Commissioner Warren: Second.

Commission Chairwoman Moses: I have a motion by Commissioner Crain and a second by Commissioner Warren.

Roll call of the vote as follows:

YEAS: (4) Moses, Michel, Crain, Warren

NAYS: ()

ABSTAIN: ()

ABSENT: (3) Rogers, Cooper, Pierce

Item No. 7: New Business: None.

Item No. 8: Public Participation: There was no public participation.

Item No. 9: Staff Reports: There were no staff reports.

Item No. 10: Commissioner’s Comments:

Commissioner Michel added that Ashley Sumrall from the Permit Department has made revisions and additions to the application to help applicants better understand what information is needed when requesting a Special Event Permit.

Commission Chairwoman Moses stated that if the public will follow the proper procedures when applying for permits, everything will be done correctly and benefit the safety and welfare of our citizens.

Item No. 11: Adjourn:

Commission Chairwoman Moses: May I have a motion to adjourn?

Commissioner Michel: I make a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Warren: Second.

Commission Chairwoman Moses: I have a motion by Commissioner Michel and a second by Commissioner Warren.

Roll call of the vote as follows:

YEAS: (4) Moses, Michel, Crain, Warren

NAYS: ()

ABSTAIN: ()

ABSENT: (3) Rogers, Cooper, Pierce

Commission Chairwoman Moses: Meeting adjourned.

Penny Moses, Chairwoman
Washington Parish Planning Commission

Jesse Applewhite, Clerk
Washington Parish Council

Order of Voting

Penny Moses	Jerome Warren
Robert Michel	Bradley Cooper
Vance Rogers	Tammy Pierce
Troy Crain	

The next meeting will be held on August 18, 2026.

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