

MEETING MINUTES OF 6/1/2026

Posted May 28, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

Notice of Public Meeting

Washington Parish Personnel Committee Meeting
Regular Meeting
Washington Parish Courthouse
908 Washington Street, Franklinton, Louisiana 70438
Council Chambers
Monday, June 1, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

AGENDA:

Item No. 1: Call to Order: Committee Chairman Shawn Rice 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 McMasters.

Item No. 4: Roll Call: Council Clerk, Jesse Applewhite called the roll. Present were Shawn Rice, Steven Branch, and Reginald McMasters. Kim Wagner, Carley King and Joe Culpepper were also at the meeting.

Item No. 5: Approval of Minutes: March 23, 2026, Regular Personnel Committee Meeting.

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

Councilman Branch: As no one has come forward, I make a motion to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2026, Regular Personnel Committee Meeting.

Councilman McMasters: Second.

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

Roll call of the vote as follows:

YEAS: (3) Rice, Branch, McMasters

NAYS: ()

ABSTAIN: ()

ABSENT: ()

Item No. 6: New Business: Resolution Appointing Members to Serve on the 22nd Judicial District Children and Youth Planning Board Representing Washington Parish.

Parish Attorney Matt Garver: This is a group that was put together by Judge Gardner to represent the children of the parish. We must appoint members to the board. We have received a letter from Judge Duke and Judge Gardner putting forth four names to appoint. There has not been any objection or other names brought forth. The people are William H. Arata, Ann Buckalew-Culpepper, Leslie Susan Pittman, and Judge David Duke.

Committee Chairman Rice: 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 present this Resolution to the full Council.

Councilman McMasters: Second.

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

Roll call of the vote as follows:

YEAS: (3) Rice, Branch, McMasters

NAYS: ()

ABSTAIN: ()

ABSENT: ()

Item No. 7: New Business: Resolution of Appointment to the Washington Parish Library Board of Directors.

President Ryan Seal: The Library Board of Control had two applicants to fill the seat. Ashley McMillian has since moved to another state. The Board recommends Abigail Kemp be appointed to the Washington Parish Library Board of Control. Ms. Kemp is present at the meeting.

Committee Chairman Rice: Would anyone from the public like to come forward and speak before the Committee votes? *No one came forward.*

Councilman McMasters: As no one has come forward, I make a motion to present this Resolution to the full Council.

Councilman Branch: Second.

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

Roll call of the vote as follows:

YEAS: (3) Rice, Branch, McMasters

NAYS: ()

ABSTAIN: ()

ABSENT: ()

Item No. 8: Public Participation:

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

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

Councilman Branch: Second.

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

Roll call of the vote as follows:

YEAS: (3) Rice, Branch, McMasters

NAYS: ()

ABSTAIN: ()

ABSENT:()

Item No. 9: Adjourn:

Committee Chairman Rice: May I have a motion to adjourn?

Councilman McMasters: I mae a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Councilman Branch: Second.

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

Roll call of the vote as follows:

YEAS: (3) Rice, Branch, McMasters

NAYS: ()

ABSTAIN: ()

ABSENT: ()

Committee Chairman Rice: Meeting adjourned.

Shawn Rice, Chairman
Washington Parish Personnel Committee

Jesse Applewhite, Clerk
Washington Parish Council

Order of Voting
Chairman, Shawn Rice, Steven Branch, Joe Culpepper
Alternate-Reginald McMasters

A QUORUM OF THE COUNCIL MAY BE IN ATTENDANCE

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