

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION
OF THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 14th DAY OF JANUARY, 2025

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Special Session, on the above date, at 10:00 a.m., in the Government Chambers, with Mr. John Paul Young, presiding, and the following members in attendance constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Burrell, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jones, Lazarus, Thomas, G. Young, and J. Young (10). ABSENT: Commissioners Cothran and Kracman (2).

Mr. Thomas gave the invocation, and Mr. Atkins led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no one in attendance to speak during Citizens Comments, so the Commission moved onto New Business—Selection of the 2025 Officers.

2025 CADDO COMMISSION OFFICERS

It was **moved by Mr. J. Young**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that Commissioner Gage-Watts be selected as the 2025 President, Commissioner Blake be selected as the 2025 Vice-President, and Commissioner Thomas be selected as the 2025 Parliamentarian.*

Substitute motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *that Commissioner Gage-Watts be selected as the 2025 President, Commissioner Epperson be selected as the 2025 Vice-President, and Commissioner Thomas be selected as the 2025 Parliamentarian.*

Mr. Burrell recommended that Mrs. Gage-Watts be president of the Commission. He said that she represents the Commission well, both locally and nationally.

Mr. Atkins reminded the Commission that traditionally, the leadership roles have alternating parties. He advocated for maintaining this balance.

At this time, Mr. Jones' substitute motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Burrell, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jones, Thomas, and G. Young (6). NAYS: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Lazarus, and J. Young (4). ABSENT: Commissioners Cothran and Kracman (2). ABSENT: None (0).

The newly elected officers took their new seats. At this time, Mrs. Gage-Watts presented Mr. J. Young with a plaque recognizing his role as Commission President for 2024.

The Commissioners acknowledged the service of Mr. J. Young and expressed appreciation for his dedication and support through the work of their sub-committees.

Mrs. Gage-Watts thanked the Commission for allowing her to serve as Commission President again. The Committee assignments will be sent out shortly. Her focus this year is maintaining relations with various levels of government to attract and retain businesses in Caddo Parish. She suggested the implementation of business development workshops covering topics, such as planning, financing options, and marketing strategies for local businesses and entrepreneurs. She also would like to ensure that there is an investment in Caddo Parish's infrastructure, improving transportation, utilities, and broadband access. She emphasized supporting local businesses as a key component of economic growth for Caddo Parish.

NEW BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mr. Jones**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *that Resolution No. 1 of 2025, a resolution to authorize the Caddo Parish Administrator to execute the extension of the primary term of State Agency Lease No. 22067 with Paloma Natural Gas, LLC, for an additional two (2) years and otherwise providing with respect thereto be adopted. Motion carried unanimously of those present.*

RESOLUTION NO. 1 OF 2025

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CADDO PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE EXTENSION OF THE PRIMARY TERM OF STATE AGENCY LEASE NO. 22067 WITH PALOMA NATURAL GAS, LLC., FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO (2) YEARS, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo is the Lessor in that certain oil, gas and mineral lease from the Parish of Caddo to Cypress Energy Corporation in State Agency Lease No. 2067, dated April 13, 2022, and recorded at Registry No. 2886234 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Cypress Energy Corporation has conveyed State Agency Lease No. 22067 to Paloma Natural Gas, LLC, by that certain Assignment of Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease dated August 9, 2022, and recorded at Registry No. 2902193 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, State Agency Lease No. 22067 has a primary term of three (3) years from April 13, 2022 and if acceptable lease operations or production in paying quantities is not occurring at the end of the original primary term, the lease would expire on April 13, 2025 unless otherwise extended by action of the Parish of Caddo; and

WHEREAS, Paloma Natural Gas, LLC, has requested that the Parish of Caddo approve the Lease Amendment and Extension Agreement for the purpose of extending the original primary term thereof for an additional two (2) years from April 13, 2025 in consideration of a rental payment of \$56,592.00 for each additional year of the extended term of the lease unless the lease is otherwise maintained prior the expiration of each year of the extended term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission, in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Administrator is hereby authorized to execute the Lease Amendment and Extension Agreement for the purpose of extending the original primary term thereof for an additional two (2) years from April 13, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Agreement shall only be executed or entered into after being approved by the Parish Attorney both in form and substance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

It was **moved by Mr. Thomas**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *that Resolution No. 2 of 2025, a resolution to relocate the polling place for Precinct 3-09 from Shreve City Baptist Church, 2810 Knight Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71104 to Valencia Park, 1800 Viking Drive, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101, and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be adopted. Motion carried unanimously of those present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 OF 2025

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO RELOCATE THE POLLING PLACE FOR PRECINCT 3-09 FROM SHREVE CITY BAPTIST CHURCH, 2810 KNIGHT STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA 71104 TO VALENCIA PARK, 1800 VIKING DRIVE, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA 71101, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the established polling location for Precinct No. 3-09 is located at the Shreve City Baptist Church, 2810 Knight Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71104;

WHEREAS, the church has decided to close and will no longer be available to serve as a polling location;

WHEREAS, Valencia Park, 1800 Viking Drive, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101 is currently serving as a polling location for Precinct 3-07 and is willing to serve as a polling location for Precinct 3-09; and

WHEREAS, the distance between the current location of the polling place for Precinct No. 3-09 and the proposed location is 2.4 miles; and

WHEREAS, the proposed polling place currently meets all requirements for polling places.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby change the polling location for Precinct No. 3-09 from Shreve City Baptist Church, 2810 Knight Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71104 to Valencia Park, 1800 Viking Drive, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this change shall be published in the official

journal of the parish in accordance with La.R.S. 18:535.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that Resolution No. 3 of 2025, a resolution authorizing the Caddo Community Action Agency, Inc. to administer the Head Start Program for the Parish of Caddo, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mr. Epperson said that the Caddo Community Action Agency has a 50-year history of successfully managing the program.

Mr. Jones pointed out that the language in the resolution is clear and unambiguous. Mrs. Bryant also said that the Caddo Community Action Agency has consistently performed well. Administration recommends continued use of this agency due to positive audits and satisfactory service. Mr. Jones thanked Mrs. Bryant for this information and pointed out that this program positively impacted the lives of many children.

Substitute motion by Mr. J. Young, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to englobe and adopt the following items:*

- *Resolution No. 3 of 2025, a resolution authorizing the Caddo Community Action Agency, Inc. to administer the Head Start Program for the Parish of Caddo, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Proclamation Human Trafficking Awareness Month*

Mrs. Blake announced that Laurie McGehee will provide a presentation to the Commission in the future with regards to human trafficking. Shreveport ranks third in the State for human trafficking cases.

- *Special Resolution of Recognition for Destiny Martin*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition for Operation Santa Clause*

Representatives of those Operation Santa Clause volunteers thanked the Commission for honoring them today. He said that this program focuses on providing children within the City and surrounding areas bikes, toys, baby dolls, and monetary contributions. This program has been ongoing for forty years.

Several Commissioners commended all those volunteers for stepping up for the children in the community.

- *Proclamation National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day*

Mrs. Blake said that National Law Enforcement Appreciation was January 9, 2025. She expressed appreciation for all of the law enforcement officers.

Mr. Atkins expressed the same sentiments as Mrs. Blake. He thanked the officers for their service to the community. Mr. Thomas agreed.

Mr. Burrell recognized the Shreveport Police Department and their hard work within the community. He also expressed gratitude for the collaboration between the Shreveport Police Department and Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office.

Representatives of the Shreveport Police Department thanked the Commission for recognizing and honoring them today. She emphasized the rewarding nature of the work and the pride in serving the community.

Mrs. Gage-Watts thanked the law enforcement officers and highlighted the collaborative efforts with the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office.

- *Special Resolution of Recognition for Lois Hughes*

- *Special Resolution of Recognition for Caddo High School Principal of the Year, Crystal Barnes*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition for Caddo High School Principal of the Year, Tracy Cathon*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition for Caddo High School Principal of the Year, Nicolas Cunningham*
- *Re-appoint Bryan Moliter, Constance Griffin, Sarrah Walton, and Loraine Guerrero to the Animal Services Board. Term to expire*
- *Receive the 2024 Charter Review Committee's final report*
- *Regular Session Minutes from December 5, 2024*
- *Work Session Minutes from January 6, 2025*

At this time, Mr. J. Young's substitute motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 OF 2025

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CADDO COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY, INC. TO ADMINISTER THE HEAD START PROGRAM FOR THE PARISH OF CADDO, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission desires to obtain state and federal funds, where available, to benefit low and moderate income persons in the Parish of Caddo; and

WHEREAS, federal grants which are administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services are available for the purpose of providing a Head Start Preschool Education Program to qualified parish governments; and

WHEREAS, the program provides a comprehensive program to children in Early Head Start ages 0-3 and Traditional Head Start ages 3-5 and their families; and

WHEREAS, this program consists of five components: education, health, parent involvement, social services and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned program provides critical services by assisting children from low and moderate income families during their formative years; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Community Action Agency, Inc. has administered this program for the Caddo Parish Commission over the last forty-nine(49) years; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is the appropriate agency to receive federal and/or state funding for the purpose of providing programs to support the indigent persons living with the Parish of Caddo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby authorize the Caddo Community Action Agency, Inc. to administer the Head Start program on behalf of the Parish of Caddo.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Laurance Guidry and/or his successor is hereby authorized to do all things necessary to implement, maintain, amend or review any documents associated with the Head Start Program from the effective date of this resolution through January 31, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this Resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of the Resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict thereof are hereby repealed.

**PROCLAMATION
HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a grave violation of human rights that affects thousands of individuals across the United States, including the state of Louisiana, causing untold suffering to vulnerable individuals; and

WHEREAS, January has been designated as National Human Trafficking Prevention Month and Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Louisiana to raise awareness, promote prevention, and highlight the ongoing fight against human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission acknowledges the tireless efforts of law enforcement, advocacy organizations, and community members who work to combat human trafficking, support survivors, and bring perpetrators to justice; and

WHEREAS, National Wear Blue Day, observed on January 11, serves as an opportunity for individuals to show solidarity in the fight against human trafficking by wearing blue and spreading awareness of this critical issue; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with state and national efforts, Caddo Parish is committed to education, outreach, and collaboration to protect the most vulnerable members of society and to eradicate human trafficking in all its forms; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission recognizes the importance of empowering communities to take an active role in prevention efforts and to provide survivors with the resources and support they need to rebuild their lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby proclaim January 2025 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Caddo Parish and urges all residents to participate in awareness activities, including National Wear Blue Day on January 11, and to join in the collective effort to end human trafficking.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of the Caddo Parish Commission and that copies be provided to local advocacy organizations, law enforcement, and other stakeholders as a token of the Commission's commitment to this cause.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION
DESTINY MARTIN**

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION
OPERATION SANTA CLAUSE**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission recognizes and values the efforts of community organizations that bring joy and hope to those in need, particularly during the holiday season; and

WHEREAS, Operation Santa Clause is a remarkable program organized by KWKH DJ Barney Cannon in 1984 along with first responders and in partnership with community members to provide Christmas presents to disadvantaged children across the region which it has done successfully for 40 years; and

WHEREAS, this program exemplifies the true spirit of the season, ensuring that children who may otherwise go without are able to experience the joy and magic of Christmas through the generosity and compassion of others; and

WHEREAS, Operation Santa Clause relies on the tireless dedication and collaboration of first responders, volunteers, and donors who work together to bring smiles to children's faces and make a meaningful impact in their lives; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, Operation Santa Clause has brought immeasurable happiness to countless families, creating cherished memories and uplifting the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the program's efforts strengthen the bond between first responders and the community, showcasing the extraordinary commitment of these men and women to serve beyond their professional duties and the community partners, like Townsquare Media, who support the mission alongside the Shreveport Police and Fire Departments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby extend its heartfelt appreciation to the Operation Santa Clause program, its organizers, and all those who contribute to its success for their exemplary service and dedication to the well-being of disadvantaged children in our community and congratulate them on 40 years of making children smile.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be a part of the official minutes of the Caddo Parish Commission and that a copy be provided to the Operation Santa Clause program as a token of gratitude for their continued efforts and positive impact.

**PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY**

WHEREAS, the safety and security of the residents of Caddo Parish are of paramount importance, and these are made possible through the dedicated efforts of law enforcement officers who serve with courage and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, observed annually on January 9th, provides an opportunity to recognize and honor the men and women of law enforcement for their selfless commitment to protecting our communities; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers in Caddo Parish demonstrate unwavering dedication in their service, often placing themselves in harm's way to ensure the safety and well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission acknowledges the challenges faced by law enforcement officers and their families, as well as the sacrifices they make in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to express gratitude to these public servants for their tireless work in upholding justice, maintaining public safety, and fostering trust within the community; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission encourages all residents to show their appreciation for law enforcement officers by recognizing their contributions and supporting their efforts to make our communities safer and stronger;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby proclaim January 9, 2025, as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day in Caddo Parish and urges all citizens to join in honoring and thanking our law enforcement officers for their outstanding service and dedication.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of the Caddo Parish Commission and that copies be provided to local law enforcement agencies as a token of gratitude and recognition.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION
LOIS HUGHES**

WHEREAS, Lois Bryant Hughes, born on January 17, 1935, in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, has led an extraordinary life marked by resilience, dedication, and community service, standing as a matriarchal pillar in her family and community; and

WHEREAS, she was the beloved daughter of Gertrude Hall Bryant and Walter Lo Bryant and was raised in a vibrant family alongside her twin sister, Lola Bryant Griggs, her brother Huey Bryant, and later her brothers Walter and Earnest Silvie; and

WHEREAS, Lois's father was a visionary builder who not only constructed homes in Shreveport's Hollywood neighborhood but also played a pivotal role in bringing electricity to the area, improving the quality of life for its residents; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Booker T. Washington High School in 1954, Lois pursued higher education at Lincoln University in Jefferson, Missouri, later marrying her high school sweetheart, Eddie Eugene Hughes, with whom she shared 40 loving years of marriage and raised three children; and

WHEREAS, Lois's professional journey began in 1957 as the first Black employee at St. Vincent School Academy, serving as Secretary to the Mother Superior, and in 1959, she became the first hired employee for Hattie Perry Park Swimming Pool; and

WHEREAS, she dedicated 32 years of exemplary service to the Caddo Parish School System, holding roles as a Bookkeeper and Secretary at Carver High, Eden Gardens Junior High, Oak Terrace Middle School, and Linwood Middle School; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, Lois and her late husband Eddie founded Eddie's Restaurant, which has become the oldest African American family-owned restaurant in Northwest Louisiana, renowned for its hospitality and cuisine and still thriving under the Hughes family's stewardship; and

WHEREAS, Lois is a devout Catholic and a member of The Cathedral of Saint John Berchmans Catholic Church in Shreveport, Louisiana, where she has served as a Eucharistic Minister, Sunday School Teacher, and held numerous leadership positions within the church's auxiliaries; and

WHEREAS, her faith journey includes remarkable highlights such as an audience with Pope Paul II, participation in a ministry mission to Africa, and travels to historic and spiritual destinations including Bethlehem, Egypt, Germany, France, Paris, and Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Lois has also been an active member of the Hollywood Neighborhood Association and the Hickory Street Neighbor Association, further demonstrating her lifelong commitment to community service and engagement; and

WHEREAS, Lois's remarkable life of service, faith, and family has left an indelible mark on Caddo Parish and serves as an inspiration to all who know her;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby celebrate the 90th birthday of Lois Bryant Hughes, recognizing her lifetime of achievements and contributions to her family, church, and community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of the Caddo Parish Commission and that a copy be provided to Mrs. Hughes as a token of the Commission's heartfelt appreciation and admiration for her extraordinary life.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION
CADDO HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR, CRYSTAL BARNES**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission acknowledges the vital role of educators and school leaders in shaping the future of our community by inspiring and empowering students to achieve their highest potential; and

WHEREAS, Crystal Barnes, Principal of Booker T. Washington High School, has been named the Caddo Parish Schools' High School Principal of the Year for her outstanding leadership, dedication, and unwavering commitment to academic excellence and student success; and

WHEREAS, Principal Barnes has demonstrated exemplary vision and determination in fostering a culture of achievement, innovation, and inclusivity, ensuring that every student at Booker T. Washington High School has the tools and opportunities to thrive; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership, Booker T. Washington High School has experienced significant advancements in academic performance, student engagement, and community involvement, reflecting her ability to inspire both staff and students to strive for excellence; and

WHEREAS, Principal Barnes is widely respected and admired for her tireless advocacy for equitable education and her dedication to creating a supportive and nurturing environment for all students, regardless of their background or circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission celebrates Principal Barnes' achievement as a testament to her hard work, professionalism, and passion for making a positive difference in the lives of young people;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby recognize and congratulate Crystal Barnes, Principal of Booker T. Washington High School, for being named the Caddo Parish Schools' High School Principal of the Year, and commends her for her extraordinary contributions to education and the betterment of our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of the Caddo Parish Commission and that a copy be provided to Principal Crystal Barnes as a token of appreciation and recognition for her exceptional service and leadership.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION
CADDO HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR, TRACY CATHON**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission acknowledges the vital role of educators and school leaders in shaping the future of our community by inspiring and empowering students to achieve their highest potential; and

WHEREAS, Tracy Cathon, Principal of Southern Hills Elementary School, has been named the Caddo Parish Schools' Elementary School Principal of the Year for her outstanding leadership, dedication, and unwavering commitment to academic excellence and student success; and

WHEREAS, Principal Cathon has demonstrated exemplary vision and determination in fostering a culture of achievement, innovation, and inclusivity, ensuring that every student at Southern Hills Elementary School has the tools and opportunities to thrive; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership, Southern Hills Elementary School has experienced significant advancements in academic performance, student engagement, and community involvement, reflecting her ability to inspire both staff and students to strive for excellence; and

WHEREAS, Principal Cathon is widely respected and admired for her tireless advocacy for equitable education and her dedication to creating a supportive and nurturing environment for all students, regardless of their background or circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission celebrates Principal Cathon's achievement as a testament to her hard work, professionalism, and passion for making a positive difference in the lives of young people;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby recognize and congratulate Tracy Cathon, Principal of Southern Hills Elementary School, for being named the Caddo Parish Schools' Elementary School Principal of the Year, and commends her for her extraordinary contributions to education and the betterment of our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of the Caddo Parish Commission and that a copy be provided to Principal Tracy Cathon as a token of appreciation and recognition for her exceptional service and leadership.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION
CADDO HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR, NICOLAS CUNNINGHAM**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission acknowledges the vital role of educators and school leaders in shaping the future of our community by inspiring and empowering students to achieve their highest potential; and

WHEREAS, Nicolas Cunningham, Principal of North Caddo Elementary/Middle School, has been named the Caddo Parish Schools' Middle School Principal of the Year for his outstanding leadership, dedication, and unwavering commitment to academic excellence and student success; and

WHEREAS, Principal Cunningham has demonstrated exemplary vision and determination in fostering a culture of achievement, innovation, and inclusivity, ensuring that every student at North Caddo Elementary/Middle School has the tools and opportunities to thrive; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, North Caddo Elementary/Middle School has experienced significant advancements in academic performance, student engagement, and community involvement, reflecting his ability to inspire both staff and students to strive for excellence; and

WHEREAS, Principal Cunningham is widely respected and admired for his tireless advocacy for equitable education and his dedication to creating a supportive and nurturing environment for all students, regardless of their background or circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission celebrates Principal Cunningham's achievement as a testament to his hard work, professionalism, and passion for making a positive difference in the lives of young people;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby recognize and congratulate Nicolas Cunningham, Principal of North Caddo Elementary/Middle School, for being named the Caddo Parish Schools' Middle School Principal of the Year, and commends him for his extraordinary contributions to education and the betterment of our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of the Caddo Parish Commission and that a copy be provided to Principal Nicolas Cunningham as a token of appreciation and recognition for his exceptional service and leadership.

It was **moved by Mr. Thomas**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *that the appointment of Chris Davis to the Human Services District Board to fill the unexpired term left by David Hoey be postponed to the January 23, 2025 Regular Session.*

Mr. Thomas would like there to be a letter of intent, as well as, a resume for board appointments.


Mr. Atkins requested that the Commission Clerk reach out the Human Services Board to obtain a resume.

At this time, Mr. Thomas' motion to postpone carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned

at 11:10 a.m.


Michelle Nations
Assistant to the Commission Clerk


Stormy Gage-Watts
President