

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION  
OF THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION  
HELD ON THE 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2026

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Work Session, on the above date, at 3:30 p.m., in the Government Chambers, with Mr. Greg Young, President, presiding, and the following members in attendance constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jones, Kracman, Lazarus, Thomas, G. Young, and J. Young (12). ABSENT: None (0).

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were given during a previous committee meeting. There were no Agenda Additions, nor Citizens Comments.

**VISITORS**

- Shreveport Mayor's Women's Commission

Mrs. Blake introduced members of the Shreveport Mayor's Women's Commission who were present in recognition of Women's History Month. Mrs. Blake invited the group forward to share information regarding the organization and its work in the community.

Laurie McGeehee, President of the Shreveport Mayor's Women's Commission, addressed the Commission and provided a brief overview of the organization. She stated that the Commission was established in 1984 under former Mayor Bill Hanna to identify the needs of women and children in the community and to help develop practical solutions to address those needs. Ms. McGeehee noted that the Commission continues its work under the leadership of Mayor Tom Arceneaux and serves as an advocate for women by supporting services addressing issues such as domestic violence and human trafficking.

Members of the Commission then introduced themselves and shared their respective roles and reasons for serving, including Dominique Courtin-Washington, Digital Media Manager for the City of Shreveport; Deb Berragona, representing the Senior Health Initiative for Women at First Presbyterian Church; Marissa Diaz, Digital Director for KTAL NBC 6, KMSS FOX 33, and KSHV 45; Tony Good, Executive Director at The Bridge and Love Shreveport; Erica McCain, Community Development Liaison at ANECA Federal Credit Union and Vice President of the Commission; Michelle Osborne, Local Mission Director at First Methodist Church Shreveport; and Francesca Posey, Chief Operating Officer for Girl Scouts of Louisiana – Pines to the Gulf.

Commissioners expressed appreciation for the organization's work supporting women and families in the community. Mr. Atkins inquired about the age range for participation in Girl Scouts, and Ms. Posey stated that the program serves girls from kindergarten through twelfth grade. Mr. Atkins also expressed support for the Commission's efforts addressing domestic violence.

Mr. Burrell offered remarks recognizing the longstanding work of the Women's Commission and its impact within the community. Mr. G. Young also acknowledged Ms. Courtin-Washington for her service and commended the organization for its dedication to supporting women and families. Mr. Thomas thanked the group for their contributions and emphasized the importance of mentorship and leadership opportunities for young women in the community.

**ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

- Caddo's Rising Star update

Administrator Bryant asked that Communications Director Krystle Beauchamp provide an update on the Caddo's Rising Star talent competition.

Ms. Beauchamp informed the Commission that the parish-wide student talent competition was underway. She explained that the competition is open to Caddo Parish students ages six through nineteen and includes a variety of performance categories such as singing, dancing, musical instruments, magic, and other talents. Through a series of auditions, twelve contestants will advance to the final round where they will compete for the title of Caddo's Rising Star and a prize package that includes \$5,000 in cash, studio recording time, a media tour, and performance opportunities throughout the parish during the year.

She also reported that live auditions recently began at Walter B. Jacobs Nature Park and that additional auditions are scheduled for March 28, April 11, and April 25. She encouraged students and families to visit the program website for information regarding audition locations, times, and application details. The grand finale of the competition is scheduled for June 7.

Mr. G. Young commended staff for their work in launching the program and asked how Commissioners could assist in promoting the competition. Ms. Beauchamp noted that sharing the website and information through social media and word-of-mouth would be helpful in increasing participation. Administrator Bryant added that digital and printed flyers would be distributed to local schools, churches, and other youth-focused venues to ensure students are aware of the opportunity.

Mr. Burrell inquired about the number of initial applicants and encouraged continued promotion through traditional media outlets such as radio. Ms. Beauchamp stated that while the first audition had a smaller number of participants due to the short preparation time between the announcement and the first event, interest had increased significantly online and additional participants were expected at upcoming auditions.

Commissioners wanted to know whether auditions would be held in locations throughout the parish. Ms. Beauchamp explained that while the first audition was held at Walter B. Jacobs Nature Park, future auditions would be hosted at additional locations, including schools and community partner sites, and that updated information would be available on the program website. The Commissioners then expressed appreciation to staff for organizing the program and for their efforts to provide opportunities for youth across the parish.

- February 2026 Financial Statements

Administrator Bryant said that the financial statements were attached to the agenda, as well as a hard copy placed at each Commissioner's station.

- Juvenile Detention Center census

Administrator Bryant said that there are 8 children in the Detention Center, none of which are OJJ. There are no 17 year olds. There are 391 children on probation. Fifteen juveniles are at CCC.

### **COMMISSION REMARKS**

- Mr. Thomas invited the public to attend the annual "Light It Up Blue" observance for World Autism Day, scheduled for April 2 at 7:15 p.m. at Riverview Park, where the Bakowski Bridge of Lights will be illuminated in recognition of Autism Awareness Month. He also announced upcoming open house opportunities for the IMPACT Program on the BPCC campus and encouraged families and young people to take advantage of the resource. In addition, he noted that the Caddo Career & Technology Center was conducting an Earth Day plant sale fundraiser from March 16 through March 18 and encouraged public support for the students and program.

- Mr. Atkins raised concerns regarding drainage issues near the intersection of Linwood Avenue and Shattalon Drive. He explained that recent clearing of nearby property for commercial purposes appeared to have disrupted drainage patterns, causing problems for neighboring residences and properties. Mr. Atkins requested that staff work with Public Works to review the situation and determine what options may be available to improve drainage in the affected area.

- Mrs. Blake shared remarks regarding recent accomplishments by the LSUS men's and women's basketball programs. She stated that she intended to request an agenda addition at the upcoming regular session in order to formally recognize both teams. Mrs. Blake noted that the LSUS men's basketball team had advanced to the NAIA National Tournament Sweet Sixteen and extended congratulations to Head Coach Kyle Blankenship and the team. She also recognized the LSUS women's basketball team for earning back-to-back Red River Athletic Conference regular season titles and praised Head Coach Tim Hayes and Assistant Coach Christina Hayes for their leadership.

- Mr. Cothran acknowledged attending the ninetieth birthday celebration of Mr. Ernest Cash and publicly recognized him as a positive mentor and role model in the community. Mr. Cothran also announced that the Cedar Grove community would be holding a meeting the following day at 5:00 p.m. to discuss neighborhood concerns. He further noted that Faith and Fostering would host a dinner on March 19 at 5:30 p.m. at Brookwood Baptist Church.

- Mr. Jones also offered remarks recognizing the performance of local school athletic programs, including Green Oaks and Calvary, in recent state basketball competition. He commended the student-athletes, coaches, and school leadership for their efforts and emphasized the broader value of athletics in motivating students academically, strengthening school culture, and energizing the surrounding community. He specifically noted the positive impact athletics has had in the Green Oaks community and spoke to the importance of maintaining community support for local schools and youth programs. He further highlighted the enthusiasm surrounding the middle school basketball championships and noted the strong community turnout these events typically receive.

Mr. Jones encouraged community members to attend and support upcoming youth athletic events, particularly middle school basketball championships. It was emphasized that these events provide meaningful opportunities for young people to showcase their talents, build confidence, and create lasting memories. He noted that for many participants, these moments may represent significant milestones in their lives and could inspire future pursuits in athletics, coaching, or education. Appreciation was expressed to those who help organize and support Caddo Parish school events, highlighting the importance of strong community attendance.

Commissioners echoed these sentiments, sharing observations of high community engagement and excitement surrounding recent games, including events at Green Oaks and other local schools. It was noted that multiple championship celebrations were scheduled throughout the week, reflecting the success of local teams. Commissioners emphasized the importance of youth seeing

themselves reflected in the future of the community and commended staff for their mentorship and dedication to developing young people.

Discussion then shifted to park and recreation updates. An inquiry was made regarding the progress of improvements at the Greenwood (Greenbrook) recreational facility. Mr. Patrick Wesley, Park & Recreations Director, reported that construction is ongoing, with completion anticipated in early to mid-June. Planned upgrades include new restroom facilities for both men and women, aimed at improving the quality and usability of the park.

Additional discussion focused on the status of the parish's pickleball project. Mr. Wesley explained efforts to utilize an alternative construction procurement method (CMAR/"C-More" process) through state approval in order to reduce overall project costs. It was noted that, even if this method were not approved, the project would proceed through the traditional bid process. Commissioners expressed appreciation for efforts to reduce costs and maximize the efficient use of parish funds.

- Mr. Burrell reported on the reauthorization of the Queensborough Neighborhood Association, originally founded in 1993. The organization had been dormant for several years but was reestablished in December 2022. Recognition was given to key individuals who contributed to reviving the association, including community leaders and local clergy. It was noted that new leadership is now in place, bringing renewed energy and plans for community improvement. The association has already begun engaging with local development and redevelopment organizations and is expected to play an active role in advancing initiatives within the Queensborough community.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President G. Young reminded the Commissioners of the importance of professionalism and awareness during meetings. It was emphasized that audio and video recording equipment may remain active before and after official proceedings; therefore, commissioners were encouraged to remain mindful of their remarks at all times to avoid statements being taken out of context.

Guidance was also provided regarding maintaining decorum during an election year. Commissioners and staff were advised to refrain from engaging in political campaigning or distributing materials that could be perceived as supporting any candidate while in the Government Plaza or during official meetings, ensuring fairness and neutrality for all.

The President further addressed meeting efficiency and logistics. It was announced that, beginning in April, committee meetings would be held in a smaller meeting space when feasible, provided there is adequate accommodation for the public. This adjustment is intended to create a more efficient meeting environment while still complying with legal requirements for open meetings, including audio and video broadcasting of all deliberations.

Additionally, discussion included expectations regarding meal service during meeting days. To promote professionalism, it was requested that meals be scheduled prior to meetings rather than during active deliberations. Staff was directed to ensure that food is provided in advance, allowing commissioners time to eat before meetings begin. Moving forward, meetings should be scheduled no earlier than 12:30 p.m., with meals delivered ahead of time to support timely and focused proceedings.

The President concluded the report by reiterating the importance of professionalism, efficiency, and maintaining public trust in all Commission activities.

There was no Old Business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that Ordinance No. 6609 of 2026, Zoning Case No. 25-28-P, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located on the west side of Akinson Drive, approximately, 1,440 feet south of West 70th Street, Caddo Parish, Louisiana., from I-2 Heavy Industrial Zoning to I-2 Heavy Industrial Zoning (SPUD) and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's agenda for consideration.

**Substitute motion by Mr. J. Young**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to englobo and move the following items to Thursday's agenda:*

- *Ordinance No. 6609 of 2026, Zoning Case No. 25-28-P, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located on the west side of Akinson Drive, approximately, 1,440 feet south of West 70th Street, Caddo Parish, Louisiana., from I-2 Heavy Industrial Zoning to I-2 Heavy Industrial Zoning (SPUD) and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6611 of 2026, an ordinance to deem property surplus and authorize the sale of surplus property owned by the Parish of Caddo and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.*

- *Resolution No. 18 of 2026, a resolution to authorize the Caddo Parish Administrator to approve the assignment, bill of sale, and conveyance of State Agency Lease No. 22324 from Cypress Energy Partners, LLC, to Apex Natural Gas, LLC, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition & Remembrance for Bloody Sunday*
- *Special Resolution of Remembrance & Respect for U.S. Service Members killed in Iran War*
- *Special Resolution Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.*
- *Special Resolution Darrin Henson*
- *Special Resolution of Remembrance Demetrick Lavell Alexander-Metcalf*
- *Special Resolution of Remembrance Soror Dorothy Hunter Jones*
- *Special Resolution of Remembrance Joe Wills*

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

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *that Ordinance No. 6610 of 2026, Zoning Case 25-29-P, in regards to Zoning Case 25-29-P, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located on the north side of Southern Loop, approximately 1,050feet east of Wallace Lake Road Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from C-2 Corridor Commercial (PUD) Zoning District to C-3 General Commercial Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's agenda for introduction.

Mr. Atkins requested clarification regarding the proposal and whether a neighborhood meeting had occurred. Mr. Stephen Jean explained that the rezoning involves an L-shaped portion of a larger tract of land and is intended to allow the applicant to later seek a Special Use Permit for a storage facility, which would include both climate-controlled and externally accessed units. It was further clarified that the current action is limited to rezoning and that any future Special Use Permit request would return through the appropriate review process, allowing for additional consideration if necessary.

At this time, Mrs. Gage-Watts' motion carried unanimously by all Commissioners.

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *that Ordinance No. 6612 of 2026, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund to provide an appropriation of \$32,500 for the Louisiana Rouxgaroux Football Team, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's agenda for introduction.

In presenting the item, it was explained that the request had first been reviewed by the Economic Development Committee. Supporters of the appropriation stated that the investment could provide multiple benefits to Caddo Parish, including increased economic activity, support for local businesses, stronger community engagement, and enhanced regional visibility. It was noted that visiting teams, players, and fans could contribute to the local economy through lodging, dining, retail purchases, and other spending within the parish.

Representatives of the Louisiana Rouxgaroux, including former Commissioner Lyndon B. Johnson and team players, addressed the Commission. They described the organization as a professional arena football team with a new ownership group, new front office, and largely new roster from the previous season. Team representatives emphasized the community-focused nature of the organization, highlighting outreach efforts such as school visits, participation in local events, and programs intended to engage youth. Players spoke about the importance of providing local young people with positive role models, opportunities for inspiration, and exposure to professional athletics beyond the NFL.

Questions and concerns were then raised by several commissioners. Some commissioners expressed support for the team's goals and community outreach, while also voicing reservations about appropriating public funds to a for-profit entity. Concern was also expressed about the fact that the team's games are played in Bossier Parish, with questions raised as to whether parish tax dollars should be used to support an organization whose venue is located outside Caddo Parish.

In response, Attorney Frazier explained that there is no absolute prohibition against providing public funds to a private or for-profit entity, provided that the expenditure serves a public purpose and that the parish receives a benefit at least equal to the value of the appropriation. Administrator Bryant further explained that the economic benefit to Caddo Parish would come through related activity such as hotel stays, restaurant spending, transportation, and retail purchases by players, fans, and visitors.

Comparisons were also made to other regional economic development initiatives in which Caddo Parish benefits indirectly from activities occurring nearby.

Commissioners continued discussion regarding the team's economic impact report, the methodology used to evaluate that impact, and whether current standards for reviewing such requests are sufficiently consistent and transparent. Additional questions were asked about the organization's financial history, whether any relationship existed between the current team and the previous Shreveport Rouxgaroux organization, and whether comparable requests had been made by other sports organizations in the past.

Several commissioners spoke in favor of continuing the discussion, emphasizing that the item was being advanced for further consideration rather than adopted outright. It was noted that additional time before final adoption would allow commissioners to review outstanding questions, perform further due diligence, and better assess both the fiscal and community impact of the proposal. Supporters also pointed to the broader value of providing family-friendly entertainment, youth engagement, and regional sports opportunities for local residents.

Mr. G. Young commented that the discussion had been constructive and highlighted broader policy questions that the Commission may need to address in the future, including how to consistently evaluate economic development requests, how to measure true public benefit, and whether parish funds should continue to support initiatives taking place outside parish boundaries but producing some regional impact.

**Call for the Question by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Jones, Kracman, Lazarus, Thomas, G. Young, and J. Young (11). NAYS: Commissioner Gage-Watts (1). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

At this time, Mrs. Gage-Watts' original motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Blake, Burrell, Cothran, Gage-Watts, Jones, Thomas, G. Young, and J. Young (8). NAYS: Commissioners Atkins, Epperson, Kracman, and Lazarus (4). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Cothran, *that Ordinance No. 6613 of 2026, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Public Works Fund and the Capital Outlay Fund to provide an appropriation to install welcome sign on I-20 East bound and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be removed from the agenda.

Mr. Epperson explained that questions had been raised in committee regarding the projected cost of the signage, and additional time was requested for Facilities and Maintenance, along with the Administration, to explore whether a more economical option could be identified. It was noted that the current estimate was based on costs associated with similar signage previously installed on Interstate 49 north and south.

At this time, Mr. Epperson's motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Atkins being absent.

It was **moved by Mr. Jones**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that Resolution No. 19 of 2026, a resolution urging the Louisiana Legislature to enact a statewide Domestic Violence Registry and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be advanced to Thursday's agenda for consideration.

At the invitation of Mr. Cothran, Chief Wayne Smith addressed the Commission regarding the increase in domestic violence incidents throughout the community. Chief Smith reported that during his 46 years in law enforcement he has observed a growing trend in domestic violence cases across both the City of Shreveport and Caddo Parish. He noted that approximately 22.5 percent of homicides in 2025 were related to domestic violence incidents. Chief Smith further reported that in 2024 Shreveport Police officers responded to 2,627 domestic violence calls, while in 2025 that number increased to 2,885 incidents, representing roughly an eight percent increase and averaging approximately eight incidents per day. As of the date of the meeting in 2026, officers had already responded to 514 domestic violence-related calls.

Chief Smith explained that domestic violence incidents encompass a wide range of relationships, including spouses, partners, parents and children, and other family members. He emphasized that many of these incidents begin with smaller conflicts that escalate over time and often affect not only the individuals involved but also children who witness the violence.

Chief Smith reported that the Shreveport Police Department has partnered with the Caddo Parish School Board to notify school counselors when a juvenile has been exposed to traumatic incidents so that counselors can monitor behavioral changes and provide support. The department has also partnered with schools to establish "calming rooms" to help students manage behavioral and emotional challenges. Additionally, the department is working with community partners to develop informational materials that officers can provide to victims to connect them with available support services.

Mr. Cothran thanked Chief Smith for providing the information and shared personal remarks regarding the impact domestic violence can have on families and communities. Mrs. Blake expressed appreciation for the work being done to address youth trauma and asked what factors may be contributing to the increase in domestic violence incidents. Chief Smith responded that behavioral changes following the COVID-19 pandemic, barriers within government processes, and lack of awareness about available resources may contribute to the problem. He noted that simplifying the process for victims to access help and connecting individuals with available services are important steps in addressing the issue.

Mr. Burrell asked about strategies to categorize and prioritize domestic violence incidents and the role of social and behavioral interventions. Chief Smith explained that the department is increasing training for officers to recognize victims of domestic violence and to better connect them with services. He also noted that law enforcement has partnered with mental health professionals to respond to certain calls where treatment and intervention may be more appropriate than incarceration.

Mrs. Gage-Watts spoke in support of the resolution and referenced a previous community forum that addressed issues such as community trauma, mental health, and human trafficking as contributing factors. Mrs. Gage-Watts invited Laurie McGeehee to provide remarks regarding the connection between domestic violence and human trafficking. Ms. McGeehee explained that domestic violence and human trafficking can intersect in certain cases and reported that Caddo Parish remains among the top three parishes in Louisiana for reported human trafficking cases.

Mr. Jones expressed support for the measure and reiterated the importance of addressing domestic violence in the community. Mr. Cothran also thanked staff and community partners for their efforts in developing the legislation and noted that similar legislation has been implemented in other states.

Before concluding his remarks, Chief Smith shared that his perspective on the issue is also informed by personal experience and emphasized the importance of continued collaboration to address domestic violence in the community.

At this time, Mr. Jones' motion carried unanimously by all Commissioners.

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that the authorization to lower the flags at half-staff for those military members who lost their lives in the Iran War* be moved to Thursday's agenda. Motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Atkins being absent.

It was **moved by Mr. J. Young**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that the approval of Commission travel to additional NACo events* be moved to Thursday's agenda.

Clarification was provided that commissioners are typically pre-approved for two NACo conferences annually, and this request would allow for attendance at additional regional or specialized NACo-related meetings as needed.

During discussion, a commissioner requested clarification regarding which events would be attended. It was explained that the request is intended to provide flexibility for commissioners to participate in additional NACo opportunities beyond the standard conferences, depending on relevance and availability.

**Substitute motion by Mr. Lazarus**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that the following items be moved to Thursday's agenda for consideration:*

- *Resolution No. 20 of 2026, a resolution to oppose House Bill No. 674 and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Approval of Commission travel to additional NACo events*

Discussion followed regarding the resolution, which relates to a pending state legislative bill. It was noted that there had been communication indicating the bill's author may intend to withdraw it; however, as of the meeting date, the bill remained active. Commissioners discussed the importance of expressing the Commission's position on matters affecting local governance, particularly those involving home rule authority and local decision-making.

It was further noted that advancing the resolution would allow time for additional review prior to final consideration, and that the item could be removed from a future agenda if circumstances changed. Commissioners also discussed the broader need for improved communication and updates regarding legislative activity, particularly in light of the Commission not currently having an active lobbying representative in place.

At this time, Mr. Lazarus' substitute motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Blake, Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jones, Lazarus, G. Young, and J. Young (9). NAYS: Commissioner Kracman (1). ABSENT: Commissioners Atkins and Thomas (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

## **COMMUNIQUES & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Mr. Cothran reported that the Public Safety Committee met and all categories have been assigned to committee members.
- Mr. Jones announced that the Special Projects Committee announced a meeting scheduled for Thursday at 12:30 p.m.
- Mrs. Blake mentioned the economic impact of the Louisiana Rouxgaroux organization, with emphasis on local job creation and community engagement. She noted that players and staff residing within Caddo Parish contribute to the local economy through daily activities such as housing, dining, and other services.

Further comments reiterated differing perspectives on funding priorities, including concerns about allocating public funds to for-profit entities versus addressing other community needs such as school facilities and infrastructure. Commissioners emphasized the importance of balancing fiscal responsibility with opportunities for community development and youth engagement.

## **CITIZENS COMMENTS (late arrivals)**

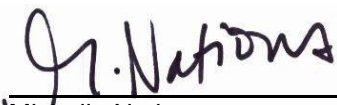
Jon Glover came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Jon Glover, 9100 Walker Road, Apartment 217, Shreveport, Louisiana, zip code 71118. You know, I want to thank all of you all for expending to me information about pieces of legislation. I don't have to stand here and say, "Well, you didn't give me anything for me to understand what you all were doing." At the same time, I still too have questions about, not so much the amount of money that is being considered for the Rouxgaroux, but how and what it is that supports you all doing what you're doing. Since there are no guidelines in your bylaws, I'd just like to know how you all are actually manipulating this process to be able to do that thing. Now, I, like Commissioner Kracman, did reach out to Representative Phelps, and I did get a response from her with regards to House Bill 674, and she said she decided not to run HB 674, but she will give me a conversation in time to help me understand why she's not running that bill. That was since I've been sitting here, I got that conversation from her. Two, I did notice that on your legislation where you are asking for a statewide domestic violence registry, Louisiana House Bill 371 is addressing the same bill, but it is saying habitual, they put a word in there, habitual domestic offenders. So, you know, if we are going to make sure we're doing the service for the people of Caddo Parish, we definitely need to know the ins and outs of how each piece of legislation will impact us. Definitely will never say we won't need a domestic registry, but we definitely will need to understand the language that we put out there. And especially when we say that we're not trying to circumvent anything, but we're trying to make sure that what we're doing is in concert, since the legislators already got this SB 371 out there for the domestic registry and then since Representative Phelps says well, I'm withdrawing this because of whatever the situations is, but I do my homework so I don't ever try to get caught unaware and not prepared to meet the conversations you all have had today. And I thank you again for giving me that today because it's not, you know, something that I'm used to getting, but I am grateful for it today. Thank you so much.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- *Ordinance No. 6608 of 2026, an ordinance providing amendments to the Caddo Parish Fee Schedule, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

At this time, there was no further discussion to come before the Commission, so the Commission adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

  
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Michelle Nations  
Assistant Commission Clerk