

2026 Committee Descriptions

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

To this committee shall be referred legislation relating to the following subjects: appropriation of parish funds from the Riverboat Fund; the creation or modification of any special fund in the parish treasury to which proceeds from parish taxes, fees, or other charges are dedicated; budgetary requirements and procedures; comprehensive parish capital budget.

Chairman	1. Victor Thomas	
Members	2. John-Paul Young	3. Roy Burrell
	4. John E. Atkins	5. Greg Young, President

AUDIT & FINANCE COMMITTEE

This committee shall make a recommendation regarding approval of the comprehensive internal audit process to the Commission body no later than the first regular February meeting of each year. The Administrator and Director of Finance shall also present an overview of the financial matters of the Parish to this committee on a quarterly basis and this committee shall make recommendations to the Commission body regarding any budget amendments requested by agencies or departments included in the Parish budget.

Chairman	1. John E. Atkins	
Members	2. Steffon Jones	3. Grace Anne Blake
	4. Ron Cothran	5. Greg Young, President

PROPERTY STANDARDS COMMITTEE

To this committee shall be referred all legislation relating to the following subjects: all matters related to the dereliction of public and private lands within the parish outside incorporated municipalities; building code modifications, all matters related to subdivision creation. Additionally, this Committee shall serve as the Property Standards Hearing Committee, initially created by Ordinance 6225. The committee shall have authority to conduct hearings regarding violations of Chapter 30 of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances and to make recommendations to the full Commission, who serves as the Property Standards Board.

Chairman	1. Chris Kracman	
Members	2. Victor Thomas	3. John-Paul Young
	4. Ken Epperson	5. Greg Young, President

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

To this Committee shall be referred legislation relating to the following subjects: appropriation of funds from the parish's video poker proceeds; Caddo Parish industrial inducement; economic development districts and special industrial taxing districts, industrial parks and enhancement avenues for new and existing businesses within the Parish of Caddo. This committee also features a sub-committee for Film & Entertainment.

Chairman	1. Stormy Gage-Watts	
Members	2. John-Paul Young	3. Roy Burrell
	4. Grace Anne Blake	5. Greg Young, President

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND RELATED SERVICES COMMITTEE

To this committee shall be referred legislation relating to the following subjects: matters related to Juvenile Court, and Juvenile detention in Caddo Parish; matters regarding community and faith based juvenile programs in the parish.

Chairman	1. John-Paul Young	
Members	2. Steffon Jones	3. Stormy Gage-Watts
	4. Ron Cothran	5. Greg Young, President

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SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

This committee shall be referred legislation relating to the following subjects: matters related to issues not covered in the other standing committees, including but not limited to long range planning, elections, census, facilities and space utilization, etc.

Chairman	1. Steffon Jones	
Members	2. Victor Thomas	3. Ed Lazarus
	4. Ken Epperson	5. Greg Young, President

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

To this committee shall be referred legislation relating to the following subjects: natural resources generally; mineral resources of parish owned lands; all matters relating to parish parks and recreation and parish waterways.

Chairman	1. Grace Anne Blake	
Members	2. Ken Epperson	3. Roy Burrell
	4. Ed Lazarus	5. Greg Young, President

RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

To this committee shall be referred items related to utility districts, and issues related to roads, water, sewer, and emergency services in those areas outside of the parish's incorporated areas.

Chairman	1. Ed Lazarus	
Members	2. John-Paul Young	3. Roy Burrell
	4. Ken Epperson	5. Greg Young, President

PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

To this committee shall be referred legislation regarding matters encompassed by the Parish Charter, Commission By-Laws, and Parish Personnel Policies.

Chairman	1. Roy Burrell	
Members	2. John-Paul Young	3. Stormy Gage-Watts
	4. John E. Atkins	5. Greg Young, President

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND SERVICES

To this committee shall be referred legislation relating to the following subjects: matters related to Veteran issues, including parish veteran affairs offices, issues effecting veteran care, and support for various programs veterans' programs throughout the parish.

Chairman	1. Ken Epperson	
Members	2. Victor Thomas	3. Grace Anne Blake
	4. Ron Cothran	5. Greg Young, President

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

To this committee shall be referred commission action related to public safety related operations, to include, but not limited to regulation of alcohol sales, laws pertaining to animal & fowl, disaster response, emergency relief, coordination between Constables & Justices of the Peace, and coordinating efforts between relevant criminal justice organizations to address the expense of pre-trial detainee healthcare, underfunding of the public defender's office and Crime Lab, and reducing overcrowding in parish detention center. This

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Committee will also hold hearings and recommend penalties for violations of alcoholic beverage permits issued outside of the Parish's incorporated areas.

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Members	2. Chris Kracman	3. Grace Anne Blake
	4. Ken Epperson	5. Greg Young, President

Statutorily Designed Committees

COMMISSION CLERK AND PARISH ADMINISTRATOR EVALUATION COMMITTEE

To this committee shall be referred the annual evaluation of Caddo Parish Administrator and Caddo Parish Commission Clerk; setting forth annual recommendation for pay raises and other matters.

1. Commission President: Greg Young
2. Commission Vice President: Victor Thomas
3. Immediate Past President: Stormy Gage-Watts

GOVERNMENT PLAZA JOINT COMMITTEE

The Government Plaza Chamber Standing Committee is established to oversee the operation of the Chamber and adjoining conference rooms and to make recommendations to the Caddo Parish Commission and the Shreveport City Council relative to the use and operation of the chamber and conference rooms. The committee shall recommend to their respective bodies that, to ensure that the chamber and its electronic feature were properly maintained and available to the governmental entities when needed. To ensure internal security, joint rules should be adopted by the Commission and the Council regulating the use of the chamber in Government Plaza. (By-Laws- Article XIII, Rule II)

From Caddo Commission

- Commission President: Greg Young
- Commission Vice President: Victor Thomas
- Immediate Past President: Stormy Gage-Watts

From Shreveport City Council:

- Council Chair- Tabatha Taylor
- Vice Chair- Ursula Bowman
- Previous Chair- Alan Jackson