

NORTHWEST LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING AGENCY, INC.

Board of Directors

January 13, 2026

The Board of Directors of Northwest Law Enforcement Planning Agency, Inc. met on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the North Louisiana Forensic Science Building, 1630 Tulane Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71103.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Julian Whittington.

ROLL CALL

John Ballance	Julian Whittington
Schuyler Marvin	Lynn Austin
Jim Whitman	Henry Whitehorn
James Stewart*	Wayne Smith*
Ree Casey-Jones*	Kelli Todd
Joey Jones	Jayson Richardson
Stephen Williams	Luke Allen
Glen Edwards	Aaron Mitchell*
Jason Parker	

*Proxy

On roll call: 13 present, 4 proxies, 4 absent. Quorum.

Others in attendance

Laura Fulco, 1 st JDA	Leone Fitzgerald, 1 st JDA
Brad Walker, Sabine SO	Mitzi Harris, Project Celebration
Sarah Hood, Caddo Juvenile Court	Brian Monette, Shreveport PD
Jeremy P. Edwards, Northwest	
Casey Palombo, Northwest	

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion by Stephen Williams, second by Jayson Richardson to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the September 9, 2025 meeting and to adopt the minutes. On vote, motion carried.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Whittington called on Richardson to report on the Project Priority Committee. Richardson reported that a review was completed for FY 2025 (7/1/24 – 6/30/25) and Rozier, McKay, & Willis conducted the review. Richardson stated that in the auditor's opinion no material modifications were needed to be made and that there were no findings in connection with the review engagement. Motion is in the form of a recommendation of the Audit Committee, second by Jim Whitman to accept the review as reported. On vote, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Whittington called on Executive Director Jeremy P. Edwards to present the December 31, 2025, financial report for the agency. Executive Director Edwards reported the status of each account as shown in the attached financial report. After discussion, motion by Williams, second by Schuyler Marvin to adopt the report as attached. On vote, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Whittington called on Executive Director Edwards to present the available funds. Executive Director Edwards reported that Northwest currently has the following available funds:

FY 2024 JJDP - \$49,842 (End: 6/30/2028)

FY 2025 VOCA - \$1,585,875 (End: 6/30/2028)

FY 2025 VAWA - \$135,846 (End: 4/30/2027).

Edwards also reported on a new funding source Bryne SCIP (State Crisis Intervention Program) and ask that the Project Priority Committee stay after the meeting to discuss the new funds.

Whittington called on Executive Director Edwards to report that annual conflict-of-interest forms and ethics disclosures were due. Edwards asked each board member present sign a conflict-of-interest form before leaving the meeting, and reminded everyone that the ethics disclosure statements are due by May 15, 2026.

Whittington called on Assistant Director Casey Palombo to provide the grant programs report. Palombo provided an update on each funding source, answered questions, and said that if anyone had any questions to contact the district office.

Whittington called on the following agency personnel for status reports of their respective programs:

North LA Crime Lab – Joey Jones

1st JDA – Leone Fitzgerald.

Whittington announced a new board meeting schedule for each calendar year. The Northwest Board of Directors will meet on the second Tuesday of each of the following months: March, May, July, and September. Any urgent matters between board meetings will be brought before the Executive Committee, then reported at the next board meeting.

Whittington announced the next Northwest Project Priority Committee meeting will be Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the North Louisiana Forensic Science Building, 1630 Tulane Ave., Shreveport, LA 71103.

Whittington announced the next Northwest Board meeting will be Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the North Louisiana Forensic Science Building, 1630 Tulane Ave., Shreveport, LA 71103.

Whittington announced the next Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement meeting is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, March 18 - 19, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center, 2750 N. Westport Dr., Port Allen, LA 70757.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully,
Casey Palombo, Recording Secretary