

NORTHWEST LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING AGENCY, INC.

Board of Directors

March 10, 2026

The Board of Directors of Northwest Law Enforcement Planning Agency, Inc., met on Tuesday, March 10, 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 10:06 a.m. by Julian Whittington.

ROLL CALL

John Ballance	Julian Whittington
Daniel Haugen*	Schuyler Marvin*
Lynn Austin*	Jim Whitman
Henry Whitehorn	James Stewart*
Wayne Smith	Ree Casey-Jones*
Kelli Todd	Joey Jones
Jayson Richardson*	Luke Allen*
Stewart Wright*	Aaron Mithcell*
Jason Parker*	

*Proxy

On roll call: 7 present, 10 proxies, 4 absent. Quorum.

Other in attendance

Laura Fulco, 1 st JDA	Brian Griffith, Bossier City PD
Brian Monette, Shreveport PD	Darrell Altic, LA Methodist Children & Family Services
Hank Haynes, Webster SO	Tim McDearmont, Caddo Juvenile Court
Jeremy P. Edwards, Northwest	Casey Palombo, Northwest

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion by Joey Jones, second by Jim Whitman to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the January 13, 2026, meeting and to adopt the minutes. On vote, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Whittington called on Executive Director Jeremy P. Edwards to report on the actions of the Executive Committee. Edwards reported that Northwest received a new source of funds, Bryne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP), from LCLE. Northwest had approximately one month to allocate the funds therefore did not have the time to go through the normal process for advertising, receiving requests, and having a Project Priority Committee. The Project Priority Committee informally met to discuss the new funds and because of the time restraint recommended that Bossier SO and Caddo SO

split the funds with Northwest as the applicant agency receiving a 3.5% administrative fee. The Executive Committee received a proposal drafted by Northwest staff via email and voted to approve that Bossier SO and Caddo SO split the funds with Northwest as the applicant agency receiving a 3.5% administrative fee. Motion by Jones, second by Whitman, to ratify the Executive Committee's action.

PROJECT PRIORITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Whittington called on John Ballance to report on the Project Priority Committee. Ballance reported that the committee meet on March 3, 2026. The committee reviewed proposals for FY 2025 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), FY 2025 Violence Against Women Act (ACT) and FY 2024 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP). Motion by Jones, second by Whitman, to approve the Project Priority Committee recommendations as attached. On vote, motion carried. Representatives of agencies receiving an allocation abstained from voting on their respective programs

OLD BUSINESS

Whittington called on Executive Director Jeremy P. Edwards to present the February 28, 2026, financial report for the agency. J. Edwards reported the status of each account as shown in the attached financial report. After discussion, motion by Wayne Smith, second by John Ballance to adopt the report as attached. On vote, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Whittington stated the next Northwest Board meeting is the annual meeting and 50th Anniversary of Northwest and is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 10:00 at North LA Crime Lab, 1630 Tulane Ave. Shreveport, LA 71103.

Whittington stated the next LCLE meeting is scheduled for Wednesday – Thursday, March 18-19, 2026, at West Baton Rouge Conference Center, 2750 N. Westport Dr., Port Allen, LA 70767.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully,
Casey Palombo, Recording Secretary