

NORTHWEST LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING AGENCY, INC.

Board of Directors

September 8, 2026

The Board of Directors of Northwest Law Enforcement Planning Agency, Inc., met on Tuesday, September 8, 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
Daniel Haugen*	Schuyler Marvin*
Lynn Austin*	Jim Whitman
Henry Whitehorn	James Stewart*
Wayne Smith*	Ree Casey-Jones*
Kelli Todd	Joey Jones
Jayson Richardson	Glen Edwards
Aaron Mitchell*	Jason Parker

*Proxy

On roll call: 9 present, 7 proxies, 5 absent. Quorum.

Other in attendance

Laura Fulco, 1 st JDA	Hank Hayes, Webster SO
Michael Tyler, Shreveport PD	Bobby Igo, III, Webster SO
Brad Walker, Sabine SO	Tim McDearmont, Caddo Juvenile Court
Brian Griffith, Bossier PD	Emily Dahl, CASA of Central LA
Megan Berry, 39 th JDA	Jeremy P. Edwards, Northwest
Casey Palombo, Northwest	

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion by Henry Whitehorn, second by Jim Whitman to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the July 14, 2026, meeting and to adopt the minutes. On vote, motion carried.

PROJECT PRIORITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Whittington called on John Ballance to report on the Project Priority Committee. Ballance reported that the committee met on August 25, 2026. The committee reviewed proposals for FY 2025 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Funds, FY 2025 JAG Less Than \$10,000 Funds, and FY 2026 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Funds. The report comes as a motion from Whitman, second by Jason Parker, to

approve the Project Priority Committee recommendations as attached, allowing staff to make prorated adjustments based on the final allocation with the exception of those programs that are allocated at the amount requested. On vote, motion carried. Representatives of agencies receiving an allocation abstained from voting on their respective programs

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Whittington called on Jayson Richardson to report on the Project Priority Committee. Richardson reported that a review was completed for FY 2026 (7/1/25 – 6/30/26) and Rozier, McKay, & Willis conducted the review. Richardson called on Executive Director Jeremy P. Edwards, who reported that in the auditor's opinion no material modifications 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 Jason Parker, to accept the review as reported. On vote, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Whittington called on Executive Director Edwards to present the August 31, 2026, 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 Whitman, second by Kelli Todd 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
Megan Berry – 39th JDA
Emily Dahl – CASA of Central Louisiana.

Whittington referred the board to the 2027 Meeting scheduled and announced the next Northwest Board meeting will be Tuesday, March 9, 2027, 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, September 23-24, 2026, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center, 2750 N. Westport Dr., Port Allen, LA 70757.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Respectfully,
Casey Palombo, Recording Secretary