

## **NORTHWEST LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING AGENCY, INC.**

Board of Directors

September 9, 2025

The Board of Directors of Northwest Law Enforcement Planning Agency, Inc. met on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 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 10:04 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	Joey Jones
Jayson Richardson	Stephen Williams
Luke Allen*	Stuart Wright*
Glen Edwards	Don Burkett*
Jason Parker	

\*Proxy

On roll call: 11 present, 6 proxies, 4 absent. Quorum.

Others in attendance

Laura Fulco, 1 <sup>st</sup> JDA	Bradley Marr, 11 <sup>th</sup> JDA
Stephanie Stephens, 11 <sup>th</sup> JDA	Darrell Altic, LA Methodist Children Home
Brain Monette, Shreveport PD	Jeremy P. Edwards, Northwest
Casey Palombo, Northwest	

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Motion by Joey Jones, second by Jayson Richardson to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the July 8, 2025 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 26, 2025. The committee reviewed proposals for FY 2024 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Funds. The report comes as a motion from the committee, second by Richardson, 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 August 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 Joey Jones, second by Glen Edwards 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)

Whittington reported that because Northwest receives federal grants and due to a recent change in requirements, more detailed verbiage is required in the Human Trafficking Policy. Motion by Richardson, second by Jim Whitman to adopt the attached Human Trafficking Policy for Northwest, replacing the current policy. On vote, motion carried.

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

11<sup>th</sup> JDA – Bradley Marr.

Whittington announced the cancellation of the November 11, 2025, Northwest Board meeting due to Veterans' Day.

Whittington announced the next Northwest Board meeting will be Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the North Louisiana Forensic Science Building, 1630 Tulane Ave., Shreveport, LA 71103.

Whittington began a discussion on the number of board meetings. He proposed for consideration at the next Northwest Board meeting that the number of board meetings be reduced from 6 meetings per year to 4 or 5 meetings per year.

Whittington announced the next Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement meeting is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, September 24-25, 2025, 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