

Parish President Jessie Bellard was absent for this meeting due to illness.

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY JULY 1st, 2026 @ 5:45 P.M.
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W BELLEVUE ST
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

MINUTES

- I.** This meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Ardoin.
- II.** Councilwoman Mildred Thierry led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.
- III.** **Roll Call: PRESENT:** Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. **Ex Officio:** Wayne Ardoin. **ABSENT:** Jody White, Faltery Jolivette, Dexter Brown and Jimmie Edwards.
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Do we have any public comments in reference to Resolution No. 009-2026? Is there anyone in the audience that have any comments?”

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, “Can we get the administration to give us an overview of this.”

Mr. Van Reed, Administrator stated, “This is the first time I am seeing it so I am not prepared for that.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Okay, anyone prepared for this, Garrett?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Mr. Chairman, Capital Area Finance is going to sell their \$200,000,000.00 in Bonds to help finance first time home buyers of Louisiana. On June 25th, 2026 a Public Hearing was held at their location in Baton Rouge where it was approved and no objections were raised to the selling of the bonds to help finance first time home buyers in Louisiana. The Bond Commission approved the selling of those bonds and they are being sold by Capital Finance, not by the Parish Government. On June 18th, 2026 the Bond Commission approved it. This is probably for quite a number of parishes in Louisiana so they can finance loans to first time home buyers throughout Louisiana by helping people to buy homes for their first time. If the council passes it and it is signed the Council Clerk is prepared to e-mail this Resolution to Capital Finance this evening.”

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, “So all we are doing is approving the \$200,000,000.00 deal? We are not borrowing any money?”

Legal counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “You are not borrowing any money. You are approving this so that St. Landry Parish can participate in helping finance loans to first time home buyers. The Lady from Capital Area Finance was here last month and she explained that but she is not here this evening. You all could no process it until today because Capital Area Finance did not approve it until June 25th, 2026.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “If I am in order I would like to make a motion to approve that Resolution.”

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Council to Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 009-2026

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to **Adopt Resolution 009-2026.**

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Jody White, Faltery Jolivette, Dexter Brown and Jimmie Edwards.

ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 1st, day of July, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 009-2026

**CERTIFICATE OF ST. LANDRY PARISH
EVIDENCING PUBLIC APPROVAL OF BONDS
PURSUANT TO SECTION 147(f) OF THE
INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED**

WHEREAS, the Capital Area Finance Authority (the “**Authority**”), a public trust created pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2-A of Title 9 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (R.S. 9:2341-9:2347, inclusive) (the “**Act**”) has, by resolution dated May 21, 2026, in accordance with the requirements of the Act, and the Rules and Regulations of the Louisiana State Bond Commission (the “**Commission**”), duly authorized the issuance of not exceeding \$200,000,000 of Capital Area Finance Authority Revenue Bonds in one or more series (the “**Bonds**”) to finance loans to first-time homebuyers within the jurisdictional parishes of the Authority and such other governmental units (the “**Participating Jurisdictions**”) whose governing authority authorized and directed the execution of a cooperative endeavor agreement (a “**CEA**”) with the Authority under the provisions of the Act and other applicable constitutional and statutory authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Commission, on June 18, 2026, duly authorized the issuance and sale of the Bonds in accordance with law and the Commission’s Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds are classified as exempt facility bonds under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “**Code**”) and the provisions of Section 147(f)(2)(A), (B) and (E) of the Code require that issuance of Bonds be approved by the “applicable elected representative” of the governmental unit which issues such bonds or on whose behalf such bonds are issued and by the “applicable elected representative” of such other Participating Jurisdictions that have executed a CEA with the Authority under the provisions of the Act; and

WHEREAS St. Landry Parish (the “**Governmental Unit**”) has executed a CEA with the Authority to permit the financing of loans to first-time homebuyers within geographic area of the Governmental Unit; and

WHEREAS, the applicable elected representative (the “**Approving Representative**”) of the Governmental Unit for purposes of approving the Bonds is Jesse Bellard and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the requirements of the Code, Notice of Public Hearing (attached as **Exhibit “A”** hereto), was published in (i) The Advocate, Baton Rouge, Louisiana on June 5, 2026, (ii) The Daily Advertiser, Lafayette, Louisiana on June 5, 2026, (iii) the Houma Courier, Houma, Louisiana on June 5, 2026, (iv) the Lake Charles American Press, Lake Charles, Louisiana on June 5, 2026, (v) The News Star, Monroe, Louisiana on June 5, 2026, (vi) the Times-Picayune, New Orleans, Louisiana on June 5, 2026, (vii) The Times, Shreveport, Louisiana on June 5, 2026, and (viii) The Town Talk, Alexandria, Louisiana on June 5, 2026, and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the requirements of the Code, the public hearing with respect to the issuance of said Bonds was held on June 25, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., Louisiana Time, at 601 St. Ferdinand Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, and simultaneously held by teleconference using the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9940303250?omn=88470185621> or by dialing US toll-free: (833) 928-4610; meeting ID: 994 030 3250 in accordance with Rev. Proc. 2022-20 after due notice thereof was published in the official journal of the Authority and in the aforementioned publications sufficient to inform the public within the geographic area of the Participating Jurisdictions of the subject, date and place of said public hearing; and

WHEREAS, no objections were raised by any person present at the said hearing or by any person participating by teleconference relative to the issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned, Approving Representative of the Participating Jurisdiction, desires to approve the issuance of the Bonds for the purposes of the Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned does hereby certify that the chief elected executive officer/governing authority of the Participating Jurisdiction, hereby approves and confirms the issuance of the Bonds. The Authority, and its officers, are authorized to cause this certificate to be filed of record in the transcript of proceedings for the Bonds and to file a copy thereof with any State or Federal agency, board or commission as may be required by any applicable State or Federal laws, rules or regulations.

June 25th, 2026, at Louisiana.

VI. ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Councilman Faltery Jolivette, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to adjourn the Special Meeting.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None.

ABSENT: Jody White, Faltery Jolivette, Dexter Brown and Jimmie Edwards.

ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 1st, day of July, 2026.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE
KAREN BARLOW, ASSISTANT COUNCIL CLERK**