

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
JEFFERSON PARISH FINANCE AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING  
JOSEPH S. YENNI BUILDING  
1221 ELMWOOD PARK BOULEVARD, SUITE 505  
JEFFERSON, LOUISIANA 70123

Monday, February 2, 2026  
10:30 A.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Jefferson Parish Finance Authority was held on Monday, February 2, 2026, 10:30 A.M., Joseph S. Yenni Building, 1221 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Suite 505, Jefferson, Louisiana 70123.

Mr. Dennis DiMarco, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:33 A.M. **Members Present:** Mr. Dennis DiMarco, Ms. Sally F. Bourgeois, Ms. Marcy Planer, Ms. Elizabeth Strohmeyer, and Ms. Judy Sullivan. **Members Absent:** Da'Trice Smith-Jones

**Others Attending:**

NAME	FIRM
Lauren Ruppel	Executive/Marketing Director
Shaun Toups	Government Consultants
Bill Becknell	
Becknell Law Firm	
Kent Schexnayder	Sisung Securities Corporation

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was offered by Ms. Sally Bourgeois, seconded by Ms. Marcy Planer, to approve the Jefferson Parish Finance Authority Minutes from December 1, 2025.

YEAS: (5)

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (1)

Ms. Smith-Jones

Motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORTS / RECOMMENDATIONS**

Motion was offered by Ms. Elizabeth Strohmeyer, seconded by Ms. Jude Sullivan, to approve JPFA Expenses Totaling \$62,932.92 and Fortified Roof Grants Totaling \$257,067.77.

YEAS: (5)

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (1)

Ms. Smith-Jones

Motion carried unanimously.

Let the record reflect Ms. Da'Trice Smith-Jones arrived at the meeting at 10:36 am after roll call was taken.

**PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE BOARD** - No individuals appeared.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Administrative Committee –**

Mr. Dennis DiMarco did not have any items to report on behalf of the committee.

### **Advertising and Marketing Committee -**

Ms. Bourgeois mentioned a meeting would be scheduled at a later date. The communication log was read by Ms. Strohmeyer and a copy of the log is on file.

## **GENERAL REPORTS**

### **Executive/Marketing Director Report (Lauren Ruppel)**

Ms. Ruppel began by discussing the success of the Greater New Orleans Mortgage Lenders Association realtor event that was hosted by the JPFA and various industry partners. More than 60 agents and 100 partners attended the event.

There were four loan reservations totaling \$673,742.00 since the last board meeting. There was one loan that was moved over and closed in two days because our program was a better fit for the buyer. Of the four loans closed, one loan had a Heroes to Homeowners grant attached. A total of \$3,971,744.00 has closed in the Series 2025A Program. Ms. Ruppel mentioned that reservations have continued to be a challenge since the Series 2025A has a higher rate. Discussion on how the rate and response would be decided was had amongst the group.

There were no reservations in the Comfort of Home program since the last meeting.

Ms. Ruppel congratulated Mr. DiMarco on his recent appointment. Parish President Lee- Sheng reappointed Mr. DiMarco and it was approved at the last Parish Council meeting on January 14, 2026.

Ms. Ruppel proposed the three items on the agenda and asked the Board to notify her when they received their 1099s for 2025, questionnaires for the 2025 audit, and that she prepared the 2025 Financial Disclosure statements that would be due in May.

Ms. Ruppel mentioned the NALHFA conference details and asked the Board to stay and discuss potential flights and attendance after the meeting. Ms. Ruppel will continue lender and realtor engagement throughout February, and she will be sending out the agenda for the March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on Wednesday, February 25, 2026.

### **Financial Advisor Report (Shaun Toups)**

Mr. Toups discussed the current program and rate with members of the Board.

Mr. Toups shared an update on the Eustis Edge Program progress which will be finalized closer to the March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. This program will give homebuyers in Jefferson the opportunity to roll their renovation costs into their mortgage.

### **Bond Council Report (Bill Becknell)**

Mr. Becknell confirmed Ms. Ruppel got the information she needed regarding the targeted areas in Jefferson and St. Tammany Parishes. Mr. Becknell discussed real estate in general as well as how fortified roofs impact insurance costs. General discussion was conducted regarding trends. Mr. Becknell also offered to help connect St. Tammany

agents. Ms. Ruppel mentioned an upcoming lunch and learn with one of the participating lender groups on the Northshore the following Tuesday.

### **Underwriters Report (Kent Schexnayder)**

Mr. Schexnayder echoed Mr. Toup's comments and did not have additional items to report.

### **APPROVALS**

1. A motion was offered by Ms. Sally Bourgeois, seconded by Ms. Da'Trice Smith-Jones, to authorize the Trustee to transfer an amount not to exceed \$ 225,000.00 from either the Jefferson Parish Finance Authority's Residual Account (# ending in 1991) or Dedicated Account (# ending in 1016). Said transfers shall be into The Authority's Checking Account (# ending in 6365) in connection with funding the operating expenses of The Authority. Said operating expenses have already been approved via a Board Resolution adopted on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 2025.

The foregoing motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas ( 6 )

Nays ( 0 )

Absent ( 0 )

The motion was declared to be adopted on this, the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2026.

2. On Motion of Ms. Sally Bourgeois, seconded by Ms. Judy Sullivan, the following resolution was offered:

A resolution approving and accepting the attached Commercial Crime Coverage Policy proposal, submitted by USI Insurance Services, LLC, as agent, with Zurich North America, at a cost not to exceed 500.00, for the period 1/20/2026 through 1/20/2027.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that The Jefferson Parish Finance Authority does hereby approve and accept the attached insurance policy binder submitted by USI Insurance Services, LLC, as agent, with Zurich North America, for the purchase of a Commercial Crime Coverage Policy, for the period 1/20/2026 through 1/20/2027, at a total cost not to exceed \$ 500.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and/or the Executive Director of the Authority are each hereby authorized to execute and attest to such other agreements, certificates, contracts, letters of instruction and written requests, whether mentioned herein, as may be necessary or convenient to carry out or assist in carrying out the purpose of this resolution.

Yeas: ( 6 )

Nays: ( 0 )

Absent: ( 0 )

The resolution was declared to be adopted on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2026.

3. By unanimous consent of all Board Members present, the following resolution was offered:

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING  
SHAWN M. TAPLIN  
FOR HER SERVICE TO THE  
JEFFERSON PARISH FINANCE AUTHORITY AND  
THE CITIZENS OF JEFFERSON PARISH**

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Taplin began her career with the Jefferson Parish Finance Authority on September 10, 2013, which continued until May 30, 2025; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Taplin's professionalism and dedication have greatly assisted the Jefferson Parish Finance Authority in its endeavors to maintain a strong presence in the local housing market thereby allowing the Authority to continue to pursue its mission of assisting first time homeowners by increasing homeownership.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE JEFFERSON PARISH FINANCE AUTHORITY:**

**Section 1:** That the Jefferson Parish Finance Authority hereby acknowledges and commends

**MRS. SHAWN M. TAPLIN**

for her service in and for the Jefferson Parish Finance Authority.

**Section 2:** That the Jefferson Parish Finance Authority wishes to extend its thanks, gratitude and appreciation to

**MRS. SHAWN M. TAPLIN**

for her unselfish dedication and hard work for the Jefferson Parish Finance Authority.

**Section 3:** That the Jefferson Parish Finance Authority appreciates

**MRS. SHAWN M. TAPLIN**

for her combined twenty years of working with the Parish of Jefferson and the Jefferson Parish Finance Authority.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: ( 6 )

Absent: ( 0 )

The motion was declared to be adopted on this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2026.

**A motion to adjourn the meeting was offered by Ms. Marcy Planer, seconded by Ms. Da'Trice Smith-Jones. All members present were in favor.**

**The February 2, 2026 meeting of the Jefferson Parish Finance Authority's Board of Trustees meeting ended at 11: 11 a.m.**