

LYNN W. DORSEY

Versus

JERRY MADDEN, CHAIRMAN AND  
WEBSTER PARISH CONVENTION AND  
VISITORS COMMISSION

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DISTRICT COURT

WEBSTER PARISH

STATE OF LOUISIANA

**PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS, S/Parker Self - F  
INJUNCTIVE, DECLARATORY JUDGMENT  
DECLARING ACTION OF COMMISSION VOID**

NOW INTO COURT, through undersigned counsel, comes Petitioner herein, Lynn W. Dorsey ("Petitioner" or "Dorsey"), who files this Petition for Writ of Mandamus, Injunctive and Declaratory Relief, and who with respect to same, does hereby allege, aver, attest, and state as follows, to-wit:

1.

Petitioner is a resident of the State of Louisiana, parish of Webster of the age of majority and the former Director of the Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Commission.

2.

Made Defendants/Respondents herein are Jerry Madden, in his capacity as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Commission, and the Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Commission (hereinafter referred to as "WPCVC"), a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana created by La. R.S. 33: 4574 B. (35).

3.

Petitioner served as Executive Director of the WPCVC from January 2004 through February 13, 2017 when the Board of Directors of the WPCVC terminated her annual employment contract. The WPCVC Board terminated Dorsey's employment contract during a February 13, 2017 special meeting.

4.

La. R.S. 33: 4574 F.(1)(a) calls for the Board to be made up of seven directors, each appointed by the Webster Parish Police Jury to a three year term upon the nomination of a "private, nonprofit groups that have an interest in one or more aspects of the tourism industry." The Board elected Jerry Madden as its chairman for the year 2017.

5.

The Commission is a public agency subject all the provisions of the Louisiana Open Meetings Law, La. R.S. 42:11, *et seq.* (the "LOML"). The LOML implements the constitutionally guaranteed right of the public to observe deliberations of a public body and have notice of actions to be taken at public meetings.

6.

The Board meets quarterly in Webster Parish. Annually, pursuant to La. R.S. 42: 19, the Board adopts a meeting schedule for the next calendar year at its November quarterly meeting. On November 15, 2016, the Board adopted its 2017 meeting schedule that included a meeting date of January 17, 2017. The Board also voted to renew Petitioner's employment contract for the calendar year of 2017 at the November 2016 meeting.

7.

As early as January 3, 2017, the Board through its Chairman notified Petitioner that it would discuss her employment status at its January meeting. Defendant Madden verbally ordered Petitioner on administrative leave from her job beginning on January 2, 2017. Subsequent to January 3 but prior to the set January 17 meeting date, Petitioner received no verbal or written notice of any meeting set to discuss her employment contract. Upon information and belief, the Board and its Chairman, Defendant Madden, took no action to post a notice of a January 17 meeting or formally postpone the scheduled meeting to a later date. The meeting simply did not take place on January 17.

8.

On or about January 25, 2017, the Board posted a notice of a meeting to be held on January 27, 2017. The meeting notice and accompanying agenda included no items related to Petitioner's employment contract.

9.

On January 27, the Board convened at its office with four of its seven authorized members present. Without specific notice to Dorsey, notice of an executive session to discuss a personnel matter, or any other notice related to Petitioner's contract, the Board by unanimous vote added an item related to Petitioner's employment to its agenda. Board member Ty Pendergrass after moving to add the employment matter to the agenda and voting for the motion

announced he, upon the opinion from the Louisiana Ethics Board, would recuse himself from any further participation in Petitioner's matter due to a conflict of interest. The item was added to the agenda, and the Board, with only two members voting (Francis Irving and Jo McCullough), approved the motion related to Petitioner's employment contract. The motion extended Petitioner's "administrative leave" through February 13, 2017.

10.

On January 2, 2017, at the request of Defendant Madden, Petitioner met with Defendant Madden and Board member Pendergrass at an IHOP restaurant in Bossier City, Louisiana. Defendant Madden and Pendergrass announced to Petitioner that neither of them would vote on any matter that came before the Board related to her employment contract. Pendergrass declared that he had a conflict that would require him to recuse himself from voting (or participation in any discussion or debate on this matter) in compliance with the Louisiana Ethics Code. (La. R.S. 42: 1112D.) Defendant Madden placed Petitioner on administrative leave at this IHOP meeting.

11.

Following the January 2, 2017 IHOP meeting, Defendant Madden enlisted director Pendergrass to poll at least two other Board members regarding their position on potential action against Petitioner's employment contract. On or about January 12, 2017, Pendergrass reported back to Defendant Madden that two members, directors Irving and McCullough, felt the same way "we do" in regards to the termination of Petitioner's employment contract.

12.

Sometime after January 12, Defendant Madden realized any effort to terminate Petitioner's contract may not be approved by the Commission unless he added a new and supportive member to the board. Board member Jim Huffman had already declared to Madden he would not vote to terminate Petitioner. Madden and Pendergrass previously declared their plan not to vote on any motion. Believing a vacancy existed on the seven member board, Madden arranged to submit a name for nomination to the Policy Jury.

13.

On February 6, 2017 only one week prior to the Commission's special meeting of February 13, Defendant Madden sent his nomination of Karen Calvert to Webster Police Juror Bruce Blanton to fill what he represented to be a vacancy in an unexpired term created by the

resignation of member Joan Roan. Calvert's nomination was not submitted by a private, nonprofit organization as required by La. R.S. 33: 4574. The Commission had no written resignation from Roan, and upon information and belief the minutes of the Board fail to reflect any resignation by Roan. Exhibit A attached hereto and made part of the Petition.

14.

On February 7, 2017, the Webster Parish Police Jury added to its meeting agenda for that day the nomination of Karen Calvert to the Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Bureau (a/k/a Commission). The Police Jury adopted the motion to appoint Calvert to fill the "unexpired term" of Roan. The Police Jury took this action only on the word of Chairman Madden without any written resignation or verification of the term's status. Exhibit B attached hereto and made part of the Petition.

15.

Upon information and belief, the Webster Parish Police Jury appointed Roan on September 1, 2015 to fill the unexpired term of Lamar Smith. Smith had been appointed to a three (3) year term beginning on January 7, 2014. Smith's term expired on January 7, 2017. Calvert's appointment conflicts with the provisions of La. R.S. 33: 4574, and the term for which it was made had already expired.

16.

Defendant Madden called a special "executive" meeting for Monday, February 13, 2017. The notice contained the following statement: "(a) Special Executive Meeting of the Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Commission will be held ...." The notice contains no information showing the date, time and location the notice was posted at the meeting location or at the Commission's office. Further, upon information and belief, no agenda accompanied the notice. Exhibit C attached to and made part of the Petition.

17.

The agenda for the February 13, 2017 special executive meeting contained no notice of any agenda action item to be considered during the public portion of the meeting. The agenda contained no notice that the Defendant Commission would consider any actions in public session pertaining to Petitioner's continued employment in public session but rather it would only meet in "executive session." The agenda for the "special executive meeting" contained only one

substantive agenda item, i.e. the “executive session” to *discuss* the item. Item “II.” stated: “Special meeting planned in Executive Session to discuss the professional competency and continued employment...” of Petitioner Dorsey. Exhibit D attached hereto and made part of the Petition.

18.

On February 13, 2017, the Defendant Commission met pursuant to its previous notice. Six duly appointed Commissioners, including Ty Pendergrass, and Karen Calvert were present for the meeting. Contrary to the meeting notice and agenda, Defendant Madden opened the meeting by stating: “We are here today to make a decision about Ms. Lynn Dorsey’s professional competence and continued appointment with the WPCVB ....” Exhibit E, page 2 attached hereto and made part of the Petition.

19.

Immediately thereafter, Defendant Madden entertained a motion to go into executive session. After a motion and a second, Defendant Madden declared the motion adopted by voice vote as there was no roll call vote of each member in order that the vote of each member be recorded in the minutes. The transcript (that serves as the only “minutes” of the meeting prepared to date) of the public session does not reflect whether the motion was adopted by the required 2/3 (5 of the 7) of the members present or whether the previously recused member Pendergrass voted on the motion. The motion was voted on without allowing public comment. Exhibit E, page 3 attached hereto and made part of the Petition.

20.

Upon information and belief, Defendant Madden did not vote on the motion but recused member Pendergrass and illegitimate appointee Calvert voted in the affirmative. Pendergrass’ vote should have been disallowed based upon his January 27, 2017 declaration of recusal from voting and/or participation. Calvert’s questionable appointment voids her vote. Considering the illegitimate votes cast on the motion, the motion failed for lack of 2/3 vote (or 5 of 7) members present. The resulting executive session failed to comply with the requirements of the Louisiana Open Meetings Law.

21.

The lone action item on Defendant Commission's February 13 agenda was the "special executive session," but the Defendants Madden and the Commission refused to allow any public comment prior to voting on the motion to recess into executive session and likewise denied the public any opportunity to speak to the improper motion to terminate Petitioner which motion had been made without adding the action item to the agenda.

22.

Defendant Commission, including the illegitimate member Calvert, recessed to executive session. Only board members legitimately holding office should have been allowed to attend and participate in executive session. At the end of the executive session, the Defendant Commission returned to a public forum, voted to exit the executive session and then voted to return to an "open" session. However, there was no agenda item for discussion, consideration or action during the open portion of the meeting.

23.

Despite the fact that the agenda contained no item to publicly discuss or act upon any motion imposing disciplinary action against Petitioner, upon returning to the "open" session, Defendant Madden stated "(t)his is the part where we discuss the disciplinary actions, if any ... do we have a motion...." Exhibit E, page 5-6.

24.

Not only did Defendant Madden request a motion on an item not contained on the agenda, the illegitimate member Calvert then read from a prepared motion calling for the termination of Petitioner's employment. The motion was seconded and a vote taken. Three members, including Calvert, voted for the motion and two opposed. Defendant Madden and member Pendergrass although present did not vote. The motion did not pass with a vote of the majority of members present. Whether or not Calvert's vote was legally cast, the motion simply did not receive a vote of the majority present or four (4) votes in the affirmative. (The majority of both 6 and 7 being 4.) Calvert's vote should not be included in the vote count nor should she be counted as a member present. Whether the vote is determined by a majority of the votes cast or a majority of those members present, Calvert's presence and vote were not in accord with the law.

25.

Defendants circumvented the Open Meetings Law when they went beyond the notice and published agenda for the “special executive meeting.” The agenda contained no item other than the executive session. The published agenda contained no indication that any action would be taken following the executive session, nor did the Commission avail itself of the procedure to add an item to the agenda.

**WRIT OF MANDAMUS, INJUNCTIVE AND DECLARATORY RELIEF**

26.

A writ of mandamus, which will “compel the performance of a ministerial duty required by law,” La. C.C.P. Art. 3863, is appropriate to compel Defendants to abide by their statutory duty as a public official and public body, in whole or in part, made subject of Petitioner’s request.

27.

Petitioner, respecting both Federal and Louisiana statutes and constitutional rights, respectfully requests this Honorable Court order compliance with the Louisiana Open Meetings Law, La. R.S. 42: 11, et seq, including entering an order voiding any and all actions taken at the February 13, 2017 meeting.

28.

It is the law of Louisiana that: “no person should be denied the right to observe the deliberations of public bodies and examine public documents, except in cases established by law.” La. Const. Art. 12, Sec. 3.

29.

Furthermore, “ It is essential to the maintenance of a democratic society that public business be performed in an open and public manner and that citizens be advised of and aware of the performance of public officials and deliberations and decisions ..... Towards this end, the provisions of this Chapter shall be construed liberally.” La. R.S. 42: 12.

30.

“A ‘public body’ means ... and any other state, parish, municipal, or special district boards, commissions, or authorities, and those of any political subdivision thereof, which possesses policy making, advisory, or administrative functions.” La. R.S. 42: 13.

31.

All public bodies shall give written public notice of any regular, special or rescheduled meeting no later than 24 hours, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays before the meeting. The notice shall include the agenda, date, time and place of the meeting. Each agenda item must be listed separately and described with reasonable specificity. La. R.S. 42: 19.

32.

A public body may hold executive sessions upon affirmative vote of 2/3 of its constituent members present. The vote of each member on the question of the executive session and the reason for such executive session shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the meetings. La. R.S. 42:16.

33.

Before a public body may take any action on an agenda item, the presiding officer shall read aloud the description of the item. La. R.S. 42:19, and allow a public comment period prior to action of an agenda item upon which a vote is to be taken. La. R.S. 42:14.

34.

Any actions taken in violation of the Louisiana Open Meetings Law shall be voidable by a court of competent jurisdiction. La. R.S. 42:24.

35.

In any enforcement proceedings, a plaintiff may seek and the court may grant a Writ of Mandamus, Injunctive relief, a Declaratory Judgment rendering the action void and judgment awarding civil penalties. La. R.S. 42: 26.

36.

If the party bringing the enforcement action prevails, he shall be awarded reasonable attorney's fees and costs of litigation. If he prevails in part, the court may award reasonable attorney's fees or appropriate portion thereof. La. R.S. 42:26.

37.

Any suit brought under the Louisiana Open Meetings Law, such as this one for Mandamus, Injunctive and Declaratory Relief, "should be tried by preference and in a summary manner." La. R.S. 42: 27 B.



38.

The burden of showing compliance with the Open Meetings Law lies with the public agency.

39.

Defendants' actions in knowingly seeking the appointment of a person not nominated in compliance with the law and allowing that person to participate in both an executive session and open meeting, in considering for action an item not appearing on the posted agenda, in taking action not appearing on the agenda, in failing to add the action item to the agenda for the open portion of the meeting are all contrary to well established law. Petitioner shows that the actions contrary to the law should be voided, and the Commission and its Chairman should be enjoined from taking further actions not in compliance with the Louisiana Open Meetings Law.

40.

Petitioner therefore requests mandamus, injunctive and declaratory relief from this Honorable Court that, in fact, the February 13, 2017 "special executive meeting" was conducted in violation of clearly established law mandating that the Court void any actions taken at that meeting, including the termination of Petitioner's employment contract.

41.

In addition, pursuant to constitutional law and the Louisiana Open Meetings Law, La. R.S. 42:27, this action must be tried in a summary manner with preference over other matters.

42.

Petitioner further avers that upon judgment of this Honorable Court, she should be awarded reasonable attorney's fees and other costs of litigation as provided by La. R.S. 42: 26 ("[a prevailing petitioner] should be awarded reasonable attorney's fees and other costs of litigation.")

WHEREFORE, in consideration of the above and foregoing Petition for Writ of Mandamus, Injunctive and Declaratory Relief, together with the facts stated herein, the exhibits appended hereunto, and the law and equities applicable in the premises:

- a) Petitioner respectfully prays that this Honorable Court immediately and upon filing of this Petition, issue an Alternate Writ of Mandamus to show cause why the Commission's actions taken in its February 13, 2017 "special executive session" shall not

be declared in violation of the Louisiana Open Meetings Law and be declared void, and that Petitioner Lynn W. Dorsey be reinstated to her position as Executive Director of the Commission retroactive to February 13, 2017.

b) Pursuant to La. C.C.P. Art. 3782 and La. R.S. 42:27, Petitioner prays that this Court set a hearing on this matter not less than two (2) days nor more than ten (10) days from the date of service of the Alternative Writ of Mandamus to be issued upon the filing of this Petition, and require to show cause at the hearing why the Alternative Writ of Mandamus should not be made permanent and peremptory.

c) Petitioner further prays that this Honorable Court enter an Injunction and Declaratory Judgment acknowledging that actions taken by the Commission at its February 13, 2017 meeting violated the Louisiana Open Meetings Law, and are therefore void.

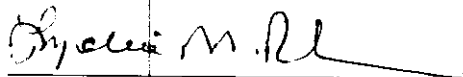
d) Petitioner finally prays for any and all equitable relief as is available, all costs of this proceeding, damages and civil penalties, as well as reasonable attorney's fees and all costs as provided for under the Louisiana Open Meetings Law, as well as all other various relief to which Petitioner is entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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La. Bar Roll #12683  
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER LYNN W.  
DORSEY

## **SERVICE INSTRUCTIONS**

**Please serve Petition and Order as follows:**

- 1. Jerry Madden, Chairman**  
Board of Directors, Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Commission  
110 Sibley Road  
Minden, Louisiana 71055
- 2. Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Commission**  
Through its Chairman Jerry Madden  
110 Sibley Road  
Minden, Louisiana 71055

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WPCVB Board Applicant - February 2017

Jerry Madden <jmadden50@yahoo.com>  
To: bruceblanton@rocketmail.com

Bruce,

I wish to place in nomination Ms. Karen Stevens Calvert for a seat on the Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Bureau. Ms. Calvert resides in Springhill and comes highly recommended for a position on the Board. With the resignation of Ms. Joan Roan, due to a job transfer out of state, a representative from the Springhill area is needed to fill the WPCVB requirements for a full slate of members.

Thank you for consideration in this matter.

I remain,

Jerry W. Madden  
Chairman, Webster Parish Convention & Visitors Bureau



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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY  
February 7, 2017**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Bonsall, President; Vera Davison, Vice President; Steve Lemmons, Daniel Thomas, Steve Ramsey, Bruce Blanton, Randy Thomas, Dustin Moseley, Bernard Hudson, Allen Gilbert, Jerri Lee, and Nick Cox

Mr. Jim Bonsall, President, called the meeting to order and asked COL Carl Thompson to open the meeting with prayer and C. C. "Cat" Cox, Alderman, Village of Cotton Valley lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Bruce Blanton moved, seconded by Allen Gilbert to add to the agenda #14. Tourism appointment and # 15 Mr. John Madden . Motion carried unanimously.

There were no comments concerning the agenda.

Mr. Dustin Moseley moved, seconded by Mr. Daniel Thomas to approve invoices for payment pending review of the committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Daniel Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Nick Cox to approve the Minutes of the January 3, 2017 Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Daniel Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Bernard Hudson to notice the landowners of the following rights of way that a public hearing will be held March 7, 2017 to consider the abandonment:

- a. 306 Feet at the end of Russell Road
- b. 369 foot right of way – Red Vaughn Road
- c. Deacon Road, WP# 181

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Vera Davison moved, seconded by Mr. Nick Cox to approve expenses for Jurors and Staff to attend the Police Jury Convention to be held March 14- March 17, 2017 in Lake Charles. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Jerri M. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Randy Thomas to approve the engagement of Allen Green and Williamson to apply agreed-upon procedures set by LADEQ for the Webster Parish Landfill Financial obligation for closure/post closure cost. Motion Carried unanimously.

~~Mr. Allen Gilbert moved, seconded by Ms. Vera Davison to approve a Resolution giving signature authority to Mary Whitaker for the 2017 financial year. Motion carried unanimously.~~

Mr. Allen Gilbert moved, seconded by Mr. Bruce Blanton to approve the use of recreational funding for District #2 \$400.00 for the Cullen Senior Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Daniel Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Steve Ramsey to approve the following board appointments:

- a. Sarepta Water Works District, reappointment of Andy Hanson to serve as Vice-President of the Commission.
- b. Cullen Fire District # 6, appointment of Mr. Leon Allison to replace Mr. Michael Lawler as the parish appointment.

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- c. Sarepta Fire District #5, approve the re-appointment of Mack Garrett and Sam Sandlin for the Town of Sarepta appointment.
  - d. Sarepta Fire District #5, approve the re-election of Jeff Franklin to serve as board President.
  - e. Heflin Fire Protection District, to approve the re-appointment of Scott Mizell and Joe Lynn Robinson to the board, term expiring May, 2018.
- Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bernard Hudson moved, seconded by Mrs. Jerri Lee to approve the agreement with Louisiana Department of Transportation to close the railroad crossing on LA 1108 (off of Hwy U.S. 80) and continue with the right of way swap of U.S. 80 Spur in McIntyre to be traded for Goodwill Road (portion of). Motion carried unanimously.

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Mr. Bruce Blanton moved, seconded by Mr. Dustin Moseley to approve the notice of intent to call a meeting on April 4, 2017 to consider adopting a Resolution calling for an election in Road District B of Webster Parish – SEE BELOW- Motion carried unanimously.

**Notice of Public Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at the Police Jury Meeting Room, Webster Parish Courthouse, 410 Main Street, Minden, Louisiana, the Police Jury of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held within Road District B of Webster Parish, Louisiana to authorize the continuation of an ad valorem tax.

Mr. Bruce Blanton moved, seconded by Mr. Daniel Thomas to approve the appointment of Karen Stevens Calvert to the board of directors of the Webster Parish Convention and Visitor's Bureau to fill the unexpired term of Joan Roan who resigned. Motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda is Mr. John Madden with Madden Construction who spoke for the Camp Minden business, ESI. ESI currently has a contract with the Louisiana Military Department to dispose of M-6 and CBI that is still on site from EXPLO's stockpile. Mr. Madden is in favor of extending the contract and ESI remaining at Camp Minden. Mr. Madden made a presentation in favor of keeping the chamber in operation. There followed extensive discussion.

Mr. Jim Bonsall stated that to resend the Resolution that was passed in December would be to act hastily again. Mr. Bonsall stated that he felt that the Jury passed the Resolution in haste, and he does not want to see the Jury take action until the matter was fully evaluated. Mr. Bonsall thanked Mr. Madden for the information he provided.

COL Carl Thompson spoke to the Jury concerning his involvement in the groundwork for the transfer of power from the Federal government to the Louisiana Military Department.

**COMMENTS:**

Mary Whitaker  
Beverly Hammett  
Joan Almond  
Beth Clark  
Allen Moseley, RN PA

Webster Parish Police Jury Office of Community Services  
Webster Parish Library  
Webster Parish LSU Ag Center  
Webster/Claiborne LSU Agent (newly installed)  
Webster Parish Coroner- Max Stell, M.D.

COL Carl Thompson, Ret.  
Jerry Madden

Webster Assessor, Morris Guin  
Webster Parish Tourism and Visitor's Bureau

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:**

Rebecca Shelley, CAG- Ms. Shelley requested to be put on the agenda for the March 7, 2017 meeting.  
C.C. "Cat" Cox, Cotton Valley Alderman  
Mayor Alexander, Cotton Valley  
Linda Williams, Cotton Valley Alderman

**JUROR COMMENTS:**

Mr. Dustin Moseley moved, seconded by Mrs. Jerri M. Lee to adopt the minutes from the committee meetings that were held earlier today. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Allen Gilbert  
Mr. Bernard Hudson  
Mr. Steve Ramsey- Road Committee  
Mr. Nick Cox  
Mr. Steve Lemmons - Buildings and Grounds Committee  
Ms. Vera Davison- Administrative Committee  
Mr. Bruce Blanton- Equipment Committee and Economic Development Committee  
Mr. Daniel Thomas- Intergovernmental Committee  
Mr. Randy Thomas - Environmental Committee  
Mrs. Jerri Lee - Community Services Committee  
Mr. Dustin Moseley- Environmental Clean-Up Camp Minden Steering Committee  
Mr. Jim Bonsall - Finance Committee

President gave closing comments.

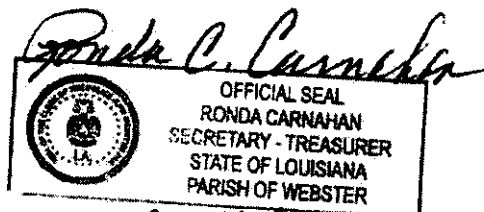
There being no other business to bring before the committee, the meeting adjourned.



Ronda C. Carnahan  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Jim Bonsall  
President

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February 13, 2017

**Official Notice  
Special Executive Meeting**

A Special Executive Meeting of the Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Commission will be held on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 4:00 PM at Minden High School in Strong Hall, which is located between the cafeteria and the library.

Parking will be off College Street, across from the entrance we are to use. Entrance to the school will be through the front doors going to the gym.

The public is invited to attend.

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**Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Commission**

**SPECIAL EXECUTIVE MEETING**

**February 13, 2017**

**4:00 PM**

**Minden High School in Strong Hall**

**Minden, LA**

**AGENDA**

*Mission Statement: To provide leadership in marketing Webster Parish as a highly desirable visitor and meeting destination and engage in visitor promotions, which result in overnight stays and activities within Webster Parish.*

- I. CALL TO ORDER
  - A. Prayer
  - B. Pledge
- II. Special Meeting planned in Executive Session to discuss the professional competence and continued employment of the current Executive Director, Lynn Dorsey

Venue - Meeting to be held at Minden High School in Strong Hall, which is located between the cafeteria and the library. Parking will be off College Street, across from the entrance we are to use. Entrance to the school will be through the front doors going to the gym. There will be a Sheriff Department Reserve Deputy on duty to direct those who need help finding the meeting room.

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Hearing of February 13, 2017

HEARING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2017  
MINDEN HIGH SCHOOL  
WEBSTER PARISH CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

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Reported by:

Cena Rustvold, RPR, CCR

IN RE REPORTING SERVICE  
318.678.0000

1 (OPEN SESSION COMMENCED AT 4:00 P.M.)

2 MR. MADDEN: Okay. We're going to  
3 get started. Madam Secretary, do we have a forum?

4 SECRETARY: Yes, we do have a forum.

5 MR. MADDEN: All right. If you all  
6 will please stand for prayer and for the Pledge of  
7 Allegiance to the Flag.

8 The prayer will be led by Ty Pendergrass.

9 MR. PENDERGRASS: Father, we just  
10 think you for the fact that we can live in such a great  
11 country and in such a great community. And Father, we  
12 thank you for the freedoms that we enjoy under your  
13 provision and protection. Father, we ask that you give  
14 us wisdom and that you give us understanding. And  
15 Father, may we do all that we do here today in a way  
16 that would honor you.

17 In Jesus name. Amen.

18 AUDIENCE: Amen.

19 MR. MADDEN: And the Pledge by Jim  
20 Huffman, please.

21 (Pledge of Allegiance said)

22 MR. MADDEN: We are here today to  
23 make a decision about Ms. Lynn Dorsey's professional  
24 competence and continued appointment with the WPCVB on  
25 the basis of Mr. Dorsey's actions taken between

1 December 19th and the beginning of January 17th of  
2 2017.

3 Do we -- may I entertain a motion to exit open  
4 session and reconvene in closed session?

5 MS. IRVING: I make a motion.

6 MR. MADDEN: Motion made by Frances  
7 Irving. Is there a second?

8 MR. PATEL: I second.

9 MR. MADDEN: Motion made in second.  
10 Seconded by Nickey Patell.

11 MR. OXENHANDLER: I would just like  
12 to put on the record that Ms. Dorsey and her attorney  
13 agree to hold this meeting in executive session.

14 MS. RHODES: And I'll just  
15 acknowledge for the record, my name is Lydia Rhodes and  
16 I'm the attorney for Ms. Dorsey. And as Mr.  
17 Oxenhandler said, we have agreed that it shall be --  
18 the hearing shall be convened in the executive session.

19 MR. MADDEN: Okay. There's been a  
20 motion and a second that we go in to closed session.  
21 All those in favor say aye.

22 BOARD: Aye.

23 MR. MADDEN: All those opposed by a  
24 like sign?

25 (NO RESPONSE)

