

Colfax, LA
January 8, 2026

The Police Jury of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, met in Special Session at its meeting place, the Grant Parish Police Jury Meeting Room, 200 Main Street, Colfax, Louisiana, on Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mr. Mark Ball, Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., Mr. Roy Edwards, Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mrs. Jennifer Murrell Futrell, Mr. Mike Merrell, and Mrs. Charline Roberts

The following members were absent:

None

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to open agenda to public comments on agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.

No comments were brought forward.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to declare a vacancy in District 6 due to the untimely passing of Mr. Winston Roberts. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to adopt Proclamation 01-2026; To Call a Special Election to Fill the Vacancy in the Unexpired Term of Police Juror, District 6, to be on the Ballot for the May 16, 2026 Primary Election with Qualifying Dates Bein February 11, 12, and 13, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION: 01-2026:

PURSUANT TO La. R.S. 18:602

ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE VACANCY OF POLICE JURY, DISTRICT 6, OF GRANT PARISH

WHEREAS, on December 26, 2025, the honorable Winston K. Roberts, duly elected Police Juror for Grant Parish, District 6, whose term of office began on January 12, 2023 for a term of four years, passed away, creating a vacancy in the office of the Police Juror for District 6 of Grant Parish, the Louisiana Secretary of State notified the Police Jury that said vacancy must be filled by appointment on or before January 15, 2026 and a special election shall be set to fill the unexpired term;

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury at a duly noticed and posted Special Meeting held on January 8, 2026, with a legal quorum present, have appointed Mrs. Charline Roberts, wife of Mr. Winston Roberts, to fill the vacancy pending the special election to fill the unexpired term, pursuant to La. R.S.18:602, and

WHEREAS, the death of Police Juror Winston Roberts, has caused a vacancy in his elected office as Police Juror for District 6 of Grant Parish, and Pursuant to La. R.S.18:602, and election must be ordered and called to fill the unexpired term of the office which exceeds 18 months; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED that the Grant Parish Police Jury does hereby order and call a special election to fill the unexpired term of Police Juror for District 6, Grant Parish, Louisiana as follows:

(1) **the Qualifying Dates:** February 11,12,13, 2026;
(1) **the Primary Election Date:** May 16, 2026;
(2) **the General Election Date:** June 27, 2026;

FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Proclamation shall be sent to the Louisiana Secretary of State.

(s) Jessie Pace
Jessie Pace
Secretary / Treasurer / Parish Manager
Grant Parish Police Jury

(s) Mark Ball
Mark Ball
President
Grant Parish Police Jury

CERTIFICATE

I, Jessie Pace, Parish Manager, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution passed at the special meeting of the Grant Parish Police Jury duly called and held at its legal domicile, 200 Main Street, in the Town of Colfax, Parish of Grant on the 8th day of January, 2026 , as recorded in the minutes thereof.

(s) Jessie Pace
Jessie Pace
Secretary / Treasurer / Parish Manager
Grant Parish Police Jury

Motion by Mr. Mike Merrell, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to adopt Resolution 01-2026; To Appoint Mrs. Charline Roberts to Fill the Interim Vacancy for Police Juror, District 6, Grant Parish, Created by the Passing of Mr. Winston Roberts, Effective Immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION: 01-2026:
TO APPOINT MRS. CHARLINE ROBERTS TO FILL THE INTERIM VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF THE POLICE JUROR,
DISTRICT 4
PARISH OF GRANT

WHEREAS, on December 27, 2025, the honorable Winston K. Roberts, duly elected Police Juror for Grant Parish, District 6, whose term of office began on January 12, 2023 for a term of four years, passed away, creating a vacancy in the office of the Police Juror for District 6 of Grant Parish, the Louisiana Secretary of State notified the Police Jury that said vacancy must be filled by appointment on or before January 15, 2026 and a special election shall be set to fill the unexpired term;

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury at a duly noticed and posted Special Meeting held on January 8, 2026, with a legal quorum present, have appointed Mrs. Charline Roberts, the wife of Mr. Winston K. Roberts, to fill the vacancy pending the special election to fill the unexpired term, pursuant to La. R.S. 18:602; and

WHEREAS, the death of Police Juror Winston K. Roberts, has caused a vacancy in his elected office as Police Juror for District 6, of Grant Parish, and pursuant to La. R.S.18:602, and election must be ordered and called to fill the unexpired office which exceeds 18 months; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED that the Grant Parish Police Jury does hereby appoint Mrs. Charline Roberts, the wife of the honorable Winston K. Roberts, to fill the vacancy and serve as the interim Police Juror for District 6, of Grant Parish, State Of Louisiana, until a special election is had as required by La. R.S. 18:602.

FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Louisiana Secretary of State.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Mike Merrell and seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois and unanimously carried.

(s) Jessie Pace

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Jurors discussed the Louisiana Asset Management Program and will review available funds for investment. All agreed to have the Parish Manager transfer expiring CD's and other funds will be discussed at the February meeting.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to amend the agenda to include a motion to move the expiring CDs to the LAMP. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Mike Merrell to move the expiring CDs to the LAMP. Motion carried unanimously.

Jurors discussed the Fire District Boards of Control and the lack of transparency with the meetings. After numerous emails and calls have failed to reach several of the boards, jurors agreed to have the Parish Manager send a certified letter advising them that they have 30 days to comply with the Louisiana Open Meeting Laws or the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Office will be contacted to get involved. The Fire District Boards must publicly display and agenda informing the dates and times of when meetings are being held along with the topics of discussion.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Disclaimer: These minutes are not official until adopted by the jury at the next meeting.