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Minutes of the Washington Parish Tourism Commission
Board of Commissioners
February 20, 2026 10:00am
Franklinton, LA

President Cynthia August called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Commissioner Ella Bickham.
Roll call: (quorum present)

Commissioner Present	Commissioner Absent
Lorraine Hall	Edna Kennedy
Ella Bickham	
Krystal Peterson	
Cynthia August	
Kim Windham	
Others: Patty Alford, Director of Tourism	
EB Digital- Alex Brock Paul Kelly, President Ryan Seal, Danielle Folks, Victoria Grant, Todd Quinn	

President Ryan Seal and assistant, Danielle Folks, shared a quilt square created by local quilters to be added to a nation-wide Quilt of Washington's in celebration of America's 250. The quilt has hopes of being displayed at the Washington Parish Free Fair.

The Spotlight was *Paul Kelly Vodka*. Paul Kelly, presented details and information about the history and production of Paul Kelly Vodka, as well as future events and how to follow for upcoming spring concerts at the brewery.

Ella Bickham made a motion to dispense the reading of the January 2026 minutes due to the fact that minutes were emailed to members of the Commission prior to the meeting, second by Kimberly Windham, the motion carried. Krystal Peterson made a motion to accept the minutes, Ella Bickham seconded the motion, the motion carried. No public input.

The financial statements were reviewed for January 2026.

The checking account balance \$ **90,655.19** according to the bank statement dated 01/31/2026

Summary of account from **01/01/2026- 01/31/2026** follows:

Date	Credits	Debits	Amount
01/27/2026	3260.34	Wash Par Occupancy Tax	
01/30/2027	883.61	Wash Par Occupancy Tax	
1/30/2026	27.15	Interest	
1/09/2026		MP Accounting	105.00
1/16/2026		Wash Parish Balloon Festival	2000.00
1/21/2026		Washington Parish Government	2668.42
1/13/2026		Southeast Business	56.56
1/12/2026		Clint Smith	275.00
1/12/2026		HARD at it Studios	900.00
1/13/2026		Washington Chamber of Commerce	210.00
1/13/2026		Washington Chamber of Commerce	120.00
1/09/2026		Hancock Whitney	3200.00
1/12/2026		Geaux Techie	700.00
1/23/2026		Alpha Signs	850.00
1/21/2026		Town of Franklinton	200.00

1/20/2026		The Gagliano Group		3100.00
1/28/2026		Spears Insurance		1048.50
1/30/2026		Geaux Techie		702.64
1/30/2026		The Town of Franklinton		11,000.00
1/05/2026		Megaprint		3610.00
1/16/2026		Town of Franklinton		75.46
01/06/2026		WST		96.07
1/21/2026		NECFin		175.92

The January Financial report was approved with a motion from Kim Windham, second by Krystal Peterson, the motion carried, no public input.

In old business a review of the LTA Meeting and the Louey Award as well as the March 24, 2026 Luncheon were discussed.

Next in new business, the Executive Director's Report was presented. The Blues Festival Sponsorship, and Rotary Night of Giving donations were reviewed.

A motion to accept the report from Kim Windham, a second from Lorraine Hall, the motion passed, no public input.

Nick Gagliano was absent but sent an email regarding upcoming promotions for the Spring of 2026.

Two candidates for the empty Washington Parish Tourism Commission seat were present, Victoria Grant and Todd Quinn. Both gave a brief introduction. Krystal Peterson made a motion, seconded by Kim Windham to enter into executive session for discussion and nomination of a new Tourism Commissioner. Ten applications were reviewed. Ella Bickham made a motion to return to regular session, second from Kim Windham, the motion carried. Ella Bickham next made a motion to support Victoria Grant as the next Tourism Commission member; The nomination is forwarded then to the Washington Parish Council for approval. Lorraine Hall seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. There was no public input.

Krystal Peterson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ella Bickham, no public discussion, the motion carried unanimously. The next meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2026 at 10:00 am, at 1041 Main Street.

Ella Rose Bickham

Cynthia August, President

Kim Windham

Kim Windham - Secretary/Treasurer

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