

**For the Special Meeting of Council
City of Zachary, LA
Council Chambers, 4700 Main Street
Thursday, February 17, 2022, 6:30 P.M.**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tempore LeBlanc called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, February 17, 2022, at the Zachary City Hall located at 4700 Main Street, Zachary, LA

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation by Councilman Montgomery
Pledge of Allegiance by Councilman Nezianya

C. OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Roll Call

COUNCIL MEMBERS
Francis Nezianya – District 1
John LeBlanc – District 2
Laura O’Brien – District 3
Vacant – District 4
Lael Montgomery – District 5

ABSENT
David Amrhein

2. Reading of City Policy Relative to Open Meetings

Before proceeding with the meeting, Mayor Pro Tempore LeBlanc read a statement into the record regarding the Open Meetings Law, and citizens’ right to participate in public meetings. The statement set forth general rules of conduct of the public meeting and outlined the process through which a citizen can have items placed on the Council agenda. A copy of the rules is available at City Hall, Mayor’s Office or by calling the Clerk of the City Council. The rules will also be available at every Council meeting.

D. PRESENTATION OF DELEGATIONS

1. Any Requests to Speak

E. ACTION MANDATED BY HOME RULE CHARTER

1. Discussion and consideration of appointment of individual to fill the unexpired term for District #4 in light of the resignation of Mr. Hunter Landry and for all other matters in furtherance thereof.

Mr. Hopewell, City Attorney, was present to introduce the candidates. Mr. Hopewell announced that Dr. Young withdrew her request to be a candidate for the position. He also announced that Stephanie McKnight-Cain was not able to attend the meeting due to illness but would like to still recognize her request as a candidate. The candidates were sequestered in an office and were called out individually. After each candidate briefly introduced themselves and were asked questions from each council member the vote went as follows.

There was a motion made by Councilwoman O'Brien

To approve Brad Norwood as the new Council District 4 appointment. The motion failed due to a lack of a second.

There was a motion made by Councilman Nezianya

To approve Stephanie McKnight-Cain as the new Council District 4 appointment. The motion failed due to a lack of a second.

There was a motion made by Councilman Nezianya

There was a second motion made by Councilwoman O'Brien

To approve Brad Norwood as the new Council District 4 appointment. The vote was taken as follows.

YEAS:	Nezianya, O'Brien
NAYS:	LeBlanc, Montgomery
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

There was a motion made by Councilman Nezianya

There was a second motion made by Councilman LeBlanc

To approve Jennifer Boyd as the new Council District 4 appointment. The vote was taken as follows.

YEAS:	Nezianya, LeBlanc
NAYS:	O'Brien, Montgomery
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

There was a motion made by Councilwoman O'Brien

There was a second motion made by Councilman LeBlanc

To approve Crystal London as the new Council District 4 appointment. The vote was taken as follows.

YEAS:	O'Brien, LeBlanc
NAYS:	Nezianya, Montgomery
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

F. AJOURNMENT

With none of the candidates able to get a majority vote, the decision will be turned over to the Governor's Office. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

Dana LeJeune, Clerk of City Council
CITY OF ZACHARY
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

John LeBlanc, Mayor Pro Tempore

I, Dana LeJeune, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed and acting Clerk of the City Council for the City of Zachary, Parish of East Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

I further certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Mayor Pro Tempore and Council of the City of Zachary, Louisiana, held on Thursday February 17, 2022, a proper quorum being there and then present.