

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
SOUTHEAST FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – EAST BANK (SLFPA-E) AND  
SOUTHEAST FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST BANK (SLFPA-W)**

Minutes of the Combined (SLFPA-E and SLFPA-W) Nominating Committee Meeting  
Friday, September 19, 2025

The nominating committee met at approximately 10:00 A.M., on Friday, September 19, 2025 at the SLFPA-W office located at 7001 River Road, Marrero, LA 70072.

Mr. Curole called the public meeting to order and directed Mr. Barth to call the roll.

Committee members in attendance in room: Bruce Thompson, Clare Falcon, Windell Curole, Norma Jean Mattei, Jerry Klier, Lee Alexander, Brad Barth, and Brian Heiden (SLFPA-W only). Committee members in attendance remotely: Jason Latiolais, Gary Huntley, Mathew Czapiga, Joshua Joseph, Zhiqiang Deng, and Peter Yaukey (SLFPA-W only).

Ms. Falcon led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Curole led a discussion regarding Members of the Nominating Committee whose term expires on December 31, 2025 are reminded to notify the Committee chair with the name and contact information of their replacement as soon possible.

Mr. Curole led a discussion regarding the meeting purpose to nominate for open seats on the Board of Commissioners of SLFPA-E and SLFPA-W due to unexpected vacancies. Matrixes for SLFPA-E and SLFPA-W were reviewed as well as the nominating process and timelines.

The committee reviewed the SLFPA-W applicants/applications.

Windell Curole opened the floor for public comments. There were no public comments.

It was moved by Ms. Mattei, seconded by Mr. Thompson, and approved by a majority of the members in attendance to nominate Mr. Jim Costigan as one of the two candidates for appointment to the SLFPA-W Board. There were no public comments. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Thompson, Mr. Latiolais, Ms. Falcon, Mr. Curole, Mr. Huntley, Ms. Mattei,  
Mr. Czapiga, Mr. Deng, Mr. Klier, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Barth, Mr. Yaukey, Mr. Heiden  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: Mr. Joseph  
ABSENT: None  
RECUSED: None  
VACANCY: None

It was moved by Ms. Falcon, seconded by Mr. Latiolais, and approved by a majority of the members in attendance to nominate Mr. Kirkland Mitchell as one of the two candidates for appointment to the SLFPA-W Board. There were no public comments. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Thompson, Mr. Latiolais, Ms. Falcon, Mr. Curole, Mr. Huntley, Ms. Mattei,  
Mr. Czapiga, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Deng, Mr. Barth,  
NAYS: Mr. Klier, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Yaukey, Mr. Heiden  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: None  
RECUSED: None  
VACANCY: None

It was moved by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Ms. Mattei, and approved unanimously by the members in attendance to close nominations and to send the names of Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Costigan as candidates for the Governor's appointment to the SLFPA-W Board.

The committee discussed how to select two candidates from a larger pool of applicants. It was moved by Gary Huntley, seconded by Norma Jean Mattel, and approved unanimously by the members in attendance to adopt the following procedure for the September 19, 2025 SLFPA-East candidates' selection:

1. The committee will open the floor for public comments regarding the candidates.
2. The name of each applicant will be read aloud. A nomination must be made and seconded to add an applicant's name to the voting ballot.
3. Once a voting ballot is created, a motion will be made to approve the ballot. If the motion is seconded, committee members will vote to accept or reject the ballot.
4. After the ballot is approved, each committee member will cast two votes for two different applicants.
5. The two candidates with the highest number of votes would be voted for approval.
6. In the case of a tie, a revote will be conducted among the tied individuals.
7. A total quorum vote for the top two candidates would confirm the recommended nominees.

The committee reviewed the SLFPA-E applicants/applications.

Windell Curole opened the floor for public comments. Pete Vicari, President of SLFPA-East, spoke in favor of Kerwyn King and addressed the need of business owners on the SLFPA-East board.

Brad Barth read the names of the candidates:

1. David St. Marie: Nomination to add to ballot made by Norma Jean Mattel; seconded by Lee Alexander; name added to voting ballot.
2. Kevin Brown: No nomination made.
3. Kirth Paciera: Nomination to add to ballot made by Bruce Thompson; seconded by Lee Alexander; name added to voting ballot.
4. Robert Wooderson: Nomination to add to ballot made by Norma Jean Mattel; seconded by Zhiqiang Deng; name added to voting ballot.
5. Laura Wolfson: No Nomination made.
6. Kerwyn King: Nomination to add to ballot made by Gary Huntley; seconded by Bruce Thompson; name added to voting ballot.

It was moved by Brad Barth, seconded by Norma Jean Mattei, and approved unanimously by the members in attendance to add David St. Marie, Kirth Paciera, Robert Wooderson, and Kerwyn King to the ballot for vote. Results of vote:

	Candidates			
Committee	St. Marie	Paciera	Wooderson	King
Thompson		X		X
Falcon	X			X
Curole	X			X
Huntley	X			X
Mattei	X			X
Czapiga	X		X	
Klier	X			X
Alexander	X	X		
Barth	X		X	
Deng	X		X	

It was moved by Bruce Thompson, seconded by Gary Huntly, and approved to send the names of David St. Marie and Kerwyn King to the Governor as candidates for the Governor's appointment to the SLFPA-E Board. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Thompson, Ms. Falcon, Mr. Curole, Mr. Huntley, Ms. Mattei, Mr. Czapiga,  
Mr. Deng, Mr. Klier, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Barth,  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: Mr. Latiolais; Mr. Joseph  
RECUSED: None  
VACANCY: None

The committee discussed scheduling an upcoming meeting to be held mid-November for the SLFPA-E and SLFPA-W Expected Vacancies.

Mr. Curole declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:43 P.M.