

**JANUARY 8, 2014 - ITEMS OFF-THE-FLOOR**

**1. Resolution in support of the St. Tammany Parish School Board's Resolution requesting members of the Louisiana Legislature to take actions on behalf of the Louisiana School System regarding Common Core State Standards and PARCC testing.**

**2. Resolution to support and authorize the Office of the Parish President to modify a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for modifications to Grand Avenue Bridge replacement plan. (Ward 7, District 7) (Groby)**

**3. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Emmanuel Jones v. St. Tammany Parish.  
Claim #05D90C731451**

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-OTF #1

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. TANNER

PROVIDED BY: COUNCIL OFFICE

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD'S RESOLUTION REQUESTING MEMBERS OF THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE TO TAKE ACTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE LOUISIANA SCHOOL SYSTEM REGARDING COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS AND PARCC TESTING.

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish School Board's Resolution requested members of the Louisiana Legislature to remove Louisiana from the Common Core State Standards and to charge the Louisiana State Superintendent of Education and Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop, with stakeholders' input, Louisiana Standards for Educational Excellence; and

WHEREAS, the members of the St. Tammany Parish School Board's Resolution also requested an immediate moratorium on participation in PARCC testing by Louisiana students, and, at this time, suggest using the current Louisiana assessments until a new assessment instrument is developed; and

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish Council supports the Parish School Board in its efforts to meet the needs of every child, every day in St. Tammany Parish.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES that it supports the St. Tammany Parish School Board's Resolution to the Louisiana Legislature regarding removal Louisiana from the Common Core State Standards and charging the State Superintendent of Education and Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop Louisiana Standards for Educational Excellence.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVES, that it supports the St. Tammany Parish School Board's Resolution requesting an immediate moratorium on participation in PARCC testing by Louisiana students, and, suggesting using the current Louisiana assessments until a new assessment instrument is developed.

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED BY:

YEAS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE 8 DAY OF JANUARY , 2015, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

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, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK

## RESOLUTION

Whereas, the St. Tammany Parish School Board Members and our stakeholders believe that a commitment to providing a challenging and relevant curriculum will lead to constant improvement and high performance of Louisiana school systems; and

Whereas, effective instruction must meet the needs of all students allowing every child to learn at expected high levels; and

Whereas, the St. Tammany Parish School Board has unanimously opposed the Common Core State Standards since the idea was first introduced to the state of Louisiana through the rejection of a Race To The Top agreement in January of 2010 and the unanimous adoption of a resolution in October of 2013 requesting the Louisiana Legislature to use its authority to remove the St. Tammany Parish Public School System and other School Districts in Louisiana from the Common Core State Standards and the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) testing; and

Whereas, the St. Tammany Parish School Board members are duly elected by the citizens of St. Tammany Parish to represent them on the local level, and along with the elected members of the Northshore delegation to the Louisiana Legislature agree and believe that education is not the mandate of the Federal Government or any national board; and

Whereas, the St. Tammany Parish School Board believes that the Common Core State Standards are an inappropriate overreach based on standards that do not allow for local educational autonomy, do not allow deviation from a set of standards that are unproven and reflect the interests and priorities of corporate education reformers and small interest groups, were piloted incorrectly, were implemented too quickly and, as a result, have produced developmentally inappropriate expectations that do not meet the needs of every child, every day; and

Whereas, the members of the St. Tammany Parish School Board believe the PARCC testing no longer represents a consortium that will benchmark our students performance on a national level due to a dwindling membership; and

Whereas, our belief is that Louisiana educators along with parents, local business members, school superintendents, education stakeholder associations, and school board members should develop and implement a set of Louisiana Educational Standards that reflect our state's commitment to provide a challenging and relevant curriculum, innovative instruction, and accountability that will lead to solid student achievement gains while allowing students to flourish as life-long learners; and

Whereas, we further believe that high-quality schools and exemplary school achievement are the responsibility of the local community with backing and support from members of the Louisiana Legislature, elected and appointed Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education members, the appointed State Superintendent of Education and the elected Governor of the state of Louisiana.

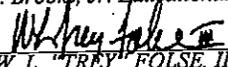
Now, therefore, be it resolved that the members of the St. Tammany Parish School Board do hereby respectfully request members of the Louisiana Legislature to join school board members and citizens across the great state of Louisiana in support of removing Louisiana from the Common Core State Standards and to charge the Louisiana State Superintendent of Education and Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop, with stakeholders' input, Louisiana Standards for Educational Excellence.

Furthermore, the members of the St. Tammany Parish School Board do hereby request an immediate moratorium on participation in PARCC testing by Louisiana students, and at this time suggest using the current Louisiana assessments until a new assessment instrument is developed.

Be it further resolved that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of this Board, with copies being sent to Governor Bobby Jindal, State Superintendent of Education John White, members of the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, all members of the Louisiana Legislature, the president of every Louisiana school board, the superintendent of every Louisiana school system, the executive director of the Louisiana School Board Association, all public education stakeholder organizations/associations, all declared candidates for Governor in the 2015 Louisiana governor's race, presidents or chairmen of every Louisiana parish government, all Chamber of Commerce offices in Louisiana and all St. Tammany Parish Public Schools.

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*I, W. L. "Trey" Folse, III, Secretary of the St. Tammany Parish School Board, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at the regular session of the St. Tammany Parish School Board on November 13, 2014 held at its regular meeting place, Robert C. Brooks, Jr. Educational Complex, Slidell, Louisiana.*

  
W. L. "TREY" FOLSE, III  
Secretary

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-OTF #2

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. GROBY

PROVIDED BY: LEGAL DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO MODIFY A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH STATE OF LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT FOR MODIFICATIONS TO GRAND AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PLAN. (WARD 7, DISTRICT 7)

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish and State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development ("DOTD") are parties to a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement ("CEA") dated September 11, 2007 for the federal off-system bridge rehabilitation and replacement program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the CEA, DOTD has designed a replacement to the Grand Avenue Bridge; and

WHEREAS, Parish desires certain modifications to the design; and

WHEREAS, to agree to the Parish's revisions, DOTD has required that Parish assume responsibility for any increased cost of design and construction based on the Parish modifications, and Parish desires to assume same and hold DOTD harmless for Parish's desired modifications; and

WHEREAS, Parish's plan modifications will allow boat traffic to travel from Cypress Bayou to Bayou Lacombe and Lake Pontchartrain.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES that the Office of the Parish President is authorized to enter into a modification to the existing September 11, 2007 Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to assume responsibility for increased design and construction costs based on Parish's design modifications to the Grand Avenue Bridge and to hold DOTD harmless for said design modifications.

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE 8 DAY OF JANUARY, 2015, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

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, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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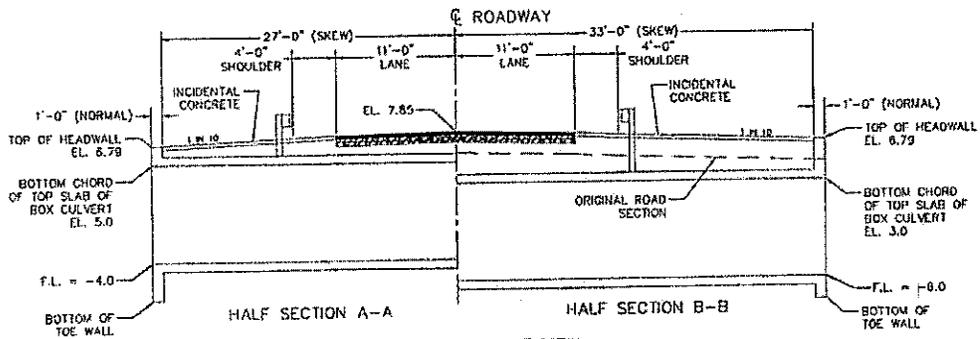
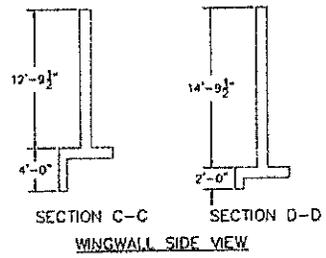
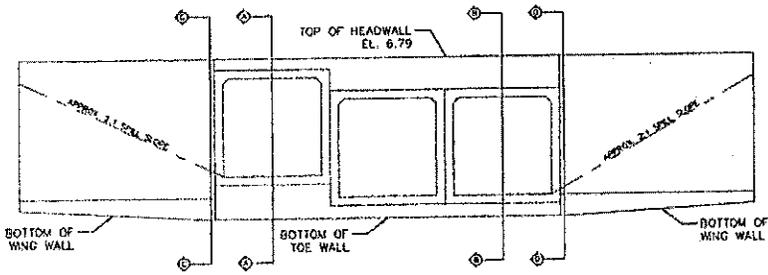
THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK

### **Resolution Administrative Comment**

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO MODIFY A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH STATE OF LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT FOR MODIFICATIONS TO GRAND AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PLAN (WARD 7, DISTRICT 7)

Parish seeks to modify DOTD plans for the replacement of the Grand Avenue Bridge to better allow for marine traffic to traverse Cypress Bayou. In order to accept the plan modifications, DOTD requires cost responsibility and indemnity for said modifications. DOTD has required Council Resolution acknowledging same, along with written acknowledgment of the Parish's responsibilities for the plan modification.

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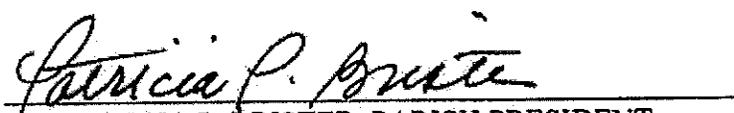
December 18, 2014

Re: Grande Avenue Bridge Replacement Plan Modifications

Please let this letter serve as notice that the St. Tammany Parish Government (the "Parish") will propose a resolution accepting full responsibility for the additional design and construction costs required for the plan modifications for Grande Avenue Bridge submitted by the Department of Engineering and attached hereto as Exhibit "A" (the "Plan Modification"). In addition, the Parish will hold harmless the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and its design consultant on this project, Rahman & Associates, from any future legal action or costs that are directly attributed to this Plan Modification. The Department of Engineering understands all risks involved in the Plan Modification and has approved the changes contained in same.

Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any other claims or causes of action the Parish may have which are related to or arise out of the construction or design of the Grande Avenue Bridge to the extent such claims or causes of action are not directly attributed to the Plan Modification.

  
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R. REID FALCONER, AIA, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

  
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PATRICIA P. BRISTER, PARISH PRESIDENT