



# PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

P.O. BOX 1041 | YOUNGSVILLE, LA 70592

**Date:** October 9, 2025

**To:**

Don Landry  
District Attorney for the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
800 South Buchanan Street  
Lafayette, LA 70502

**Subject: Open Meetings Violations**

Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:25, I respectfully request that the District Attorney for the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District investigate violations of the Louisiana Open Meetings Law, La. R.S. 42:11 et seq., committed by the Abbeville City Council during its October 7, 2025 Regular Meeting. The meeting is recorded and publicly available on the City of Abbeville YouTube Channel:

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These combined acts—vague notice of litigation, voting on an un-noticed item, and denying public comment—constitute clear violations of the Open Meetings Law, which under La. R.S. 42:12(A) must be liberally construed in favor of openness.

As you know, LARS § 42:25 of the Louisiana Open Meetings Act Public Records Act says the Attorney General/District Attorney shall institute such proceedings upon a complaint filed with you by any person, unless written reasons are given as to why the suit should not be filed. I request that the Attorney General’s Office investigate and take appropriate enforcement action under La. R.S. 42:25, or provide written reasons for declining to do so.

If proceedings are not instituted, please notify me in writing as to the reason. If you need additional information about this complaint, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 10/09/2025

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## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 07, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Council Meeting Room, 101 North State Street,  
Abbeville, Louisiana 70510

### AGENDA

**NOTICE POSTED:** October 6, 2025 at 4:00 P.M.

#### REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order by Mayor  
Roll Call by Kathy Faulk  
Prayer  
Pledge

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Attorney General

**State of Louisiana**  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
P.O. BOX 94005  
BATON ROUGE  
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## **Louisiana Open Meeting Law Complaint Form**

**NOTE:** The signed complaint can be mailed to Louisiana Attorney General Office, ATTN: Civil Division, P.O. Box 94005, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804, faxed to 225-326-6098, and/or emailed to SUDDOTHL@AG.LOUISIANA.GOV, once fully complete and any supporting documents necessary are attached.

NAME OF COMPLAINANT:	<u>PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, LLC</u>
ADDRESS:	<u>P.O. BOX 1041</u> <u>YOUNGSVILLE, LA 70592</u>
PHONE NUMBER:	<u>(337) 252-0480</u>
EMAIL:	<u>MATT@LAWENFORCEMENT.PRO</u>
NAME OF THE PUBLIC BODY: (i.e. specific board, commission, agency, etc.)	
CITY OF ABBEVILLE	
CITY/PARISH:	
ABBEVILLE / VERMILION PARISH	
DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF THE MEETING: (Note: A separate form must be completed for each meeting date)	
OCTOBER 7, 2025 at 5:30/PM	
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE CITY OF ABBEVILLE	
NAME OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE MEETING:	
CARLTON CAMPBELL; TONY HARDY; FRANCIS PLAISANCE; BRADY BROUSSARD, JR.; and TERRY BROUSSARD	



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\*Please attach to this complaint all evidence on which you base your allegation. i.e. the agenda, minutes of the meeting at issue, any recording of the meeting, etc.

**COMPLAINANT SIGNATURE:**

Signature

Date Submitted

MATTHEW THOMASSEE, Executive Director of the Professional Association of Law Enforcement Officers

Printed Name

**Please note:**

This complaint and any written communications with our office are public records, subject to production under the Louisiana Public Records Act, La. R.S. 44:1, *et seq.* This complaint form will be presented to the public body respondent for a response. The complaint may also be attached to any enforcement action that we may file in court pursuant to the Open Meetings Law. If such an enforcement action is brought, you may be called as a witness in the litigation as the complainant.

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