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Ascension Parish Council Ratifies Presidential Appointees

At its July 20 meeting, the Ascension Parish Council ratified President Kenny Matassa's appointees as required by the Home Rule Charter and related ordinances.

Returning for his second term as Chief Administrative Officer, Ken Dawson holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Southern University and worked for more than 25 years in the nuclear and petro-chemical industries. Mr. Dawson served one term on the West Feliciana Parish Police Jury and has served as CAO since 2012.

The dean of the Parish leadership team is Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer Gwen LeBlanc. Ms. LeBlanc has been employed with the Parish since 1973, and has served as Secretary-Treasurer of the former Police Jury, as the first Chief Administrative Officer, and as CFO/Treasurer since 2000.

Another veteran of the Parish leadership team is the Director of Public Works Bill Roux. Mr. Roux was first appointed Public Works Director in 2000, and from 2007 to 2016 he was solely responsible for drainage operations. In 2016, he returned to his former post with the consolidation of public works and drainage into a single department. Mr. Roux holds a bachelor's degree from Tulane University and took graduate level courses at LSU in industrial engineering and public administration.

Cinnamon McKey has been employed with the Parish since 2005 and has served Council Secretary since 2010, where she manages all Council operations. Ms. McKey holds a bachelor's degree in general studies from Southeastern Louisiana University.

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Jerome Fournier has served as the Director of Planning and Development since 2016. Mr. Fournier holds a bachelor's degree in geography from LSU and has completed coursework for a master's degree. He has worked for more than 20 years in the planning and public infrastructure fields.

"This team is a sample of the dedicated public servants who work every day in parish government for the people of Ascension Parish," said President Matassa. "I am pleased that the Council saw fit to ratify them and confirm their service to the people."

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Photo Tag – Left to Right: Council Secretary Cinnamon McKey, DPW Director Bill Roux, Treasurer and CFO Gwen LeBlanc, President Kenny Matassa, CAO Ken Dawson, and Planning and Development Director Jerome Fournier.