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ASCENSION GOVERNMENT INAUGURATES AND PREPARES FOR FIRST COUNCIL MEETING WITH NEW MEMBERS

GONZALES, LA – On January 2, 2024, Parish President Clint Cointment and the Parish Council were sworn into office. The ceremony at Lamar Dixon Expo Center’s REV Center marks the beginning of a new era for the community, with seven new members joining the council. The event drew a diverse crowd of local and elected leaders, community members, and well-wishers who gathered to witness the swearing-in ceremony.

Parish President Clint Cointment, sworn in for his second term, vowed to continue the progress started in his first term, emphasizing his commitment to the community. “Yesterday’s inauguration was not just the swearing in of our Parish leadership, but a symbolism of our commitment to work together as a collaborative unit to keep Ascension the number one Parish to live in the state,” said Cointment.

The following people were sworn into office:

Parish President Clint Cointment

Council Members:

Oliver Joseph (District 1), new; has served previously

Travis Turner (District 3)

Brett Arceneaux (District 4), new

Michael “Todd” Varnado (District 5), new

Chase Melancon (District 6)

Brian Hillensbeck (District 7), new

Blaine Petite (District 8), new

Pamela “Pam” Alonso (District 9), new

Dennis Cullen (District 10), new; has previously served

Michael Mason (District 11)

Joel Robert (District 2) *returning; absent from the ceremony

The inauguration ceremony precedes the **first meeting of the new Parish Council** scheduled for **Thursday, January 4, at 6 p.m. at the Donaldsonville Courthouse at 300 Houmas Street.**

*See attached images from ceremony and [view the inauguration @Ascension21 on YouTube](#)

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