

**RESOLUTION NO. 2319**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (SWLA-RPC) FOR LOUISIANA PLANNING DISTRICT 5 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING PREPARATION OF REGIONAL COLLABORATION ALTERNATIVE ENTITIES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT COOPERATION, COORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION.**

**WHEREAS**, several mayors on the Board of Directors of the Southwest Louisiana Regional Planning Commission held a gathering of interested collaborative representatives and individuals on Thursday, October 9, 2025; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, the gathering of individuals heard presentations on potential purposes and benefits associated with collaboration among area governmental entities; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, the gathering of individuals heard presentations on the potential structure and representation of establishing at least one, if not more, collaborative entities for Southwest Louisiana; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, the gathering of individuals heard presentations on potential funding opportunities of any or all such regional collaborative entities; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, the organizing mayors of the gathering of individuals requested consideration of the collaborative presentations for positive or negative feedback no later than October 10, 2025; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, the organizing mayors of the gathering of individuals have surveyed attendees and reported an overwhelming response and recommendation to proceed with preparation of alternative options for a collaborative entity or entities for formal consideration; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, Board members, having apprised results of the gathering of individuals, and the Board is desirous of building partnerships, both private and public that can leverage limited resources for common deliverables in addressing common needs; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, escalating costs of public infrastructure maintenance and construction has prompted a critical need to evaluate all opportunities to mitigate and leverage resources among member governments; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, the Southwest Louisiana Regional Planning Commission has determined it should support and facilitate establishment of regional collaboration alternatives for local governments;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR LOUISIANA PLANNING DISTRICT 5 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING PREPARATION OF REGIONAL COLLABORATION ALTERNATIVE ENTITIES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT COOPERATION, COORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION.**

**THIS RESOLUTION BEING APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025.**

  
Jacob Dillehay, Chair

ATTEST:   
Jamie Gaines, Assistant Director