OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF MORGAN CITY
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2026

The Mayor and City Council of Morgan City, Louisiana, met at 6:00 pm in special session, this date, in the City Court Building, 7261 Hwy 182 East, Morgan City, Louisiana.

There were present: Honorable Lee Dragna, Mayor; and Council Members Ron Bias, Steve Domangue, Thomas Hutchinson, Jr., Tim Hymel, and Bonnie Leonard.

Absent: None

Also present was Mr. Charlie Solar, Jr.

Mayor Dragna stated that the meeting was called to discuss the lease of Shannon Elementary to Blended & Online Solutions, LLC for use as a charter school. He asked if anyone from the public would like to address the council. There was no one present who wanted to speak.

Mr. Hutchinson made a motion to approve the lease, subject to city attorney approval. Mrs. Leonard seconded the motion. Mr. Hymel stated that he would like to find another way to spend the money instead of gambling on a Charter School. He said the charter school would take away $6,500 per student from the public schools. Mr. Domangue stated that he opposed the school and the money that would be spent on repairs to the school. He questioned what would happen if the bids for repairs came in higher than the $1.2 million estimate. He felt that the money could be spent in other areas of the City, including the Municipal Auditorium. Mayor Dragna said that if the bids came in higher, then we could not lease it to the charter school. Councilman Bias stated that most of the people he had spoken with were in favor of the charter school. Mrs. Leonard said that her vote for the lease with the charter school did not mean that St. Mary Parish did not have good schools or teachers; she was listening to the voters that she represented; whereupon,

Mr. Hutchinson offered the following Resolution, who moved for its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. R: 26-51

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14(C) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 provides that the state and its political subdivisions or political corporations may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with an public or private association, corporation, or individual with regards to cooperative financing and other economic development activities the procurement and development of immovable property, joint planning and implementation of public works, the joint use of facilities, joint research and programs implementation activities, joint funding initiatives, and other similar activities in support of public education, community development, housing rehabilitation, economic growth, and other public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City and Blended & Online School Solutions, LLC are desirous of entering into an agreement whereby the City would lease the Shannon School property located at 409 Brashear Avenue, Morgan City, Louisiana, as described in said lease to Blended & Online School Solutions, LLC, to operate as a charter school.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the city of Morgan City that the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to execute a lease between the City of Morgan City and Blended & Online School Solutions, LLC, subject to City Attorney approval.

Mrs. Leonard seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES:	Hutchinson, Leonard, Bias
NAYS:	Domangue, Hymel
ABSENT:	None

ABSTAIN: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 15th day of October, 2026.

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Lee Dragna
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Debbie Harrington
Clerk

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Debbie Harrington
Clerk

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Lee Dragna
Mayor