

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

March 4, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

## SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS

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### ROLL CALL

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The Board of Directors for the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans (SWBNO) met on Monday March 4, 2024, at 9:05 AM in the Executive Boardroom. Special Counsel Ms. Yolanda Grinstead called the roll and confirmed the following members were present: Hon. Mayor LaToya Cantrell, Director Joseph Peychaud, Director Janet Howard, Director Lynes Sloss, Director Robin Barnes, Councilmember Freddie King, Director Alejandra Guzman, Director Tyler Antrup, and Director Chadrick Kennedy.

The following member(s) were absent: Director Tamika Duplessis and Director Maurice Sholas.

Staff present were: Ghassan Korban, Executive Director; Renee Lapeyrolerie, Chief of Staff; Grey Lewis, Chief Financial Officer; Stephen Nelson, General Superintendent; Yolanda Grinstead, Special Counsel; Rene Gonzalez, Chief Customer Service Officer; Irma Plummer, EDBP; Tanyell Allen, Director of Board Relations.

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### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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Prior to beginning the meeting, Hon. Mayor Cantrell gave her opening remarks. Mayor Cantrell thanked the Board for being present and welcomed the Mayor of the day Madison Vidal. Madison is a senior at Benjamin Franklin High School as well as NOCCA. Madison was selected into the Mayor for a day essay contest, her interest is in justice and culture community.

Mayor Cantrell presented a motion to accept the minutes of the January 23, 2024, Board Meeting. Director Howard moved for approval of the minutes. Director Barnes seconded. The motion carried.

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### COMMITTEE REPORTS

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#### Pension Committee Report

Director Joseph Peychaud reported on the summary and actions taken by the Pension Committee. The Pension Committee Report for the month of February was presented and recommended for approval.

Mayor Cantrell asked for a motion to adopt the Pension report as amended. Director Antrup moved to adopt Pension minutes as proposed. Director Sloss seconded. The motion carried.

Operations Committee Report

Director Janet Howard reported on the summary and actions taken by the Operations Committee. The Operations Committee Report for the month of February was presented and recommended for approval.

Mayor Cantrell asked for a motion to adopt the Operations report as amended. Director Psychaud moved to adopt Operations minutes as proposed. Director Guzman seconded. The motion carried.

Finance & Administration Committee Report

Director Lynes Sloss reported on the summary and actions taken by the Finance and Administration Committee. The Finance Report for the month of February was presented and recommended for approval.

Mayor Cantrell asked for a motion to adopt the Finance report as amended. Director Kennedy moved to adopt Finance minutes as proposed. Director Howard seconded. The motion carried.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- Resolution (R-044-2024) - Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans Preliminary Approval for Water Revenue Bonds
  - o **Director Sloss moved to accept (R-044-2024). Director Guzman seconded. The motion carried.**
  
- Resolution (R-045-2024) – Tenth Supplemental Sewerage Service Revenue Bond Resolution
  - o **Director Howard moved to accept (R-045-2024). Director Psychaud seconded. The motion carried.**
  
- Resolution (R-046-2024) – Eleventh Supplemental Sewerage Service Revenue Bond Resolution
  - o **Director Antrup moved to accept (R-046-2024). Director Barnes seconded. The motion carried.**

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## GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

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### **The following resolutions were discussed at the February 21, 2024, Finance & Administration Committee Meeting: General Superintendent Recommendations**

- Resolution (R-047-2024) HDR Engineering – 4th Contract Amendment
- Resolution (R-048-2024) 2024 SWBNO Holiday Schedule
- Resolution (R-029-2024) Re-Award of Contract 30257 – Carrollton Basin No. 16 Sewer Rehabilitation Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Wallace C. Drennan, Inc.
- Resolution (R-030-2024) First and Final Renewal of Contract 2023-SWB-05 Furnishing Sodium Hypochlorite to the Algiers and Carrollton Water Plants Between PVS DX formerly known as DPC Enterprises and the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans
- Resolution (R-033-2024) Award of Contract 30235 – Carrollton Basin No. 5 Sewer Rehabilitation Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and BLD Services, LLC
- Resolution (R-034-2024) Award of Contract 30260 – Carrollton Basin No. 19 Sewer Rehabilitation Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Hardrock Construction LLC
- Resolution (R-035-2024) Second Renewal of Contract 30244 – Cleaning and CCTV Inspection of Sanitary Sewer Mains at Scattered Sites Within Orleans Parish Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and EnviroSystems, LLC
- Resolution (R-022-2024) Ratification of Change Order No. 3 for Contract 2155 Transmission Main Replacement - S. Claiborne (Versailles – Upperline) TM003 Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and BLD Services, LLC
- Resolution (R-023-2024) Ratification of Change Order No. 2 for Contract 2156 Transmission Main Replacement - Grape St. / Eden St. / S. Dupre St. - TM005 Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and BLD Services, LLC
- Resolution (R-026-2024) Ratification of Change Order No. 2 for Contract 30245 – MidCity Basin No. 3 Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Palmisano Construction, LLC
- Resolution (R-028-2024) Ratification of Change Order No. 2 for Contract 30250 – Carrollton Basin No. 9 Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and BLD Services, LLC
- Resolution (R-031-2024) Ratification of Change Order No. 11 for Contract 3799 – Installation of Sludge Dryer at the Eastbank Wastewater Treatment Plant Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Industrial and Mechanical Contractors, Inc
- Resolution (R-004-2024) Authorization of Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Operations, Maintenance, and Management Services at the Eastbank and Westbank Wastewater Treatments Plants Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Veolia Water North America – South, LLC

- Resolution (R-015-2024) Authorization of Amendment No. 6 to the Agreement for Professional Services for Sewer System Evaluation and Rehabilitation Program Management (SSERP) Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Stantec Consulting Services, Inc
- Resolution (R-020-2024) Authorization of Amendment No. 10 to the Agreement for Design and Engineering Services for the Waterline Replacement Program Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Richard C. Lambert Consultants, LLC
- Resolution (R-021-2024) Authorization of Amendment No. 10 to the Agreement for Design and Engineering Services for the Waterline Replacement Program Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Rahman and Associates, Inc
- Resolution (R-032-2024) Authorization of Amendment No. 5 to the Agreement for Capital Program Management (CPM) Services Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Veolia Water North America, LLC
- Resolution (R-006-2024) Authorization of Final Acceptance of Contract 30250 – Carrollton Basin Sewer Rehabilitation No. 9 Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and BLD Services, LLC
- Resolution (R-024-2024) Authorization of Final Acceptance and Close Out of Contract 2156 – TM005 Eden and Grape Transmission Main Project Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and BLD Services, LLC

**Mayor Cantrell asked for a motion to approve Corresponding Resolutions in Globo. Director Sloss moved to accept Corresponding resolutions as proposed. Director Peychaud seconded. The motion carried.**

Prior to ending the meeting, Hon. Mayor Cantrell announced a task force has been put in place for the Sewerage and Water Board. Director Sloss stated the governor has established a taskforce to review the failures of the Sewerage and Water Board billing system. Director Sloss has also been selected to be a part of the taskforce as representation for the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans. Mayor Cantrell recognized the focus and embraced the process and looks forward to any resources to invest in this utility.

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## INFORMATION ITEMS

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The following items were submitted for informational purposes only:

- Report Preliminary Financial Results
- Report General Superintendent
- Report Human Resource
- Report Legal
- Report Safety
- FEMA Project Worksheet Status
- DBE Participation on Contracts Report

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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No Public Comments

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:26 AM.