

**Proceedings of the Regular Meeting of the Greater New Orleans
Expressway Commission (GNOEC), Wednesday, April 16, 2025, 10 AM,
South Shore conference room, Metairie, Louisiana 70002**

Call to Order

Chairman Tim Coulon called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Tim Coulon, Chairman; Ralph Cox, Jr., Vice Chairman; James Tucker, Treasurer; Justin Clinton, Secretary; and Donald Sharp. Absent: None. Quorum achieved.

Others Attending: Carlton Dufrechou, Melissa Phillpott, Robert Graham, Roy Jacob, Thea Andras, Eileen Barthe', Michelle Carlisle, Matt Haley, Bryan Moore, Jimmy Griffin, Jason Sloan, Steven Dufrene, and Emily Foto, GNOEC; Cary Bourgeois and Donald Lambert, GEC; Terri Dupre, Meyer; _____, Hardesty & Hanover; Jan Evans and Lloyd Orferndorf, Volkert; Brad Guilmmo, PFM; Stephanie Gerry and Lee Bressler, Raymond James; and Craig Watson, Blue Williams; Liz Lambert and Chris Lemieux, Riess Lemieux.

Minutes

Mr. Tucker moved to accept the minutes of the March 12 GNOEC meeting. Mr. Cox seconded. Chairman Coulon, Mr. Cox, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Clinton, and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Coulon opened by welcoming guests and congratulating Police Officers receiving commendations. Chairman Coulon asked Chief Roy Jacob to introduced those being recognized and present commendations. Following were recognized: Sgt. Bryan Moore (life Saving award); Cpl. Jimmy Griffin (commendation for life saving); Officer Jason Sloan (commendation for life saving); MAP Steve Dufrene (commendation for life saving); Dispatcher Joycelyn Schaffer (commendation for life saving), Dispatcher Hope Michel (commendation for life saving), and Officer Emily Foto (commendation for valor).

Chief Jacob Recognition

Mr. Coulon announced that Chief Jacob would be retiring the end of April. Mr. Dufrechou summarized Chief Jacob's 40-year career in law enforcement and service to the GNOEC. The Commissioners presented Chief Jacob with a flag that has flown over the world's longest bridge and a retirement commendation.

General Manager's report

- Drawbridge, Mar: 3 vessel openings, 2 test opening and 0 incidents
- Fog Ops: Mar 8
- Bridge Closures: Both bridges closed Mar 5 due to severe weather from 6:07 PM to 6:50 PM. SB bridge closed Mar 16 to rescue jumper from 11:59 PM to

12:21 AM. Both bridges closed Mar 31 due to severe weather from 8:20 AM to 8:50 AM.

- Breakdowns: During Mar, we responded to 310 on the CW (219 mechanical and 91 debris) and 22 on the HPL (19 mechanical and 3 debris) for a total of 322 for both bridges.

- Accidents: During Mar, we responded to 9 on the CW (6N, 3S) and 11 at HPL (1 on the HPL).

Action Items

North Causeway Approach Overlay, GNOEC Project No. 637, GNOEC

Resolution No. 2025-08: On a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Cox: The North Causeway Approach Road Overlay Project is substantially complete, with only punch list items remaining to be completed. Based upon the recommendation of staff, legal counsel, and Consulting Engineers, the GNOEC accepts the project titled North Causeway Approach Road overlay. The GNOEC authorizes its General Manager to execute any documents associated with the acceptance of this project, including execution of a final balancing plan change in a cost to the GNOEC not to exceed \$30,000, on behalf of the GNOEC. Chairman Coulon, Mr. Cox, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Clinton, and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.

Upgrade Traffic Signals, Phase B, GNOEC Project No. 640B, GNOEC

Resolution No. 2025-09: On a motion by Mr. Clinton, seconded by Mr. Sharp: On October 9, 2024, the GNOEC approved the Project Memorandum for the project titled Upgrade Traffic Signals and authorized advertisement of Phase A of the project. Phase B of the project will replace the traffic signals at Skipper Drive on the West Causeway Approach and Florida Street on the East Causeway Approach. Based on the recommendation of the staff, the Consulting Engineers are authorized to design and advertise Phase B of the project. Chairman Coulon, Mr. Cox, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Clinton, and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.

Authorization for Off Bridge Engineering Services, GNOEC Resolution No. 2025-10:

On a motion by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Clinton: On October 9, 2024, the GNOEC approved advertising RFQ# 2024-01 and receiving Statement of Qualifications from qualified firms interested in providing professional engineering services for off bridge work including construction management, design, and inspections for its north shore approach roadways and facilities, on an as needed basis. Eight firms submitted Statements of Qualifications which were reviewed and scored by an independent review team. In accordance with the RFQ# 2024-01, the GNOEC hereby approves firms scoring 80 points or above for work outlined in the RFQ. Further, on an as needed basis, the GNOEC authorizes staff to recommend specific firms for specific jobs considering experience of firms and complexity of work. Mr. Cox, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Clinton, and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion. Chairman Coulon abstained.

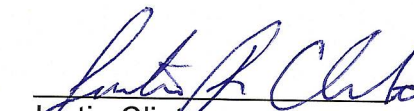
Executive Session, GNOEC Resolution No. 2025-11: On a motion by Mr. Sharp, seconded by Mr. Tucker: A resolution authorizing the GNOEC to go into executive session pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(A)(2) to discuss the cases entitled JB James Construction, LLC v. Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission, No. 25-10155 (summary proceeding) and 23-10543 (ordinary proceeding), 22nd Judicial District Court for the Parish of St. Tammany, Div. H. Chairman Coulon, Mr. Cox, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Clinton, and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.

Closing/Next Meeting

Chairman Coulon asked if there was any further business or comments. There being none, Mr. Cox moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sharp seconded. All concurred and the meeting adjourned. The next GNOEC meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 11, 2025, in the North Shore conference room.



Tim Coulon
Chairman



Justin Clinton
Secretary