

**Proceedings of the Regular Meeting of the Greater New Orleans
Expressway Commission (GNOEC), Wednesday, October 8, 2025, 10 AM,
South Shore conference room, Metairie, Louisiana 70002**

Call to Order

Chairman Tim Coulon called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Tim Coulon, Chairman; Ralph Cox, Jr., Vice Chairman; Justin Clinton, Secretary; and Donald Sharp, Assistant Secretary Treasurer. Absent: James Tucker, Treasurer. Quorum achieved.

Others Attending: Carlton Dufrechou, Melissa Phillpott, Robert Graham, Mike Kelly, Eileen Barthe', Michelle Carlisle, Branden Fos, Geene Daby, Nicholette Bagley, Grayson Crespo, GNOEC; Cary Bourgeois, GEC; Gavin Gillen, All South; Terri Dupre, Meyer; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; and Johanna Lambert and Chris Lemieux, Reiss-Lemieux.

Minutes

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

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Coulon announced that Sergeant Tryone Banks had recently retired and recognized Sgt. Banks for his 29 years of selfless service to our commuters and to the GNOEC. Mr. Coulon noted that the Request for Proposals (RFP) for a new toll system was posted today. The new system will have many enhancements including the capability to convert to Open Road Tolling if desirable in the future. Mr. Coulon thanked the staff and particularly, Mrs. Phillpott for coordinating development of the RFP. Mr. Coulon announced that the GNOEC would host a planning session in November.

General Manager's report

- Drawbridge, Sep: 16 vessel openings, 7 test openings and 0 incidents
- Fog Ops: None
- Bridge Closures: SB bridge closed Sep 10 for response to three vehicle crash with injuries from 12:41 PM to 2:15 PM. NB bridge closed Oct 3 for response to four vehicle crash with injuries from 2:17 PM to 3:32 PM.
- Breakdowns: During Sep, we responded to 313 on the CW (218 mechanical and 95 debris) and 15 on the HPL (13 mechanical and 2 debris) for a total of 328 for both bridges.
- Accidents: During Sep, we responded to 16 on the CW (8N, 8S) and assisted State Police and JPSO with 4 at HPL (0 on the HPL) for a total of 20 on both bridges.

Action Items

Upgrades to Fiber Optic Infrastructure, GNOEC Resolution No. 2025-24: On a motion by Mr. Sharp, seconded by Mr. Cox: In response to a previously issued RFP #201907-202, the GNOEC entered into a contract with A.J. Labourdette, Inc. for restoration and maintenance services for the GNOEC's fiber optic cable infrastructure. A3 Communication, Inc. d/b/a A.J. Labourdette's ("Contractor") purchased A.J. Labourdette on August 11, 2025, and intends to assume the assignment of the contract. The Contractor has identified required fiber optic upgrades to the GNOEC's toll booth cabling. After evaluation, consideration, and upon recommendation of the GNOEC staff and its legal counsel, the GNOEC hereby authorizes the General Manager to execute all legal documents to ratify the assignment, amend the Contract, and authorize the replacement and upgrades to the GNOEC's toll booth fiber optic cabling totaling \$68,236.44 by Contractor. Chairman Coulon, Mr. Cox, Mr. Clinton, and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.

Safety Bay Incident Ahead Signage, GNOEC Project No. 214, GNOEC Resolution No. 2025-25: On a motion by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Clinton: Based upon the recommendation of the GNOEC staff, the General Manager is hereby authorized to execute the Project Memorandum for the project titled Safety Bay Incident Ahead Signage and the Consulting Engineers are authorized to design and advertise the project. Chairman Coulon, Mr. Cox, Mr. Clinton, and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.

Executive Session, GNOEC Resolution No. 2025-25: On a motion by Mr. Clinton, seconded by Mr. Cox: The GNOEC adopts this resolution authorizing the Commissioners enter 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, 22nd JDC, 2023-10543 and 2025-10155, Division H. Chairman Coulon, Mr. Cox, Mr. Clinton, and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion. Executive session began at 10:20 AM and concluded at 10:34 AM. Mr. Coulon noted that no actions were taken during the executive session.

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 at 10:40 AM. The next regular GNOEC meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 10, 2025, location to be announced.



Tim Coulon
Chairman



Justin Clinton
Secretary