

Mid City Security District Minutes

Board Meeting of August 21, 2025, 6:00 P.M.
The Cannery, 3803 Toulouse Street, New Orleans LA

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Wendy Laker called the meeting to order at 6:00pm with a roll call of participants which established a quorum.

2. Board Member Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Jonathan Fox, Al Williams, Robert Rivard, Corbett Scott and Wendy Laker

Commissioners Absent: Charley Richard and Darby Shields

Bob Rivard was designated as ad-hoc Secretary for the meeting as Charley Richard was absent.

3. Presenters: Sgt. Alfred Russell, MCSD/NOPD Full Time Coordinator; Sudie Joint, CPA, MCSD accountant; and Santiago St. Clair, Allied Universal Security Services

4. Adoption of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

Wendy Laker moved to approve the Minutes from June 19th, 2025. Motion was seconded. There was no discussion or public comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

5. Financial Report:

The June and July 2025 Bank Statements were approved and initialed by all Board members present.

Sudie Joint, CPA, noted that some invoices due in July and which would have been presented at the July board meeting had been paid as per Wendy Laker's motion at the June 19th board meeting to approve the normal June/July invoices in advance. In an abundance of caution, the payment of these invoices was unanimously approved again.

The following invoices for July were reviewed and payment was unanimously approved:

Office of Police Secondary Employment (OPSE) 1/1/25 (Revised)	\$540.00
OPSE 5/19/25	\$1,080.00
OPSE #1879 for services 6/6/25 - 6/21/25	\$1,117.32
OPSE 7/11/25	\$1,125.00
Allied Universal 6/19/25	\$8,577.10
Allied Universal 7/3/25	\$ 8,842.69
Graphix Matters 7/12/25	\$ 673.75

Sudie S. Joint, CPA 7/14/25	\$926.35
Verizon Wireless Services 6/18/25	\$147.27
Verizon Wireless Services 7/14/25	\$147.27
Mailchimp 7/3/25	\$ 29.08

and the following invoices for August were reviewed and payment was unanimously approved:

Graphix Matter	\$783.75
Allied Universal	\$8,646.95
Allied Universal	\$9,695.52
Allied Universal	\$8,392.95
OPSE	\$1,260.00
OPSE	\$ 720.00
Capital City Press	\$7.13
Sudie S. Joint CPA LLC	\$926.34
First Insurance Funding via ACH	\$24,725.14

Sudie noted that the City of New Orleans is almost up to date with its invoices, but, whereas in the past invoices from the City for police services were separate from the invoices for the disputed millage that the city is attempting to collect, since April of this year patrol services and the millage have been combined in a single invoice. Jonathan Fox suggested that we either do not pay the invoices or that we pay only the portion for patrol services. Sudie noted that, as none of the City invoices for NOPD were signed, we can delay approval of them until our September meeting when our attorney Marshal Hevron would attend.

Jonathan Fox offered to contact District A Councilperson Joe Giarusso to assist in mediating the disputed millage with the city and it was encouraged to do so.

Sudie highlighted that we will be purchasing a new auto in September to replace the one that is no longer functioning or serviceable.

Wendy Laker introduced Santiago St. Clair of Allied Universal Security Services and he stated that Allied could improve the quality of officers assigned to MCSD if their hourly wages were increased from \$16/hr. to \$18/hr. which would require an increase in MCSD's hourly fee with Allied Universal from \$25.40 to \$28.57 per hour. Wendy Laker moved that the current contract be modified to make this increase and Jonathan Fox seconded. There was some discussion to clarify that this would only modify the rate for the existing contract and would not be a one year renewal of the contract. There was no public comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

The January through July 2025 Profit & Loss report, Balance Sheet as of July 31, 2025, Profit & Loss vs. Actual report for January through July 2025 and Disputed Millage Total as of 6/28/2025 report were presented by Sudie. Bob Rivard moved to accept the reports, Wendy Laker seconded. There was no public comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

6. Crime Reports

- ◆ Santiago St. Clair, Allied Universal Security Services, presented a report highlighting activities from July 22, 2025 through August 21, 2025 showing:
 - Patrol Officer activity by category;
 - Six specific incidents;
 - Vehicle patrol time vs. idle time, and route time and distance traveled;
 - New patrol officers hired.

Questions from Board members were also answered regarding the availability of officers during hurricanes and other emergencies. Mr. St. Clair requested that MCSD provide a list of holidays in order to get an advanced understanding of services MCSD would need and holiday pay expectations for officers.

- ◆ Sgt. Alfred Russell, MCSD/NOPD Coordinator provided:
 - Detailed reports of crime activities for each week since the June meeting including a chart comparing current criminal activity in the district by crime with the same for the previous year. These are available through the MCSD website.
 - There was a brief discussion of sex crimes noting that NOPD policy requires that they be classified based on initial allegations. Sgt. Russell also noted that so far this year these crimes within MCSD have been cases in which alleged perpetrator and victims are members of the same household.

7. Committee Reports

- ◆ Camera Program Committee: Al Williams and Bob Rivard presented a report by the committee which was distributed to all Board members by email earlier in the week (see report). Bob Rivard moved for MCSD to adopt the recommendation of the committee to:
 - Enter into a three year contract with Lumana AI for 30 cameras at 15 for Sept 1, 2025 to November 1, 2028 sites with Crime;
 - Approve the expenditure of \$18,280 for the first year of the contract;
 - To include language in MCSD contracts with security patrol service companies which identifies their role in support of the surveillance camera system.

Al Williams seconded the motion. There was discussion by the Board, no questions or discussion by the public and the motion was unanimously approved.

Bob Rivard noted that Dr. Christopher Torres of Loyola University's Dept. of Criminology and Justice, which assisted with the Committee's study of crime cameras, has developed a tool for looking at crime data within the MCSD boundaries with multiple variables which could be used to assist with policy decisions including camera placement. The tool is available at: <https://luno.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=f2d4db0e1a534601a65b1da79d4ac9d2>.

Dr. Torres also posted two videos explaining how to use it at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V7zNcMzqe2w> and https://youtu.be/6CJlJmNBB_o.

Committee Members will meet with Dr. Torres to explore the possibility of working with Loyola students in maintaining updated crime data over time through the app.

- ◆ Private Patrol Oversight Committee: Jon Fox and Corbett Scott will continue to work with Allied Universal Security Services to improve oversight of and information provided regarding MCSD private patrols. Also see the discussions earlier regarding hourly rates and holidays.
- ◆ App Committee: Wendy Laker indicated that problems with the Task Force App, especially in regard to its availability on android phones should be worked out by our next meeting.

8. Officer Nominations/Elections for Board Members

Darby Shields was nominated for Secretary by Bob Rivard, seconded by Wendy Laker and unanimously approved.

Charley Richard was nominated for Treasurer by Wendy Laker, seconded by Jonathan Fox and unanimously approved.

Wendy Laker was nominated for Chairperson by Bob Rivard, seconded by Al Williams and unanimously approved.

Al Williams was nominated for Vice Chairperson by Wendy Laker, seconded by Jonathan Fox and unanimously approved.

9. Public Comments/Questions

There were no public comments or questions.

At 7:30 pm, W. Laker offered a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by J. Fox. There was no opposition.

CERTIFICATE

As ad-hoc Secretary of the Mid-City Security District, I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes duly and legally adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Mid-City Security District, after due notice, and that said minutes have not been rescinded.

WITNESS, my signature, this 18th day of September, 2025.



Robert Rivard