

Mid City Security District Minutes
Board Meeting of April 16, 2026 6 P.M.
The Cannery 3803 Toulouse Street, New Orleans LA

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

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members present: Wendy Laker; Darby Shields, Robert Rivard Alvin Williams, Jr. Corbett Scott

Absent Board Members: Jonathan Fox; Charley Richard

Presenters: Sudie Joint, CPA, MCSD accountant
Sgt Alfred Russell, MCSD/NOPD Full Time Coordinator

Guests: Thomas Ecker, MCNO Chair

1. BOARD MINUTES

Bob Rivard moved to accept the latest version distributed of the Board Minutes. Darby Shields identified that the latest version had the distribution date of April 14, 2026. Darby Shields seconded the motion and the motion carried.

2. ACCOUNTANT FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. Sudie Joint presented checks for the monthly bills to the Board for approval.
 - The checks paid for NOPD Police services totaled \$2,700 for OPSE.
 - Invoices paid for Allied Universal patrols totaled \$20,677.08.
 - Wendy Laker moved to approve the checks and the motion was seconded by Al Williams. The motion was approved by all board members.
- b. Sudie Joint presented the Financial Statements, including a Profit & Loss Statement, a Balance Statement, a Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Statement, and a detailed General Ledger report through March 31, 2026.
 - On the Balance Sheet the checking account balance is \$1,384,069.92.
 - On the Profit and Loss Sheet, the net income through March is \$642,179.82. The city has made payments on the assessment fee earlier than last year.
 - The disputed millage amount was reported to be \$450,984.63.
- c. Bob Rivard moved and Corbett Scott seconded the motion to accept the March Financial Report. The motion was unanimously passed.

3. ALLIED UNIVERSAL SECURITY SERVICES (AUS)

- Allied Universal representative Santiago St. Clair was not able to attend the meeting due to French Quarter Festival activity. He had emailed a detailed Monthly Activity Report to the Board Members on April 16 which covered the period from March 17 to April 15, 2026.

- Corbett Scott noted that there was an incident reported at the Holy Ground Irish Pub on April 11 involving an unruly customer. AUS patrolman responded and had a confrontation with the customer. Police were called but the man left prior to their arrival.

4. SGT ALFRED RUSSELL CRIME REPORTS

- Sgt Russell provided crime reports for each week in the last month and reviewed particular incidents of note.
- Sexual assault crimes have increased significantly in 2026 to 11 reported cases in the year to date compared to 4 at this point in 2025. Some cases of simple battery are classified as sexual assault due to the gender of the victim. Another issue is that a sexual assault is assigned the location at which it is reported, regardless of if it happened elsewhere, including out of state.
- Shoplifting continues to dominate the crime statistics with a 400% increase over 2025.
- Auto theft is down for the year but two autos were stolen on April 11. Vehicle Burglary is occurring at the same rate as 2025.
- Sgt Russell explained that the statistics in his report are based on the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. Damage to a church window was discussed but it was not reported as a UCR incident by the investigating patrolmen. Other incidents like simple property damage do not have a UCR category and are not included in the crime statistics.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Task Force App

- Wendy Laker reports that Bob Simms informed her that the new app will be rolled out before the next board meeting. This version will support phones running Android as well as iPhones.

b. Camera Committee

- Bob Rivard is directing Mia Salsi to add a solicitation for candidates who will support a camera installation onto the MCSD website. Mia Salsi will provide the camera committee with applications received.
- Bob Rivard continues to discuss support with Loyola. A student may be assigned to support the MCSD camera program.

c. Vehicle Committee - The new Durango has been deployed and being used by patrols. The laptops are in the vehicle but are not yet installed in a special carrier.

d. Ad Hoc Committee reviewing Board Organization

The Ad Hoc Committee has met and they have outlined a plan to organize the board with seven committees, with each board member responsible for a committee. They are also proposing to define additional duties for the Vice Chair position.

e. Outreach Committee – Mid City Neighborhood Organization is having its Town Hall Meeting on May 11. Darby Shields and Bob Rivard will man a table and address the meeting for the MCSD. Wendy Laker will have new cards and signs printed for the meeting.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- Wendy Laker reminded board members that Board Financial Disclosure Forms required by the state are due by 5/15/26.
- Board members were encouraged to begin an outreach for a new board member to fill a board seat coming open in August. The position is to be filled by a nominee from MCNO.
- Bob Rivard noted that board members Darby Shields, Corbett Scott, and Bob Rivard need to be nominated for a second term in June 2026.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Thomas Ecker MCNO chair invited the board to attend the MCNO Town Hall meeting on Monday, May 11. Mr. Ecker is also the president of the Mid City Rotary Club. He invited the board to attend the Rotary meeting on Wednesday, May 20, at Second Line Brewing and discuss the camera program with the members.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Wendy Laker made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Bob Rivard. The motion passed.

CERTIFICATE As 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 21st day of May, 2026.



Darby Shields, Secretary