BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

July 15, 2026

MEETING MINUTES

SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS

ROLL CALL

The Board of Directors for the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans (SWBNO) met on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 9:02 a.m. in the Executive Boardroom. Interim Special Counsel, Mr. Darryl Harrison called the roll and confirmed the following members were present: Designee for Honorable Mayor Moreno, City of New Orleans CAO – Infrastructure, Stephen Nelson, Director Chadrick Kennedy, Director H. Davis Cole, Director Jonathan Stewart, Director Kimberly Thomas, Director Tyler Antrup, Director Ariane Greenidge, Director Joseph Peychaud, and Director Courtney Scrubbs.

The following member(s) were absent: Hon. Mayor Helana Moreno and Hon. Councilmember Jason Hughes.

Staff present were Randy Hayman, Executive Director; Jamie Parker, Chief of Staff; Grey Lewis, Chief Financial Officer; Darryl Harrison, Interim Special Counsel; Kaitlin Tymrak, Interim General Superintendent; Ceara Labat, Interim Chief of Communications; Renelle Brown, Interim Director of Customer Service; Irma Plummer, Director, Economically Disadvantaged Business Program; Brionne Lindsey, Board Relations.

The Board of Directors and Executive Director Mr. Hayman acknowledged the employees for their dedication to the health and safety of the community. During the event on June 26 at Chateau Carmemellal Apartments, SWBNO gathered feedback concerning a request for an emergency water closure. Mr. Hayman highlighted that employees serve as the foundation of the organization. Although their contributions may not always be visible, they are essential in supporting both individuals and the wider community.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Director Kennedy presented a motion to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2026, Board Meeting. Director Thomas moved for approval of the minutes. Director Greenidge seconded. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

JOINT FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Director Stewart reported on the summary and actions taken by the Joint Finance and Administration and Governance Committee. The Joint Finance and Administration and Governance Committee Report was presented and recommended for approval.

- Director Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the report from the Joint Finance and Administration and Governance Committee. Director Thomas moved to approve the minutes. Director Greenidge seconded. The motion carried.

PENSION COMMITTEE

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

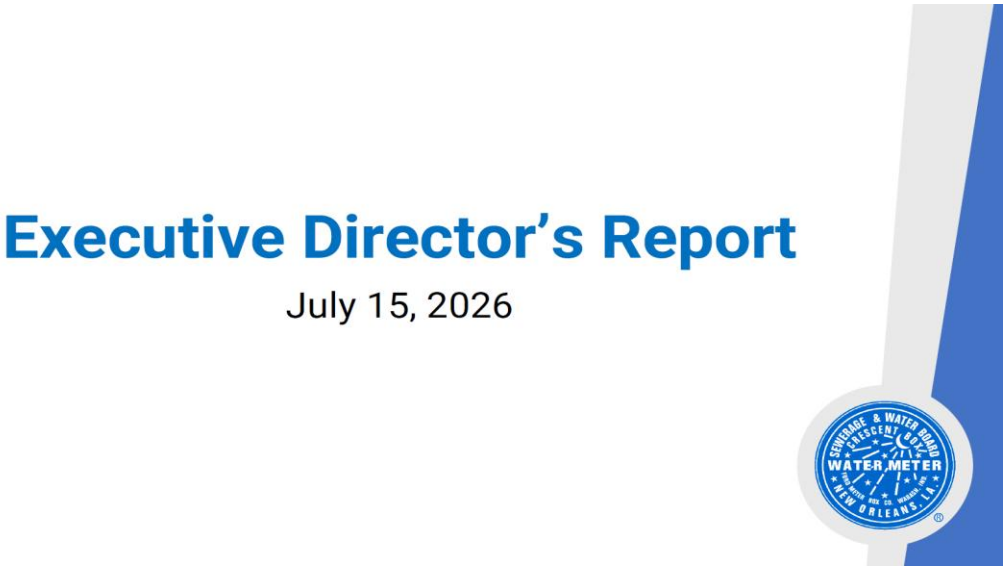
- Director Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the report from the Pension Committee. Director Antrup moved to approve the minutes. Director Scrubbs seconded. The motion carried.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Director Antrup reported on the summary and actions taken by the Strategic Planning Committee. The Strategic Planning Committee Report was presented and recommended for approval.

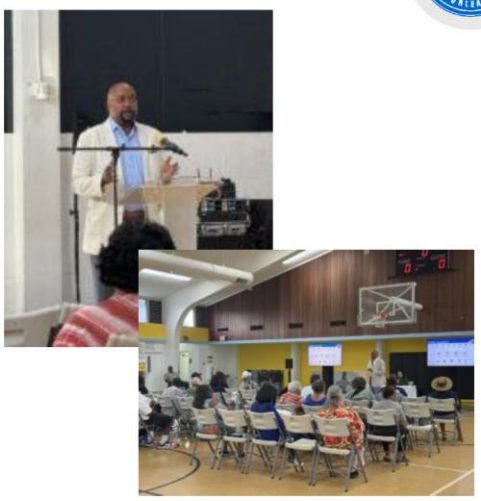
- Director Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the report from the Strategic Planning Committee. Director Thomas moved to approve the minutes. Director Stewart seconded. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



SWBNO Water Talks

- Continued community outreach in each district
- Engaged with residents on water, sewerage, and drainage infrastructure and operations
- Provided updates on ongoing projects and initiatives
- Answered community questions and gathered feedback to better address neighborhood concerns
- Strengthened transparency and public engagement through open dialogue with residents

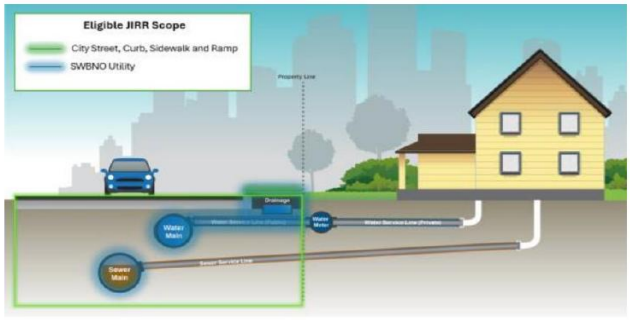


Upcoming Town Halls for Employees

- Overview Of House Bill 1243
- Impact on SWBNO Operations
- Q&A Session



TM 1789: Out for Bid!



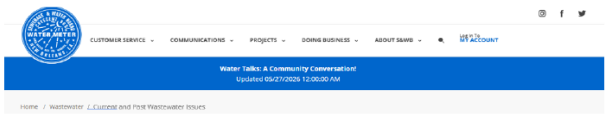
Bids due August 4th

- In partnership with CNO, with the JIRR extension, utilizing existing funding source for designed transmission main projects from the JIRR program
  - TM 001 (6th Street)
  - TM 007 (Magnolia, Joseph, Willow)
  - TM 008 (Cohn Street)
  - TM 009 (Spruce St + various)
- Investing over $31M into transmission mains, sewerage, and pavement restoration
- Key step of our TM Immediate Action Plan

Dwyer Canal Update

Street	Dye Testing	Repairs Made
Galahad	COMPLETE	COMPLETE
Bonita	COMPLETE	COMPLETE
Lurline	COMPLETE	COMPLETE
Charlene	In progress	COMPLETE
Arthur	COMPLETE	COMPLETE
Citrus	COMPLETE	COMPLETE
Castle Manor Pump Station (Gawain)	Getting quotes to replace suction lines, to remove temporary pump at that location	

Recommending to avoid contact (swimming, boating, fishing)



Sewer and Wastewater Issues

Please scroll down or click the links below for more information on the following:

Sources of Fecal Bacteria in Stormwater and Other Waterbodies

Health, Safety, and Environmental Concerns from Elevated Levels of Fecal Bacteria

Dwyer Canal Updates

Industrial Canal Sewer Break Updates

New Orleans East Pilot Project to Prevent Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs)

Launched Webpage for Sewer and Wastewater Issues

Power Complex Design

Large investment on multi-year modernization for maximum flexibility and redundancy

Utility Power Supply – Entergy Grid

- Power is supplied through the new Entergy Sullivan Substation, designed to provide improved reliability.

Severe Storms – Independent Operation Capability

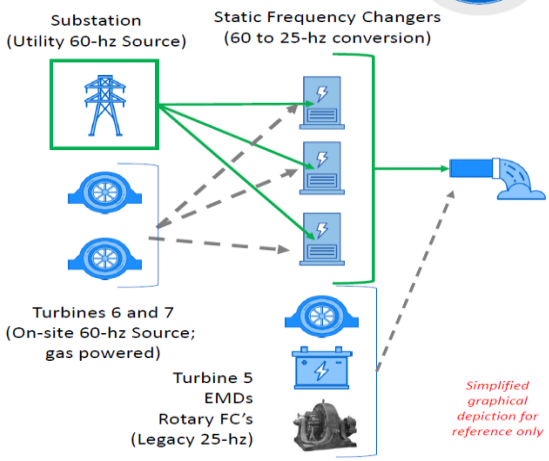
- Use T6 and T7 (new!) to allow the system to operate independently from the grid (gas powered)

Co-generation capability

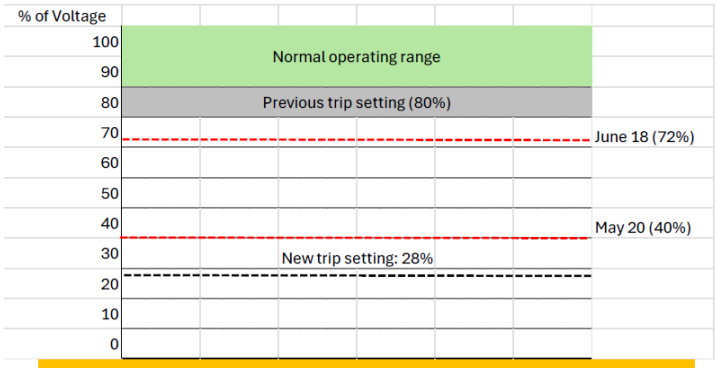
- Agreement with MISO to enable turbines to co-generate with the grid, to compensate for voltage sags or outages.

Legacy 25-hz equipment

- Older equipment still maintained and tested



Power Complex Continuous Improvement



Lesson Learned

Strengthening partnership with Entergy

Communication of asset status

✓Re-set trip threshold based on guidance from manufacturing:

- ✓ Allows up to 72% voltage drop; impact on pumps to be determined

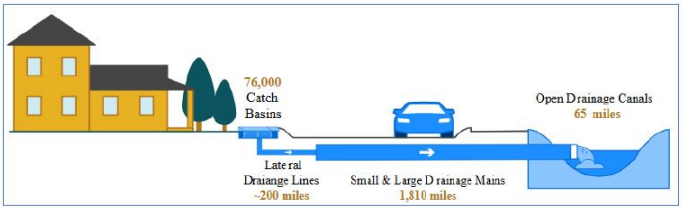
✓ 3rd party evaluation initiated in collaboration with Entergy

✓ Continued conversation with equipment manufacturer on modifying settings

- Implement additional reliability measures

Drainage: Bigger Picture

Catch basins are only one part of the drainage system. **Even if catch basins are clear; drainage takes time.**



- System is designed for 1 inch of rain in the first hour and a half inch every hour after that
  - 3" rainfall in 1 hour will take 5 hours to drain
- Must fall on the lawns/surface, flow to the catch basins, flow to small drainage lines, then big drainage lines, then open and closed canals
- Pump stations pump from inner canals to outfall canals bringing the water to Lake Pontchartrain







The repair complexities of lateral drainage lines take considerable time and funding.

Community Effort







Construction debris, garden/lawn clippings, and trash make their way into the catch basins.



Cleaning up around your property and ensuring all debris is properly disposed of are key steps to ensuring our drainage system can operate.

July 11th – Rain Event

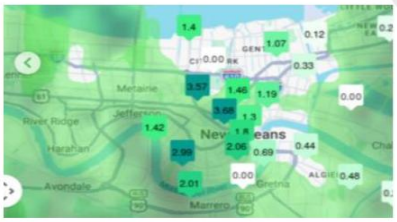
Rainfall

- Over 3.5 inches in an hour in Carrollton/ Hollygrove/ Uptown
- Over 2 – 3 inches in an hour in Mid City
- Instantaneous rainfall intensities between 6.5 – 7.5 inches/hour recorded

Power – no power issues from the static frequency changers at the Power Complex

Clogged catch basins contributed to flooding uptown, especially around Claiborne

Drainage Networks cleaned catch basins along Claiborne Ave and Lakeview



- Underpass Stations
  - Carrollton underpass closed; pump operational but cannot pump into Palmetto Canal when levels are high
  - Marconi/City Park underpass had clogged catch basins, slowing drainage – cleared by SWBNO crews
  - Canal/610 underpass is located within the DPS 7 drainage area. This underpass also experiences flooding when canal levels are elevated.

July 11th – Rain Event

DPS 7 (Lakeview/Mid City/City Park/610)

- Canal levels rose 6 feet in 20 minutes
- After first pump came online, vacuum system operation resulted in no pumps online for 45 minutes
- Impacted lower Lakeview & Mid City/ City Park for 1.5 hrs
- Undertaking thorough review of incident to determine appropriate next steps and adjustment of protocols if needed

Will determine enhancements to protocols as needed to better support employees working in challenging conditions

Pritchard Pump Station (Hollygrove)

- 2 automatic pumps – started at 1:15 pm
- 1 pump went offline at 1:30 pm and had to be restarted by hand
- Impacted local water levels for approx. 2 hours

Analyzing automatic stations throughout the city

Increasing monitoring at these locations

CORRESPONDING RESOLUTIONS

- **Resolution (R-093-2026) – Authorization for Amendment No. 7 To the Maintenance and Support Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans And Cogsdale Corporation**

  ➢ Director Kennedy asked for a motion to approve R-093-2026. Director Antrup moved for the approval of R-093-2026. Director Stewart seconded. The motion carried.

The following resolutions were discussed at the July 8, 2026, Finance and Administration Committee Meeting:

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Contract Awards/Renewals

- Resolution (R-073-2026) Authorization of Renewal No. 1 for Contract 2025-SWB-16 Furnishing Sodium Hypochlorite to the Algiers and Carrollton Water Plants between The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and PVS DX Inc.

Contract Change Order by Ratification

- Resolution (R-077-2026) Ratification of Change Order No. 7 for Contract 30235-Carrollton Basin No. 5 Sewer Rehabilitation between The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and BLD Services, LLC.
- Resolution (R-079-2026) Ratification of Change Order No. 8 for Contract 30255-Carrollton Basin No. 14 Sewer Rehabilitation between The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Fleming Construction Company, LLC.
- Resolution (R-080-2026) Ratification of Change Order No. 2 for Contract 30259-Carrollton Basin No. 18 Sewer Rehabilitation between The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Hard Rock Construction, LLC.
- Resolution (R-082-2026) Ratification of Change Order No. 2 for Contract 2162- Water Main Point Repair, Water Service Connection, Water Valve and Fire Hydrant Replacement at Various Sites throughout Orleans Parish between The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Boh Bros. Construction Co., LLC.

Miscellaneous

- Resolution (R-075-2026) Transfer of the Monticello Levee by Orleans Levee District and East Jefferson Levee District and Quitclaim of any Right, Title, or Interest Therein to the City of New Orleans for the Use and Benefit of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans.

Final Acceptance

- Resolution (R-072-2026) Authorization of Reconciliation and Final Acceptance for Contract 2162-Water Main Point Repair, Water Service Connection, Water Valve and Fire Hydrant Replacement at Various Sites throughout Orleans Parish between The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Boh Bros. Construction Co., LLC.
- Resolution (R-078-2026) Authorization of Final Acceptance for Contract 30235-Carrollton Basin No. 5 Sewer Rehabilitation between The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and BLD

Services, LLC.

- Resolution (R-081-2026) Authorization of Final Acceptance for Contract 30259-Carrollton Basin No. 18 Sewer Rehabilitation between The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Hard Rock Construction, LLC.

➢ **Director Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the 9 Corresponding Resolutions in globo. Director Stewart moved to accept Corresponding Resolutions as proposed. Director Cole seconded. The motion carried.**

ACTION ITEM

- **Executive Leadership Emergency Succession Plan**

➢ Director Kennedy asked for a motion to approve Executive Leadership Emergency Succession Plan. Director Thomas moved for approval. Director Scrubbs seconded the motion. The motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEM

- **Governance Modernization/Board Policies and Committee Charters**

➢ The Board discussed its governance modernization work stream, which is focused on enhancing the functionality of committees. Directors Stewart and Scrubbs developed and shared draft charters for the governance, finance and administration, operations, and strategic planning committees. Directors reviewed a matrix that outlines each committee's oversight responsibilities and were invited to provide comments or feedback. The goal is to establish a record that will assist new directors in comprehending their oversight responsibilities.

There were substantial discussions regarding the adoption of charters. Committee members expressed a desire for additional time to review and discuss these matters and asked for action on these policies to be deferred to a future Board meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

➢ Director Kennedy raised a motion to enter executive session. Director Cole moved. Director Peychaud seconded.

- Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(A)(2), the Board of Directors of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans will meet in Executive Session to discuss: In the matter of War Admiral, L.L.C., As Owner, and Turn Services, L.L.C., As Operator, of the M/V

Assault, Petitioning for Exoneration From or Limitation of Liability, No. 26-cv-900, U.S. EDLA.

- Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(A)(2), the Board of Directors of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans will meet in Executive Session to discuss: In RE: Glenn Williams,24-00052, OWC district 8
- Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(A)(2), theBoard of Directors of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans will meet in Executive Session to discuss: French Market Restaurant and Bar, LLC Et Al, v. SWBNO, CDC, 2026-5657 Div. C.

- Director Kennedy raised a motion to exit executive session. Director Thomas moved. Director Greenidge seconded.

- **Director Kennedy asked for a motion to approve special counsel recommendation in regard to Glenn Williams,24-00052, OWC district 8. Director Greenidge moved. Director Thomas seconded. The motion carried.**

INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items submitted for informational purposes only:

A. Report – CFO (May 2026)
B. Report – GSO (June 2026)
C. Report- Safety (June 2026)
D. Report – HR (June 2026)
E. Report – FEMA (June 2026)
F. Report – EDBP (June 2026)
G. Report - Procurement (January 2026 – June 2026)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, Director Kennedy made a motion to adjourn. Director Antrup moved to adjourn. Director Thomas seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:32 a.m.