

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

June 25, 2025

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, June 25, 2025, at 9:05 a.m. in the Executive Boardroom. Special Counsel, Ms. Yolanda Grinstead called the roll and confirmed the following members were present: Director Joseph Peychaud, Director Robin Barnes, Director Janet Howard, Director Chadrick Kennedy, Director Tyler Antrup, Director Maurice Sholas, Director Tamika Duplessis.

The following member(s) were absent: Hon, Mayor LaToya Cantrell, Hon. Freddie King III, Director H. Cole Davis

Staff present were Ron Spooner, Interim Executive Director; Jamie Parker, Interim Chief of Staff; Grey Lewis, Chief Financial Officer; Yolanda Grinstead, Special Counsel; Ceara Labat, Interim Chief of Communications; Brionne Lindsey, Board Relations; Giselle Smothers, Board Relations, Kaitlin Tymrak, Deputy GSO.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Director Duplessis presented a motion to accept the minutes of the May 21, 2025, Board Meeting as amended. Director Peychaud moved for approval of the minutes. Director Barnes seconded. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GOVERNANCE Committee

Director Chadrick Kennedy did not report on the summary and actions taken by the Governance Committee. The Governance Committee Report for the month of June was recommended for deferral.

- **Director Duplessis asked for a motion to defer the Governance report. Director Sholas moved to defer the Governance minutes as proposed. Director Peychaud seconded. The motion carried.**

PENSION Committee

Director Maurice Sholas reported on the summary and actions taken by the Pension Committee. The Pension Report for the month of June was presented and recommended for approval.

- **Director Duplessis asked for a motion to adopt the Pension report. Director Barnes moved to adopt the Pension minutes as proposed. Director Howard seconded. The motion carried.**

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION Committee

Director Janet Howard did not report on the summary and actions taken by the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee Report for the month of June was recommended for deferral.

- **Director Duplessis asked for a motion to defer the Finance report. Director Antrup moved to defer the Finance minutes as proposed. Director Sholas seconded. The motion carried.**

OPERATIONS Committee

Director Janet Howard reported on the summary and actions taken by the Operations Committee. The Operations Report for the month of June was presented and recommended for approval.

- **Director Duplessis asked for a motion to adopt the Operations report. Director Antrup moved to adopt the Operations minutes as proposed. Director Barnes seconded. The motion carried.**

STRATEGY Committee

Director robin Barnes reported on the summary and actions taken by the Strategy Committee. The Strategy Report for the month of June was presented and recommended for approval.

- **Director Duplessis asked for a motion to adopt the Strategy report. Director Howard moved to adopt the Strategy minutes as proposed. Director Sholas seconded. The motion carried.**

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Ron Spooner, P.E., Interim Executive Director presented a slide presentation that focused on the following topics:

POWER COMPLEX

- The Power Complex will transition from FFC to the grid this month
- The Legislative session approved additional funding
- DOE grant is currently in review status

Power Complex

- ❖ SFC 1 – Mid July Reliability Test
 - Load Testing
 - 30-day operational test period
 - SWBNO personnel operation with contractor supervision to turnover
 - T4 will be decommissioned by Dec 2025
- ❖ SFC 2 and 3 – August/September
- ❖ CTG 7 – September
- ❖ Additional Funding
 - Formal application submitted for \$34M DOE grant
 - \$8M in Capital Outlay secured in 2025 legislative session



INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE FUND STATUS

- The Department of Public Works will soon be integrated with the Sewerage and Water Board



Infrastructure Maintenance Fund Status

- Total Revenues inception to date: **\$82,481,451** (through March)
- Total Expenditures inception to date: **\$52,884,940**
- Allocated to IMF Projects (awarded or designed contracts): **\$73.9M**

Recent expenditures:

- Smart Metering Installation - **\$16.7m FY25 Q1 & Q2**
- Power Complex - **\$1.9M in Q2**

Month	IMF Revenue – 75% and 25% (Minor Drainage)
Jan 2025	\$1.8M / \$626K
Feb 2025	\$402K / \$134K
March 2025	\$2.7M / \$914K
April 2025	\$3.0M / \$1M

ONLINE ACCOUNT CUSTOMER ENGAGEMENT

- 79.5k+ Registered Online Accounts
- 65k unique profiles. 66% of AMI accounts/55% total accounts. 97% of pre-transition count of 81k.
- 2,800+ Logins per day (avg). | 35k+ Bill Views per month. (1,200/day)
- 7k+ Alert Notifications sent per month.
Includes Leak Alerts, Usage Alerts, and Bill Forecasts via email and text (based on customer opt-in preference).
- 9,000+ **Leak Alerts** sent per month (3,334k unique accounts).
- 23k+ **Auto Pay** (82% of pre-transition of 27,955, 16% total accounts).
- 51.4k+ **Paperless** (In-line with pre-transition of 51,417, 35% total accounts).

PARTNERSHIP WITH ISeeChange



Partnership with ISeeChange

- Changing the way customers report drainage issues with ISeeChange, an AI-powered data platform.
- Encourages reporting drainage and flooding issues in real-time and has a communication component to directly respond to customers.
- Launched on May 20



<https://www.swbno.org/Stormwater/FloodTracker>

STORMWATER FEE UPDATE

- Shared a status update on stormwater fee development with the Strategy Committee on June 18
- Increased public interest following the presentation, responding to inquiries and informational requests.
- Looking forward to permanent executive director joining in late July, bringing knowledge and expertise in this area.
- Continuing to develop and refine fee structure through Q3 2024, which will include hearing from SWBNO Board, City and State officials, business groups, and green infrastructure and other community organizations
- Finalize fee structure and bring final recommendation to approving authorities (SWBNO Board of Directors; Board of Liquidation, City Debt; and City Council)
- Begin an extensive public outreach, engagement, and education effort for ballot initiative

CORRESPONDING RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were discussed at the June 18, 2025, Finance and Administration Meeting:

Corresponding Resolutions:

- Resolution (R-091-2025) Authorizing Application to the Louisiana Department of Health
- Resolution (R-094-2025) Authorization for Amendment #1 of The Professional Services Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Application Software Technology, LLC

- Resolution (R-100-2025) Authorization of Amendment No. 2 for Professional Services for an Update to Drainage System Funding and Feasibility Analysis between Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc.

General Superintendent Recommendations

Contract Awards/Renewal

- Resolution (R-073-2025) Renewal of Contract 8164 for Skilled and Unskilled Labor for Maintenance between The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and JEI Solutions, Inc.
- Resolution (R-074-2025) Award of Contract 2025-SWB-16 Furnishing Liquid Sodium Hypochlorite to the Algiers and Carrollton Water Plants between The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and DPC Enterprises, L.P.
- Resolution (R-081-2025) Award of Contract 30267 for Restoration of Gravity Flow Sanitary Sewers by Excavation and Replacement from Manhole to Manhole, CIPP Lining from Manhole to Manhole, CIPP Lining of Service Laterals and Point Repairs at Various Sites Throughout the City of New Orleans between The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Wallace C. Drennan.
- Resolution (R-087-2025) Award of Contract No. 2025-SWB-25 – Furnishing Fire Hydrants Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Cismco, Inc.

Contract Amendments

- Resolution (R-084-2025) Authorization of Amendment No. 8 for Professional Services for Sewer System Evaluation and Rehabilitation Program Management (SSERP) between Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Stantec Consulting Services Inc.
- Resolution (R-089-2025) Authorization of Amendment No. 6 for Capital Projects Management Services for Wastewater Treatment Plant Projects between Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Veolia Water North America, LLC.

Contract Change Order by Ratification

- Resolution (R-082-2025) Ratification of Change Order No. 2 for Contract 30249 – Carrollton Basin No. 8 Sewer Rehabilitation between The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Impetus Infrastructure, LLC.
- Resolution (R-085-2025) Ratification of Change Order No. 2 for Contract 30258 – Carrollton Basin Sewer No. 17 Rehabilitation between The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Wallace C. Drennan.

- Resolution (R-086-2025) Ratification of Change Order No. 3 for Contract 30260 – Carrollton Basin No.19 Sewer Rehabilitation between The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Hard Rock Construction, LLC.
- Resolution (R-088-2025) Ratification of Change Order No. 8 for Contract No. 1376 – Water Hammer Mitigation Program, High Lift Pump Room and Panola Pump Station between The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and MR Pittman Group, LLC.

Miscellaneous

- Resolution (R-069-2025) Authorization of a Grant Agreement with the University of New Orleans Research and Technology Foundation for Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program Grant Funding and a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Song CDC.

Final Acceptance

- Resolution (R-083-2025) Authorization of Final Acceptance of Contract 30249 – Carrollton Basin No. 8 Sewer Rehabilitation between The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Impetus Infrastructure, LLC.

Director Duplessis asked for a motion to approve Corresponding Resolutions in Globo. Director Barnes moved to accept Corresponding Resolutions as proposed. Director Peychaud seconded. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Director Duplessis presented a motion to enter executive session. Director Sholas moved. Director Antrup seconded. The motion carried.**
- A. 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: LuAnn Ellis White v. Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, Civil District Court, Parish of Orleans, Case No.: 2018-05235, Division D.
- **Director Duplessis presented a motion to exit the executive session. Director Sholas moved. Director Antrup seconded. The motion carried.**

INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were submitted for informational purposes only:

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| A. CFO | April 2025 Report |
| B. GSO | May 2025 Report |
| C. Safety | May 2025 Report |
| D. HR | May 2025 Report |
| E. FEMA | May 2025 Report |
| F. EDBP | May 2025 Report |

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Dr. Beverly Wright of DSCES – voiced concerns regarding the Lead Service Line replacement.
2. Iam C. Tucker of CIP & ILSZ – presented concerns on Contract Awards / Protest Lead service line contract award.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, Director Barnes moved to adjourn. Director Cole seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:02 a.m.