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January 14, 2026

The Finance and Administration Committee met on Wednesday, January 14, 2025, in the Executive Boardroom. The meeting convened at approximately 9:00 a.m.

Present:

Director Chadrick Kennedy
Director Joseph Peychaud
Director Janet Howard
Director Courtney Scrubbs
Director Ariane Greenidge

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Grey Lewis, Chief Financial Officer, presented the November 2025 financial results and liquidity position. He reported that the November month-to-date water and sewer revenues (\$20.3m) are below budget, stemming from the last week of November. The YTD operating revenues for water and sewer are flat, with a one-time settlement driving a 6% favorable variance. Drainage tax revenues of \$69.9m are below budget for November YTD with the remaining late collections expected to come over several months, based on historical tax collection rates.

Operating Expenses were \$30m, up from last month of \$28.1m. Expenses continued to be less than budgeted overall for the year-to-date. The team is now focused on preparing for December year-end and annual audits. Also, we are working on a system conversion that is expected go-live in February. There was a discussion about including additional new financial management statistics on billed revenue as recurring point to track trends.

Billing & Collections

Mr. Lewis reported that 98% of bills issued in November included meter reading of customer consumption, leaving 2,611 bills without a reading. Primarily, this was due to temporary access or equipment issues. There was discussion on including a future closeout summary on the completion of smart metering and various financial impacts. The team will be advised and will report back to the committee.

Customer Service & Service Disconnections

Collections for December were \$22.8m, which is above historical averages for the month. The CFO reported the November uncollected ratio was up relative to a year ago at 6%, while the same period last year was 2%. The increase is attributed to fluctuation in consumer payment behavior.

Board of Directors: Hon. Helena Moreno, President, Chadrick Kennedy, President Pro Tempore, Hon. Freddie King III, Tyler Antrup Courtney B. Scrubbs, Esq, H. Davis Cole, PE, Janet Howard, Joseph Peychaud, Ariane Greenidge, Kimberly A. Thomas, JD,



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Service disconnections due to nonpayment were up in November and December after being lower in each of the earlier months since mid-year. Collections activities and service interruptions, as a last resort will continue as a focus area to address past due customers who have not agreed to an interest free payment plan.

Promise Pay

Enrollment in plans was 66% of past due customers, up 2% from last month. There was a discussion about a Promise Pay report and financial impacts seen with the 2-year anniversary. Committee members will receive a report from Chief of Customer Service and CFO at a future meeting.

Billing Disputes

Mr. Lewis also reported on HGI customer credits awarded through the City Council's bill dispute resolution firm. There was \$873k credits for the months of October and November. Customer Service is continuing to work with HGI daily to proactively address billing concerns.

Cash on Hand

Mr. Lewis reported days cash on hand for Water and Sewer which were 116 and 157, respectively. Both systems remain above the required level of at least 90 days cash on hand at year end.

City Receivables

Mr. Lewis reported on grant funding of \$3.6m received from FEMA projects during the month of November. FEMA extensions to July 1, 2026, were received on the last day of 2025 for the JIRR program and management is following up with related Katrina project worksheets to also extend those to July 1 to allow completion of work and full reimbursement of eligible costs.

An update to earlier reports on joint infrastructure receivables was provided. As of November 30th, management reported a total of \$72.8m in DPW joint receivables, which the majority relates to the JIRR program. The Utility made payments of \$16.2m in Q4 to DPW. Management indicated it will work with the new administration on a reimbursement CEA to accompany existing CEAs and provide further clarity for items which represent appropriate offsets to joint costs of the infrastructure projects.

Minor Drainage Funding

Mr. Lewis reported that on Minor Drainage Revenues received from the City through November totaled \$8.6m, less than the anticipated \$18.9m from earlier estimates for one year of drainage consolidation. The Utility will be working with the new administration on securing additional revenues needed for Year 2.



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ACTION ITEMS

- Resolution (R-027-2026) Final Authorization – Sixth Supplemental Water Revenue Bond Resolution - \$66,000,000 Series 2026A - Louisiana Department of Health – Lead reduction program
 - o **Director Howard moved to approve R-027-2026. Director Psychaud seconded. The motion carried.**

- Resolution (R-001-2026) Authorization for Award of Contract for Professional Services between Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and 1898 & Co. for Enterprise Asset Management Software and Services
 - o **Director Greenidge moved to approve R-001-2026. Director Psychaud seconded. The motion carried.**

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

CONTRACT AWARD/RENEWAL

- Resolution (R-006-2026) Contract 8171 Renewal No. 1 – Repaving Open Cuts in Streets, Driveways, and Sidewalks Resulting from Underground Utility Repairs between The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Fleming Construction Co., LLC.
 - o **Director Howard moved to accept Contract Award/Renewal. Director Greenidge seconded. The motion carried.**

CONTRACT AMENDMENTS

- Resolution (R-002-2026) Authorization of Amendment No. 7 to the Agreement between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and N-Y Associates, Inc. for Design and Engineering Services for the Water Line Replacement Program.



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- Resolution (R-003-2026) Authorization of Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Wesco International for West Power Complex Electrical and Control Cable.
- Resolution (R-004-2026) Authorization of Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Jacobs Engineering Group, for Design and Construction Administration Services for a New Turbine-Generator at the Carrollton Water Treatment Plant.
- Resolution (R-005-2026) Authorization of Amendment No. 6 to Agreement between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Stanley Consultants, Inc. for Design and Engineering Services for the Bulk Storage and Chemical Feed Facility Project.
 - o **Director Scrubbs moved to accept Contract Amendments. Director Greenidge seconded. The motion carried.**

INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Report – CFO (November 2025)
- B. Report – FEMA (December 2025)
- C. Report – EDBP (December 2025)

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Finance and Administration Committee, Director Kennedy made a motion to adjourn. Director Scrubbs moved. Director Peychaud seconded. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:32 a.m.