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March 11, 2026

The Governance Committee met on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, in the Carrollton Plant Auditorium. The meeting convened at approximately 10:40 a.m.

Members Present:

Director Courtney Scrubbs – Chair
Director H. Davis Cole – Vice Chair
Director Chadrick Kennedy
Director Janet Howard
Director Kimberly Thomas

Non-members Present:

Director Ariane Greenidge

PRESENTATION ITEM:

A. 2026 Legislative Session – Jamie Parker, Chief of Staff, SWBNO

Ms. Parker provided an update on the Legislative Session, which began on March 9, 2026. The utility was able to secure bill sponsors to address several key issues.

<u>Bill</u>	<u>Requested Change</u>
House Bill 441	Repeals language that requires SWBNO employees to transition to State Civil Service
Senate Bill 228 & Senate Bill 268	Enables SWBNO to use public funding allocated for the lead service line project to replace lines located on private property.
House Bill 893	Amends statutes to streamline and clarify SWBNO procurement procedures.

Stephen Nelson, Deputy CAO of Infrastructure for the City of New Orleans, and Andrew Tuozzolo, Special Counsel for Mayor Moreno, attended to provide insight on House Bill 573, which proposes to give the New Orleans City Council more authority over the utility in various areas.



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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- **Director Thomas presented a motion to enter Executive Session. Director Cole seconded the motion.**

- A. *Pursuant to R.S. 42:19, 42:17 (A)(2) and 42:17(A)(11), the Governance Committee of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans will discuss the 2026 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, including House Bill No. 441, House Bill No. 573, House Bill No. 893, Senate Bill No. 228, and Senate Bill No. 268.*

- B. *Pursuant to R.S. 42:19, 42:17 (A)(1), the Governance Committee of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans will discuss the appointment of the Special Counsel of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans.*

- C. *Pursuant to R.S. 42:19, 42:17 (A)(1), the Governance Committee of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans will discuss the appointment of the General Superintendent of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans.*

- **Director Thomas moved to exit Executive Session. Director Howard seconded the motion.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Governance Committee, Director Scrubbs made a motion to adjourn. Director Thomas moved. Director Howard seconded. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:05 p.m.