



DATE: 03/11/2026

TIME: 10:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Carrollton Plant Auditorium Rm E202

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Courtney Scrubbs, Esq. Chair | H. Davis Cole, Vice Chair | Janet Howard | Chadrick Kennedy | Kimberly A. Thomas, JD |

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

PUBLIC MEETING

All meetings are open to the public, and we encourage your attendance.
Those interested can join in person or virtually.

Join In-Person: Carrollton Plant Auditorium Rm E202
8800 S. Claiborne Ave. New Orleans, LA 70118

Join Virtually: <https://www.swbno.org/BoardMeetings>

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All e-public comments must be received at least 2 hours prior to the meeting. Comments
will be read verbatim into the record.

I. Roll Call

II. Presentation Item

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

III. Executive Session

- 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.



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IV. Public Comment

V. Adjournment

Governance Committee

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SWBNO Legislative Agenda



Requested Change	Legal Source	Legislation
Repeal language that requires SWBNO employees to transition to State Civil Service.	Section 2 of Act 384; 2024 Regular Session	House Bill 441
Enable SWBNO to use public funding allocated for the lead service line project to replace lines located on private property.	LA Constitution, Section 7, Article 14(B); La. R.S. 33:4081.1	Senate Bill 228 Senate Bill 268
Request the development and implementation of a formal process, based on best practices, for the City Council to evaluate water and sewer rate proposals.	La. R.S. 33:4121; La. R.S. 33:4096	None.
Amend deadline to submit annual financial report to the City Council to align with other public reporting deadlines and allow SWBNO to post the report on the utility’s website.	La. R.S. 33:4091(A)	None.
Amend statutes to streamline and clarify SWBNO procurement procedures.	La. R.S. 33:4084(C); La. R.S. 33:4084(D)	House Bill 893



Other Identified Bills

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Provide the New Orleans City Council with authority to adopt ordinances relative to SWBNO's board composition, powers and duties, billing policies, and rates.	La. R.S. 33:4073, et seq.	House Bill 573
Allow the Public Service Commission to regulate all common carriers and public utilities in New Orleans, notwithstanding the New Orleans home rule charter.	LA Constitution, Article IV, Section 21(C)	House Bill 744