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June 17, 2025

The Governance Committee met on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, in the Executive Boardroom. The meeting convened at approximately 9:01 a.m.

Present

Director Chadrick Kennedy, Chair
Director Janet Howard
Director Robin Barnes

Members Absent

Director H. Davis Cole

Presentation Item

Jamie Parker, Interim Chief of Staff, provided a Final Overview on the 2025 Regular Legislative session. Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans (SWBNO) priority this year was securing capital outlay funding to support Power Complex projects. Ms. Parker announced SWBNO secured \$8 million in capital outlay, with \$3 million from Priority 1 and a \$5 million cash allocation.

Ms. Parker addressed several bills that were specific to SWBNO. None progressed beyond the committee phase, resulting in no changes for the utility.

Ms. Parker also addressed other utility-related legislations that does not pertain specifically to SWBNO but could assist the utility in collections for nonpayment of utility bills and deterring theft of utility property. Notably, Senate Bill 99 passed and removed SWBNO's ability to use traffic camera revenue for stormwater purposes. However, Senate Bill 220, which also passed, reinstated this provision. Staff noted they will continue to monitor this revenue stream as it is an important component of funding for the minor drainage system.

- The governance committee engaged in robust discussion on various topics, including managing bills, collaborating with the utility's lobbyist and ways to improve processes and procedures.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Director Kennedy presented a motion to enter executive session. Director Barnes moved. Director Howard seconded. The motion carried.**



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Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:19, 42:17(A)(2) and 42:17(A)(10), the Governance Committee of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans will meet in executive session to discuss its strategic approach to develop a process to evaluate the character, professional competence, and fitness of its Special Counsel and General Superintendent.

- **Director Kennedy presented a motion to exit the executive session. Director Howard moved. Director Barnes seconded. The motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Governance Committee, Director Barnes moved to adjourn. Director Howard seconded. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:29 a.m.