

DATE: 06/17/2025

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Executive Boardroom

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Chadrick Kennedy, Chair | H. Davis Cole | Robin Barnes | Janet Howard



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: Executive Board Room, Second Floor
625 St. Joseph St., New Orleans, LA 70165

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

E-Public comments will be accepted via <https://www.swbno.org/BoardMeetings>.
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. Overview of 2025 Legislative Session – Jamie Parker, Interim Chief of Staff

III. Executive Session

- A. 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.

IV. Public Comment

V. Adjournment

Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans

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Capital Outlay

House Bill 2

- \$8M total in capital outlay for the Power Complex
 - \$3M moved from Priority 5 to Priority 1
 - \$5M in cash reallocated to SWBNO
- **FINAL UPDATE:** Enrolled to become law (6/12/25)





SWBNO Bills

House Bill 190 (Civil Service | Rep. Hilferty)

- Repeals Act 384 of the 2024 Regular Session providing 1-year outline of transition from City Civil Service to State Civil Service (clean-up bill)
- Did not move out of House Municipal and Parochial Affairs
- **FINAL UPDATE:** Does not advance to become law

House Bill 609 (Stormwater Fee | Rep. Landry)

- Requires SWBNO to assess a stormwater fee and gives Public Service Commission authority to regulate fee
- Deferred by House Municipal and Parochial Affairs
- **FINAL UPDATE:** Does not advance to become law

House Bill 611 (Governance | Rep. Hilferty)

- Authorizes the Board to elect a president and employ legal counsel
- Deferred by House Municipal and Parochial Affairs
- **FINAL UPDATE:** Does not advance to become law



SWBNO Bills

House Bill 612 (Employment Lists | Rep. Hilferty)

- Requires SWBNO to establish and maintain employment lists containing names of persons eligible for appointment to various positions to be filled by the board
- Did not move out of House Municipal and Parochial Affairs
- **FINAL UPDATE:** Does not advance to become law

Senate Bill 242 (Regulatory Authority | Sen. Owen)

- Gives the Public Service Commission authority to set water and sewer rates
- Deferred by Senate Local Affairs Committee
- **FINAL UPDATE:** Does not advance to become law



Other Utility-Related Bills

House Bill 6 (Nonpayment of Utility Bills | Rep. Jackson)

- Creates the crime of misappropriation of funds to address issues arising under rental agreements when landlords receive payment from tenants for utility services but fail to make the payment
- **FINAL UPDATE:** Enrolled to become law; Sent to the Governor (6/10/25)

Senate Bill 2 (Water Fluoridation | Sen. Fesi)

- Prohibits fluoridation of any public water system unless approved by voters
- Passed by House but deferred by Senate Health and Welfare Committee
- **FINAL UPDATE:** Does not advance to become law

Senate Bill 22 (Theft of Critical Infrastructure | Sen. Hodges)

- Creates the crime of theft of critical infrastructure
- **FINAL UPDATE:** Becomes Act 26; Effective 8/1/25



Other Utility-Related Bills

Senate Bill 63 (Lien for Nonpayment of Utility Bills | Sen. Jenkins)

- Creates a municipal privilege (lien) to collect against owners of multi-family residential properties for unpaid sewer and water bills
- **FINAL UPDATE:** Becomes Act 99; Effective 8/1/25

Senate Bill 99 (Traffic Camera Revenue | Sen. Cathey)

- Removes carve-out for Orleans Parish that allows revenue generated by traffic enforcement devices outside of school zones to be used for stormwater drainage infrastructure, maintenance, and improvements
- **FINAL UPDATE:** Becomes Act 107; Effective 8/1/25

Senate Bill 220 (Traffic Camera Revenue | Sen. Cathey)

- Reinstates carve-out for Orleans Parish that allows revenue generated by traffic enforcement devices outside of school zones to be used for stormwater drainage infrastructure, maintenance, and improvements
- **FINAL UPDATE:** Enrolled to become law (6/13/25)

Questions?

