

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

April 16, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS

ROLL CALL

The Board of Directors for the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans (SWBNO) met on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Executive Boardroom. Special Counsel, Ms. Yolanda Grinstead called the roll and confirmed the following members were present: Pro-Tem Director Lynes Sloss, Director Joseph Peychaud, Director Robin Barnes, Director Janet Howard, Director Chadrick Kennedy, Director Tyler Antrup, Director Maurice Sholas, Director Tamika Duplessis.

The following member(s) were absent: Hon. Mayor LaToya Cantrell, Hon. Freddie King III, Director H. Daivs Cole

Staff present were: Jamie Parker, Interim Chief of Staff; Grey Lewis, Chief Financial Officer; Stephen Nelson, General Superintendent; Yolanda Grinstead, Special Counsel; Darryl Harrison, Special Counsel; Mary Arceneaux; Special Counsel, Ceara Labat, Interim Chief of Communications; Brionne Lindsey, Board Relations; Giselle Smothers, Board Relations, Dave Callegan, Susanna Kirby, Kaitlin Tymrak, Deputy GSO, Kimberly Batiste, Human Resources, Miera Moore, Human Resources, Dave Callahan, Chief Administrative Officer.

Before the meeting commenced, Pro-Tem Director Lynes Sloss delivered introductory remarks emphasizing the accomplishments and significant milestones achieved by Executive Director Mr. Ghassan Korban during his tenure at the Sewerage and Water Board. Mr. Korban is set to retire from the utility on May 2, 2025.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Pro-Tem Sloss presented a motion to accept the minutes of the March 19, 2025, Board Meeting as amended. Director Sholas moved for approval of the minutes. Director Peychaud seconded. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Governance

Director Chadrick Kennedy reported on the summary and actions taken by the Governance Committee. The Finance Report for the month of March was presented and recommended for approval.

- **Pro-Tem Sloss asked for a motion to adopt the Finance report. Director Anthrup moved to adopt Finance minutes as proposed. Director Howard seconded. The motion carried.**

Finance & Administration Committee Report

Director Janet Howard reported on the summary and actions taken by the Finance and Administration Committee. The Finance Report for the month of March was presented and recommended for approval.

- **Pro-Tem Sloss asked for a motion to adopt the Finance report. Director Psychaud moved to adopt Finance minutes as proposed. Director Duplessis seconded. The motion carried.**

Ad Hoc Committee

Director Chadrick Kennedy reported on the summary and actions taken by the Ad Hoc Committee. The Ad Hoc Report for the month of March was presented and recommended for approval.

- **Pro-Tem Sloss asked for a motion to adopt the Ad Hoc Report. Director Antrup moved to adopt the Ad Hoc minutes as proposed. Director Sholas seconded. The motion carried.**

Special Ad Hoc Committee

Director Chadrick Kennedy reported on the summary and actions taken by the Ad Hoc Committee. The two final candidates for the Executive Director position were deliberated and announced. The Ad Hoc report for the month of March was presented and recommended for approval.

- **Pro-Tem Sloss asked for a motion to adopt the Ad Hoc Report. Director Psychaud moved to adopt the Ad Hoc minutes as proposed. Director Howard seconded. The motion carried.**

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director Ghassan Korban delivered his remarks filled with acknowledgements and recognitions. He expressed his gratitude to all the staff members of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans as well as the Board of Directors for their hard work and commitment to the utility. Mr. Korban stated that he has complete confidence in the leadership team and believes they will continue to support their staff. He reflected on the wealth of valuable experiences he gained during his time with the utility. Additionally, Mr. Korban acknowledged numerous individuals who have helped him advance the organization. Coins of appreciation were handed out as tokens of gratitude.

Honorable mentions:

Ms. Becca Johnsey

Ms. Ann Wilson

Mr. Korwin Washington

Mr. Chris Burgeron

Mr. Ben Poole

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CORRESPONDING RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were discussed at the April 9, 2025, Finance and Administration Meeting:

- Resolution (R-062-2025) Authorization of Execution of Restated Plan Document – Sewerage and Water Board Of New Orleans Deferred Compensation Plan

General Superintendent Recommendations

- Resolution (R-048-2025) Award of Contract 2025-SWB-15 Furnishing Liquid Ferric Sulfate between The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and USALCO.
- Resolution (R-049-2025) Award of Contract 2025-Swb-10 Drainage System Cleaning and Inspection Services between The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Compliance Enviro Systems, LLC.
- Resolution (R-027-2025) Change Order No. 2 for Contract 30246 – Restoration of Gravity Flow Sanitary Sewer Mains by Point Repair at Various Sites throughout Orleans Parish between the Sewerage and Water Board and Wallace C. Drennan, LLC.
- Resolution (R-043-2025) Ratification of Change Order No. 4 for Contract 2155 – TM003 – Transmission Main Replacement – S. Claiborne (Versailles – Upperline) - between Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and BLD Services, LLC.
- Resolution (R-044-2025) Authorization of Final Acceptance of Contract 2155 – Transmission Main Replacement – S. Claiborne (Versailles – Upperline) – TM003 between The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and BLD Services, LLC.

Deferred by the Board

- Resolution (R-042-2025) Authorization of Final Acceptance of Contract 1415 – West Power Complex Foundations and Underground Package between The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and M.R. Pittman Group, LLC.

Pro-Tem Sloss asked for a motion to approve Corresponding Resolutions in Globo. Director Barnes moved to accept Corresponding Resolutions as proposed. Director Howard seconded. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to R.S. 42:19, 42:17 (A)(2) and 42:17(A)(10), the Board of Directors of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans will meet in Executive Session to review the qualifications of candidates identified in the National Executive Director Search and related matters. The discussion may include

sensitive details of the Committee's bargaining position, the provision of legal services to the Committee, and matters subject to the Lawyer-Client privilege as provided in the La. Code of Evidence art. 506.

Pro-Tem Sloss presented a motion to enter executive session. Director Sholas moved. Director Anthrup seconded. The motion carried.

Pro-Tem Sloss presented a motion to exit the executive session. Director Duplessis moved. Director Sholas seconded. The motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were submitted for informational purposes only:

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| A. CFO | February 2025 Report |
| B. GSO | March 2025 Report |
| C. Legal | March 2025 Report |
| D. Safety | March 2025 Report |
| E. HR | March 2025 Report |
| F. FEMA | March 2025 Report |
| G. EDBP | March 2025 Report |

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, Director Howard moved to adjourn. Director Duplessis seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:33 a.m.