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May 05, 2025

The Ad Hoc Board of Directors met on Monday, May 05, 2025, in the Executive Boardroom. The meeting convened at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Present

Director Chadrick Kennedy, Chair
Director Janet Howard
Director Joseph Peychaud
Director Tyler Antrup
Director H. Davis Cole

Members Absent

Director Lynes R. Sloss

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Kennedy presented a motion to enter executive session. Director Anthrup moved. Director Cole seconded. The motion carried.

- The Ad Hoc committee of Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans met in executive session to discuss the character, professional competence, and fitness of Interim Executive Director appointee, M. Ron Spooner, P.E, pursuant to R.S.42:14 (A)(1).

Director Kennedy presented a motion to exit executive session. Director Anthrup moved. Director Howard seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION ITEM

Appointment of Interim Executive Director for the Sewerage and Water Board and related matters.

- Director Kennedy asked for a motion to set the salary at \$320,000.00 of Interim Executive Director Ron Spooner. Director Cole moved. Director Anthrup seconded. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

Director Antrup asked for personal privilege. Director Kennedy granted.

Director Antrup acknowledges he's thrilled that a well-qualified candidate was selected for the utility.

Board of Directors: Hon. LaToya Cantrell, President, Lynes R. Sloss, President Pro Tempore, Hon. Freddie King III, Robin Barnes, H. Davis Cole, Janet Howard, Chadrick Kennedy, Joseph Peychaud, Tamika Duplessis, Ph.D., Maurice Sholas, M.D., Ph.D., Tyler Antrup



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However, there was concern expressed regarding the lack of opportunity to participate in discussions prior to the vote. Looking ahead, Director Antrup expects to meet Mr. Hayman and is interested in understanding how he will demonstrate his value, particularly concerning his salary at the utility. Director Antrup continued with mentioning Mr. Hayman will become the third highest-paid public water utility executive in the country, in a city where nearly a quarter of residents live in poverty, which is the highest rate among the 50 largest metropolitan areas in the nation. Additionally, there are employees earning as much as \$35,000 per year. Director Antrup expressed he intends to prioritize the staff by addressing these disparities, ensuring that their contributions are valued equally to those of Mr. Hayman.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Ad Hoc Committee, Director Cole moved to adjourn. Director Peychaud seconded. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:23 a.m.