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Updated Information on S&WB Board of Directors

New Orleans -- The Sewerage and Water Board (S&WB) recently welcomed Lynes R "Poco" Sloss as the newest member of its Board of Directors. Sloss joins other recently appointed members Andrew Amacker, Eileen Gleason, and Lewis Stirling.

"These Board members are highly qualified in their respective fields and we could not be more excited to have them on the team," said S&WB Interim Executive Director Marcie Edwards. "I look forward to working with them to better serve our customers."

The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans' 11-member Board of Directors consists of the Mayor, two representatives of the Board of Liquidation, and eight citizen members, of which five represent council districts, one at-large representative, and two consumer advocates. With the resignation of outgoing Board member Marion Bracy, the Board has one vacancy.

Current Board Members

*Members of the Board: ANDREW AMACKER • ROBIN BARNES
• DR. TAMIKA DUPLESSIS • EILEEN GLEASON
RALPH W. JOHNSON • STACY HORN KOCH • MITCHELL J. LANDRIEU • JOSEPH PEYCHAUD • LEWIS STIRLING, III • LYNES R "POCO" SLOSS
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- **Andrew Amacker, PE**

Andrew Amacker is a Senior Chief Engineer at Star Engineering Services, Inc. and Engineering Manager of Star Engineering Services' Kenner, Louisiana office. He has over 15 years of project engineering and project management experience in designing and executing major capital projects with budgets between \$1 MM and \$100 MM primarily in the oil and gas industry. Andrew Amacker obtained his professional engineering license in Louisiana in 2013. In addition to his professional work, Andrew Amacker was deeply involved in the post-Katrina revitalization of the Freret neighborhood including development of the neighborhood's post-storm recovery plan, conducting one of the first post-storm resident surveys, and partnering to institute a successful rezoning initiative on the Freret Commercial Corridor. Andrew Amacker is a New Orleans native.

- **Robin Barnes**

Robin Barnes is the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Greater New Orleans, Inc., the regional economic development alliance serving the 10-parish region of Southeast Louisiana. There she oversaw administration of the Greater New Orleans Urban Water Plan, a resiliency study of St. Bernard Parish and the east banks of Orleans and Jefferson Parishes which provides a vision and implementation plan for addressing stormwater, groundwater, and subsidence. She was also served on President Barack Obama's Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force as Senior Policy Advisory for Small Business and Economic Recovery. She is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at New York University.

- **Tamika Duplessis, Ph.D.**

Dr. Tamika Duplessis is Lead Chemistry Instructor at Delgado Community College, where she has taught since 2009. She is also a Collaborator/ Contributing Scientist with Xavier University of Louisiana College of Pharmacy where she does research on breast cancer. She is a graduate of Xavier University with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry (cum laude) and received her Ph.D. in Molecular and Cellular Biology with concentration in Biochemical Mechanisms of Cancer Etiology from Tulane University.

- **Eileen Gleason, JD**

Eileen Gleason is a retired attorney. She was appointed to the United States Department of Justice in 1988 by then-U.S. Attorney John Volz and served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney under a total of eight successive U.S. Attorneys. Her criminal prosecution practice centered on white collar crimes, environmental crimes and political corruption. Her last position before retiring was as Executive Assistant United States Attorney, the second most senior management position in the U.S. Attorney's Office. She served eleven years with the Department of Justice in Washington, DC, with the Public Integrity Sections and Environmental Crimes Sections, during which time she conducted investigations and tried criminal cases throughout the United States. Ms. Gleason is a former United States Magistrate, taught civil procedure and trial practice at Loyola Law School, and was in private practice with two New Orleans law firms. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Tulane University and a Juris Doctor from Loyola Law School. Since retiring, she has been active in a number of community organizations.

- **Ralph Johnson**

Board of Liquidation, City Debt Syndicated Member

Ralph Johnson is the Vice Chancellor for Business and Administrative Affairs at Delgado Community College. He serves as the chief financial officer for all business and administrative affairs of the college. He provides leadership, direction, coordination and planning for the development of facilities, maintenance and physical plant, accounting, budgeting, purchasing, property control, campus police and all auxiliary operations. He has held similar CFO positions at universities in Virginia and Alabama. He has an undergraduate degree from Bradley University and a Masters of Business Administration from Tulane University.

- **Stacy Horn Koch MSW, LAC**

Consumer / Community Advocate

Stacy Horn Koch has over 25 years of professional experience as a community advocate in homeless, housing community development and mental health programs. From 2011 to 2013, Ms. Koch served as the Director of Neighborhood Services, Facilities and Homeless Policy for the City of New Orleans. She was responsible targeting, administering and monitoring HOPWA, ESG, S+C, HPRP, CDBG and HOME funds. She facilitated the working group that created the New Orleans Strategic Plan to End Homelessness and created and continues to Chair the New Orleans Interagency Council on Homelessness. Ms. Koch was among the first on the ground in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina to organize non-profit, business and philanthropic leaders to leverage federal funding. She founded and managed the Qatar Treme Renewal Project, securing \$2.5 million in funding to assess and rehabilitate homes in the Treme neighborhood. She also established the first community health and service center in New Orleans within 2 weeks of Katrina through collaboration with multiple community, public and education partners. Since 2014, Ms. Koch has provided on-site technical assistance to the City of Atlanta and currently serves as the Interim Director of the Mayor's Office of Human services where she is responsible for ESG, HOPWA, HOME and CDBG programs related to Homelessness and community projects.

- **Joseph Peychaud**

Consumer / Community Advocate

Joseph Peychaud is a lifelong resident of New Orleans with over forty-eight years of continuous service as a community advocate and activist, educator, facilitator, and public and private sector administrator. Since 2011, he has served as President of St. Katharine Drexel Preparatory School (formerly Xavier University Preparatory) where he has overseen all operational components of the school including budget, plant and facilities, development, public relations, staffing, capital projects, parental involvement, and community outreach. He is also President of the Climana Neighborhood Association. He is a graduate of Xavier University of Louisiana with a Bachelor of Arts in Education/ Liberal Arts and the University of New Orleans with a Masters in Urban Studies.

- **Lynes R "Poco" Sloss**

Board of Liquidation, City Debt Syndicated Member

Lynes Sloss is President and CEO of Bellwether Technology Corporation, an Information Technology consulting company which he cofounded in 1980. He graduated from the Georgia

Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management. He served on the New Orleans City Planning Commission for ten years, and was very involved in the Master Planning process. He served on the New Orleans Public Belt as President Pro-Tempore. He is a New Orleans native.

- **Lewis Stirling, III**

Lewis Stirling has been active in the real estate and development field for the past 40 years. He founded Stirling & Associates in 1981, a commercial brokerage and property management firm based in New Orleans. He has been involved with the acquisition, development and management of over 15 million square feet of property. Stirling currently serves on the Board of the French Market Corporation and is Chairman of its Real Estate Committee. He has also served as the Real Estate consultant to the Canal Street Development Corporation, a public benefit corporation owned by the City of New Orleans. Stirling graduated from Louisiana State University with a Bachelor of Science in Construction Management.

Background:

Citizen members are appointed by the mayor with the advice and consent of the city council from a list of nominees submitted by a Selection Committee comprised of representatives from the following organizations: Dillard University, Loyola University, Tulane University, Xavier University, Delgado Community College, University of New Orleans, Southern University at New Orleans, New Orleans Chamber of Commerce, New Orleans Regional Black Chamber of Commerce, and the Urban League of Greater New Orleans.

Citizen members are required to be registered voters in Orleans Parish, shall have been a domiciliary of Orleans Parish for two years previous to their appointment, shall have experience in either architecture, environmental quality, finance, accounting, business administration, engineering, law, public health, urban planning, facilities management, public administration, science, construction, business management, community or consumer advocacy, or other pertinent disciplines, and their appointment shall reflect the gender and racial diversity of our city. Two citizen members shall be consumer advocates with community advocacy or consumer protection experience or experience in a related field.

The term of office for members appointed to the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans is four years and a member shall serve no more than two consecutive terms of office.

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