

SEWERAGE & WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2020

9:00 AM

[JULY 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ATTENDEE LINK](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA EMAIL TO BOARDRELATIONS@SWBNO.ORG. ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO 9:30 AM ON July 22, 2020. COMMENTS WILL BE READ VERBATIM INTO THE RECORD.

This teleconference meeting is being held pursuant to Executive Proclamation No. 84 JBE 2020, Section 2 (C).

LaToya Cantrell, President • Tamika Duplessis, President Pro Tem • Jay H. Banks, Councilmember
Joseph Peychaud • Robin Barnes • Ralph Johnson • Alejandra Guzman • Lynes Sloss
• Maurice Sholas • Janet Howard

FINAL AGENDA

1. **ROLL CALL**

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES dated June 17, 2020**

3. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

4. **PRESENTATION ITEMS**

a. Civil Service Assessment Report – Kerry Mitchell and Maria Montegudo,
Kairos Consulting

5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

b. Strategy Committee – Director Barnes, Chair

c. Finance and Administration Committee – Director Sloss, Chair

6. **CORRESPONDING RESOLUTIONS**

General Superintendent Resolutions

d. **BIDS & RENEWALS**

- Resolution (R-080-2020) Second Renewal for Contract 30217 – Cleaning and CCTV Inspection of Sanitary Sewer Mains at Scattered Sites Within Orleans Parish

e. **CHANGE ORDERS**

- Resolution (R-083-2020) Authorization of Change Order No. 3 for Contract 2130 – Water Main Point Repairs, Water Service Connections, Water Valve and Fire Hydrant Replacements at Various Sites throughout Orleans Parish

f. CONTRACT AMENDMENTS

- Resolution (R-069-2020) Authorization of Contract Amendment No. 5 for Professional Services Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Meyer Engineers, Ltd. for Design and Engineering Services for the Water Line Replacement Program
- Resolution (R-081-2020) Ratification of Contract Amendment No. 4 for Professional Services Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Digital Engineering & Imaging, Inc. for Design and Engineering Services for the Water Line Replacement Program

g. FINAL ACCEPTANCES

- Resolution (R-078-2020) Final Acceptance for Contract 2129 – Water Main Point Repairs, Water Service Connections, Water Valve and Fire Hydrant Replacements at Various Sites throughout Orleans Parish

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments received until 30 minutes after the presentation of the Agenda will be read into the record.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

- h. Preliminary Financial Results through May 1-31, 2020
- i. Human Resources Report June 1-30, 2020
- j. General Superintendent's Report
- k. FEMA June Project Worksheet Status
- l. DBE Participation on Contracts
 - Bid Recommendations
 - Construction Review Committee – Goal Setting
 - Staff Contract Review Committee – Goal Setting
 - Final Acceptance of Construction Contracts with DBE Participation

9. ADJOURNMENT

**CERTIFICATION TO HOLD TELECONFERENCE
BOARD MEETING**

WHEREAS, there currently exists throughout the state of Louisiana and the city of New Orleans, a public health emergency due to the COVID-19 coronavirus, declared by official proclamations issued by both the Mayor of New Orleans (Proclamation 2020-02449) and the Governor of the State of Louisiana (Proclamation 25 JBE 2020); and

WHEREAS, this public health emergency requires most individuals to maintain personal distance from one another and forbids the gathering of more than ten (10) individuals in any one location, as declared on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the declarations by both the Mayor and the Governor, specifically the provisions regarding social distancing among individuals and groups no larger ten (10) persons, the Board of Directors of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans (Board) is unable to meet in compliance with the quorum requirements of state law and the bylaws of the Board; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2020, by Proclamation Number Governor John Bel Edwards authorized Additional Measures for COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, pursuant to Proclamation No. 84 JBE 2020, Section 2 (C); and

WHEREAS, Section 2 (C) of Proclamation No. 84 JBE 2020 requires, “all state agencies, boards and commissions, and local political subdivisions of the state to provide for attendance at essential governmental meetings via teleconference or video conference and such attendance shall be allowed during pendency of this emergency. All efforts shall be made to provide for observation and input by members of the public. Before any meeting conducted pursuant to this section, the state agency, board or commission or local political subdivision shall first provide a written certification that it will otherwise be unable to operate due to quorum requirements”;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Governor John Bel Edwards Emergency Proclamation Number 84 JBE 2020, Section 2 (C), I hereby certify that the Board of Directors’ of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans will meet by teleconference/video conference on July 22, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., to undertake the business of the SWBNO as described in the attached Agenda, that under the existing emergency conditions, the Board of Directors of the SWBNO will otherwise be unable to operate due to quorum requirements, and has taken all reasonable efforts to allow for observation and input by members of the public.

WITNESS BY MY HAND THIS 21st DAY OF JULY 2020.

GHASSAN KORBAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS