

# SEWERAGE & WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020

**9:00 AM**

[November 2020 Board of Directors' Attendee Link](#)

Call In #: [+1 504-224-8698](#) United States, New Orleans (Toll)  
Conference ID: 512 033 02#

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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

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### FINAL AGENDA

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1. **ROLL CALL**

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES dated October 21, 2020**

3. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Audit Committee – Director Guzman, Chair
- Finance and Administration Committee – Director Sloss, Chair
- Pension Committee – Director Peychaud, Chair

5. **CORRESPONDING RESOLUTIONS**

- Resolution (R-120-2020) West Bank Wastewater Treatment Plant Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit.
- Resolution (R-121-2020) East Bank Wastewater Treatment Plant Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit.
- Resolution (R-138-2020) Giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not exceeding Two Hundred Fifteen Million Dollars (\$215,000,000) of Sewerage Service Revenue Refunding Bonds of the City of New Orleans, Louisiana; making application to the State Bond Commission for approval of said bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.
- Resolution (R-139-2020) Giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not exceeding Two Hundred Million Dollars (\$200,000,000) of Water Revenue Refunding Bonds of the City of New Orleans, Louisiana; making application to the State Bond Commission for approval of said bonds; authorizing the reimbursement of expenditures from proceeds of any such bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

## **General Superintendent's Resolutions**

### **BIDS & RENEWALS**

- Resolution (R-119-2020) Ratification of Award of Emergency Contract 6266 – Turbine 5 Controls System Upgrade

### **CHANGE ORDERS**

- Resolution (R-122-2020) Ratification of Change Order No. 1 of Contract 1370A – 60Hz Transformers and Switchgear
- Resolution (R-127-2020) Ratification of Change Order 1 for Contract 30218 – Restoration of Gravity Flow Sanitary Sewer Mains by Point Repair at Various Sites throughout Orleans Parish
- Resolution (R-128-2020) Ratification of Change Order 2 for Contract 1404 – Algiers Water Purification Plant Improvements Projects
- Resolution (R-125-2020) Ratification of Change Order 1 of Contract EE20-0004– 2020 Installation of Feeder CFC2 From the Plant Frequency Changer Building to Carrollton Frequency Changer Building Associated with the Extreme Emergency Declaration of Turbine 5

### **CONTRACT AMENDMENTS**

- Resolution (R-124-2020) Authorization of Amendment No. 9 to the Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc. for Program Management and Design and Engineering Services for the Retrofit Power Plant Hazard Mitigation Grant Project
- Resolution (R-108-2020) Authorization of Amendment No. 5 to the Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Digital Engineering & Imaging, Inc., for Design and Engineering Services for the Waterline Replacement Program
- Resolution (R-109-2020) Authorization of Amendment No. 6 to the Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Linfield, Hunter, & Junius, Inc., for Design and Engineering Services for the Waterline Replacement Program
- Resolution (R-126-2020) Authorization of Amendment No. 6 to the Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Rahman, & Associates, Inc., for Design and Engineering Services for the Waterline Replacement Program
- Resolution (R-130-2020) Authorization of Amendment No. 7 to the Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and MWH Americas, Inc. (predecessor in interest to Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., for Design and Engineering Services for the Waterline Replacement Program

- **FINAL ACCEPTANCE**

- Resolution (R-129-2020) Final Acceptance of Contract EE20-0004 – 2020 Installation of Feeder CFC2 from the Plant Frequency Changer Building to Carrollton Frequency Changer Building Associated with the Extreme Emergency Declaration of Turbine 5

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

## **7. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- Preliminary Financial Results through September 1-30, 2020
- Human Resources Report October 1-31, 2020
- General Superintendent's Report
- Special Counsel's Report
- FEMA October Project Worksheet Status
- 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

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

*This teleconference meeting is being held pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of Proclamation Number JBE 2020-30, extended by Proclamation 159 JBE 2020, pursuant to Section 3 of Act 302 of 2020.*

**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 (Proclamations Nos. 25 JBE 2020, JBE 2020-30, 33 JBE 2020 and extended through the end of the COVID-19 pandemic by Emergency Proclamation 159 JBE 2020 signed by Governor John Bel Edwards November 5, 2020) ; and

**WHEREAS**, this public health emergency and best practice require most individuals to maintain personal distance from one another; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the public health emergency recognized by the declarations of both the Mayor and the Governor, and as contemplated specially by Section 4 of Proclamation No. JBE 2020-30 carried forward by subsequent proclamations and acknowledged by Section 3 of Act 302 of 2020, 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**, Section 4 of Proclamation No. JBE 2020-30 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**, I hereby certify that because of and pursuant to Executive Order and Emergency Proclamations Numbers 25 JBE 2020, JBE 2020-30 and 33 JBE 2020 signed by Governor John Bel Edwards, and extended by Emergency Proclamation 159 JBE 2020 signed by Governor John Bel Edwards November 5, 2020, the Board of Directors’ of the Sewerage and Water Board is unable to operate in accordance with the quorum requirement of La.R.S.42:19 (La. R.S. 42:17.1); and, furthermore, Louisiana Legislature's passage of Act 302 of 2020 provides for public meetings via telephone and video conference in the event of an emergency proclamation by the Governor, including those pursuant to Section 4 of JBE 2020-30; and, accordingly, the Board of Directors’ of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans will meet by teleconference/video conference on November 18, 2020 at 9:00 a.m, without a physical quorum present, to undertake the business of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans as described in the attached Agenda, that under the existing emergency conditions, the Board of Directors’ of the Sewerage and Water Board 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 17th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020.**

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GHASSAN KORBAN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS