

SEWERAGE & WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2020
9:00 AM

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Conference ID: 232 270 039#

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9:30 AM ON December 21, 2020. COMMENTS WILL BE READ VERBATIM INTO THE RECORD.

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 November 18, 2020**
3. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - Finance and Administration Committee – Director Sloss, Chair
5. **ACTION ITEMS**
 - Resolution (R-156-2020) 2021 Board/Committee Calendar
 - Resolution (R-157-2020) Resolution to Authorize Execution of Documents Related to The National Disaster Resilience Energy Reliability and Monitoring Project
 - Resolution (R-159-2020) Resolution to Adopt the Required CDBG-DR Program Policies and Procedures; Accept that Receipt of Program Funds be Administered in Accordance with OCD-DRU Grantee Administrative Manual; Appoint Various Coordinators/ Officers; Authorize Individuals to Execute the Requests for Payment; and, Authorize the Executive Director to Execute all Documents Related to the Turbine Replacement (T7) Project.

6. CORRESPONDING RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution (R-147-2020) 2021 Operating Budget and 2021 Capital Budget Blanket Appropriations, December 21, 2020
- Resolution (R-149-2020) 2021 Operating Budget
- Resolution (R-150-2020) Adoption of 2021 Capital Budget

General Superintendent's Report

• BIDS & RENEWALS

- Resolution (R-154-2020) Award of Contract 8165 – Repaving Open Cuts in Driveways and Sidewalks Resulting from the Repair to the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans Underground Utilities.

• CHANGE ORDERS

- Resolution (R-131-2020) Ratification of Change Order #1 for Contract 5224 – Hurricane Katrina Related Repairs to New Carrollton, Hospital, Marconi, Paris, and Press Drainage Underpass Pumping Station.

• CONTRACT AMENDMENTS

- Resolution (R-038-2020) Authorization of Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and N-Y Associates, Inc. for Design and Engineering Services for the Waterline Replacement Program.
- Resolution (R-115-2020) Authorization of Amendment No. 7 to the Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Meyer Engineers, Ltd. for Design and Engineering Services for the Waterline Replacement Program.
- Resolution (R-152-2020) Authorization of Amendment No. 5 to the Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Arcadis U.S., Inc. for Design and Engineering Services for the Waterline Replacement Program
- Resolution (R-146-2020) Authorization of Amendment No. 4 to the Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and HNTB Corporation for Design and Engineering Services for the Algiers Water Plant Purification Improvements
- Resolution (R-153-2020) Authorization of Amendment No. 4 to the Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Veolia Water North America, LLC for Capital Program Management Services

Chief Financial Officer's Report

- Resolution (R-158-2020) Authorization for Agreement for Consulting Services for Managing the Preparation, Selection and Implementation of an Advanced Metering Infrastructure Solution with Jacobs Engineering, Inc.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

- Preliminary Financial Results through October 1-31, 2020
- Human Resources Report November 1-30, 2020
- General Superintendent's Report
- Special Counsel's Report
- Safety Report November 1-30, 2020
- Executive Director's Approval of Contracts of \$1,000,000.00 or less
- FEMA November 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

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(A)(2), the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans Finance and Administration Committee will meet in Executive Session to discuss:

Stephen Baham v. SWBNO et al., CDC # 2016-7789

Quinton Franklin v. SWBNO, WC Claim # DB091420101103

Dwayne Brown v. SWBNO, WC Claim # QF0118178328, OWC # 20-01070

10. 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 174 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 174 JBE 2020 signed by Governor John Bel Edwards December 4, 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 174 JBE 2020 signed by Governor John Bel Edwards December 4, 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 December 21, 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 18th DAY OF DECEMBER 2020.

GHASSAN KORBAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS