

SEWERAGE & WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS

STRATEGY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020
10:45 AM

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CALL IN#:+1 504-224-8698 UNITED STATES, NEW ORLEANS (TOLL)
CONFERENCE ID: 531 070 299#

PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA EMAIL TO
BOARDRELATIONS@SWBNO.ORG. ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO
11:15 AM ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2020. COMMENTS WILL BE READ VERBATIM INTO THE
RECORD

Robin Barnes • Lynes Sloss
Maurice Sholas • Janet Howard • Tamika Duplessis

FINAL AGENDA

1. **ROLL CALL**
2. **PRESENTATION ITEMS**
 - a. Master Plan and Strategic Plan Process Update

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

4. **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 111 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 September 11, 2020, by Emergency Proclamation 111 JBE 2020 signed by Governor John Bel Edwards August 26, 2020) ; and

WHEREAS, this public health emergency and best practices 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 specifically 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 111 JBE 2020 signed by Governor John Bel Edwards August 26, 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 Strategy Committee of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans will meet by teleconference/video conference on September 9, 2020 at 10:45 am, 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 8th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2020.

GHASSAN KORBAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS