

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021

**9:00 AM**

[March 2021 Board of Directors' Link](#)  
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Phone Conference ID: 292 088 306#

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[BOARDRELATIONS@SWBNO.ORG](mailto:BOARDRELATIONS@SWBNO.ORG). ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO  
9:30 AM ON March 17, 2021. 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

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## FINAL AGENDA

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### 1. **ROLL CALL**

### 2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES dated February 24, 2021**

### 3. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### 4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Finance and Administration Committee – Director Sloss, Chair
- Operations Committee – Director Howard, Chair
- Governance Committee – Director Johnson, Chair

### 5. **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **CORRESPONDING RESOLUTIONS**

- Resolution (R-043-2021) Louisiana System Survey and Compliance Questionnaire

#### **GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S RESOLUTIONS**

##### • **BIDS & RENEWALS**

- Resolution (R-017-2021) Renewal of Contract MH 19004 – Purchase of Positive Displacement Type Cold Water Meters
- Resolution (R-028-2021) Award of Contract 2152 – Gert Town Waterline Replacement Program – Dupre Street, TM 004, FEMA PW 21031

##### • **CHANGE ORDERS/FINAL ACCEPTANCE**

- Resolution (R-027-2021) Ratification of Change Order No. 11 and Final Acceptance of Contract 1368 – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – Oak Street Pumping Station

- **CONTRACT AMENDMENTS**

- Resolution (R-026-2021) Authorization of Contract Amendment No. 5 to the Agreement with Black and Veatch Corporation for Design and Engineering Services for the EBWWTP Sludge Dryer Project
- Resolution (R-030-2021) Authorization of Amendment No. 7 to the Agreement 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
- Resolution (R-031-2021) Authorization of Contract Amendment No. 5 to the Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Trigon Associates, LLC for Engineering and Design Services for the Waterline Replacement Program

## **6. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Director Evaluation: Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(A)(1), the Board of Directors of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans will meet in Executive Session to discuss the character, professional competence, and fitness of its Executive Director.

## **7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

## **8. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- Preliminary Financial Results through January 1-31, 2021
- General Superintendent's Report
- Special Counsel's Report
- Customer Experience Improvement Project
- Networks Administration Operations Report
- FEMA February Project Worksheet Status
- Human Resources Report February 1-28, 2021
- Executive Director's Approval of Contracts of \$1,000,000.00 or less
- 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**

*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 30 JBE 2021, 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 30 JBE 2021 signed by Governor John Bel Edwards March 2, 2021); 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 30 JBE 2021 signed by Governor John Bel Edwards March 2, 2021, 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 March 17, 2021 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 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2021.**

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GHASSAN KORBAN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS