

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021

9:00 AM

[April 2021 Board of Directors' Link](#)

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Phone Conference ID: 455 611 283#

PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA EMAIL TO BOARDRELATIONS@SWBNO.ORG. ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO 9:30 AM ON April 21, 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

FINAL AGENDA

1. **ROLL CALL**

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES dated March 17, 2021**

3. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Finance and Administration Committee – Director Sloss, Chair
- Strategy Committee – Director Barnes, Chair

5. **ACTION ITEMS**

CORRESPONDING RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution (R-059-2021) Final Renewal of Contract for with Professional Security Corporation to Provide Armed Security Guards at Board Facilities

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S RESOLUTIONS

- **CONTRACTS and AWARDS**
 - Resolution (R-041-2021) Award of Contract 2151 St. Bernard Transmission Main, TM002, FEMA Project Worksheet 19846 Multiple Neighborhoods
 - Resolution (R-044-2021) Ratification of Award of Emergency Contract for Turbine 4 Repairs

- **CONTRACT AMENDMENTS**

- Resolution (R-036-2021) Authorization of Amendment No. 6 to the Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Arcadis U.S. Inc. for Design and Engineering Services for the Water Line Replacement Program
- Resolution (R-038-2021) Authorization of Contract Amendment No. 6 to the Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Richard C. Lambert for Design and Engineering Services for Water Line Replacement Program
- Resolution (R-039-2021) Authorization of Amendment No 6. To the Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Neel-Schaffer for Design and Engineering Services for Water Line Replacement Program
- Resolution (R-040-2021) Authorization of Amendment No. 8 to the Professional Service Agreement Between 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 Water Line 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 February 1-28, 2021
- General Superintendent's Report
- Special Counsel's Report
- Procurement Procedure Manual Highlights
- Safety March Report
- FEMA March Project Worksheet Status
- Human Resources Report March 1-31, 2021
- 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 67 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 67 JBE 2021 signed by Governor John Bel Edwards April 1, 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 67 JBE 2021 signed by Governor John Bel Edwards April 1, 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 April 21, 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 20TH DAY OF APRIL 2021.

GHASSAN KORBAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS