

SEWERAGE & WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS

PENSION COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021 10:30 AM

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PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA EMAIL TO BOARDRELATIONS@SWBNO.ORG. ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO 11:00 AM ON February 10, 2021. COMMENTS WILL BE READ VERBATIM INTO THE RECORD.

Joseph Peychaud, Chair • Councilmember Jay H. Banks
Ralph Johnson • Alejandra Guzman • Dr. Maurice Sholas
• Adam Kay • Christopher Bergeron
• Latressia Matthews • Harold Heller

FINAL AGENDA

1. ROLL CALL

2. PRESENTATION ITEM

- December 2020 Pension Fund Performance Review – Raymond James - Octave Francis, III
- Investment Policy Statement Amendment – Raymond James - Octave Francis, III

3. ACTION ITEM

- Resolution (R-033-2020) Recommendation of the Pension Investment Consultant Selection Committee to hire Marquette Associates as the Pension Investment Consultant effective January 1, 2021
- Resolution (R-032-2021) Pension Investment Policy Statement Amendment – Inclusion of ESG Sustainable Investing

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

- Raymond James Capital Markets Review (CMR) - January 2021
- SWBNO December 31, 2020 (Q4) Comparative Performance Analysis Report
- ESG-White Paper - Raymond James
- ESG Future of Investing – CFA Institute
- ESG for State and local Pensions – Boston College Center for Retirement Research
- United Nations – Principles for Responsible Investment (UNPRI) Blueprint

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Disability Retirement Application: Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(A)(1), the Pension Committee of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans will meet in Executive Session to discuss the Disability Retirement Application.

7. 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 7 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 7 JBE 2021 signed by Governor John Bel Edwards January 12, 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 7 JBE 2020 signed by Governor John Bel Edwards January 12, 2021, the Pension Committee 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 Finance and Administration Committee of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans will meet by teleconference/video conference on February 10, 2021 at 10:30 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 Finance and Administration Committee 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 9th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2021.

GHASSAN KORBAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS