

SEWERAGE & WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021 10:00 AM

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Orleans Phone Conference ID: 550 680 188#

PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA EMAIL TO
BOARDRELATIONS@SWBNO.ORG. ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO
10:30 AM ON March 10, 2021. COMMENTS WILL BE READ VERBATIM INTO THE
RECORD.

Janet Howard • Tamika Duplessis
Joseph Peychaud • Jay H. Banks • Maurice Sholas

FINAL AGENDA

1. ROLL CALL

2. DISCUSSION ITEM

- Customer Service Overview and Update – Rene Gonzalez, Chief Customer Service Officer

3. PRESENTATION ITEM

- Presentation: Networks Administration – Fred Tharp, Chief of Networks

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

5. 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 2020 signed by Governor John Bel Edwards March 2, 2021, the Operations 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 Operations Committee of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans will meet by teleconference/video conference on February 10, 2021 at 10:00 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 Operations 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 MARCH 2021.

GHASSAN KORBAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS