

SEWERAGE & WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2021
9:00 AM

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Phone Conference ID: 261 713 313#

PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA EMAIL TO
BOARDRELATIONS@SWBNO.ORG. ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO
9:30 AM ON May 19, 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 April 21, 2021

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Finance and Administration Committee – Director Sloss, Chair
- Strategy Committee – Director Barnes, Chair
- Pension Committee – Director Peychaud, Chair
- Operations Committee – Director Howard, Chair
- Audit Committee – Director Duplessis, Chair

5. ACTION ITEMS

CORRESPONDING RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution (R-060-2021) Authorization for Agreement for Consulting Services for Utility Strategic Planning with Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc.
- Resolution (R-063-2021) Resolution Granting Approval Authority from the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans to the Executive Director for Certain Designated Change Orders and Contract Amendments
- Resolution (R-064-2021) Resolution Authorizing Application to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT’S RESOLUTIONS

• BIDS and RENEWALS

- Resolution (R-045-2021) First Renewal for Contract 3742 between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Atakapa Services, LLC for Cleaning and CCTV Inspection of Sanitary Sewer Mains at Scattered Sites within Orleans Parish
- Resolution (R-047-2021) Award of Contract 1417 between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Walter J. Barnes Electric Co., Inc. for the Static Frequency Converter Procurement Project

• CONTRACTS CHANGE ORDERS

- Resolution (R-042-2021) Ratification of Change Order No. 2 between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Cycle Construction Company, LLC for Contract 1403 – Demolition of Abandoned C-7 and C-8 Basins and Other Site Improvements at the Carrollton Water Plant
- Resolution (R-052-2021) Ratification of Change Order No. 12 between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and M.R. Pittman Group, LLC for Contract 1368 – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – Oak Street Pumping Station
- Resolution (R-053-2021) Ratification of Change Order No. 1 between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and M.R. Pittman Group, LLC for Contract 1377 – Water Hammer Hazard Mitigation Program – Claiborne Ave. Pumping Station and Off-Site Improvements

• CONTRACT AMENDMENTS

- Resolution (R-037-2021) Authorization of Amendment No. 5 to the Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and ECM Consultants, Inc. for Design and Engineering Services for the Water Line Replacement Program
- Resolution (R-050-2021) Authorization of Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and the City of New Orleans for the West Power Complex
- Resolution (R-051-2021) Authorization of Amendment No. 4 to the Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Black & Veatch Corporation for Design and Engineering Services for Sewer Pumping Station A Structural Rehabilitation

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

- Preliminary Financial Results through March 1-31, 2021
- General Superintendent’s Report
- Special Counsel’s Report
- Safety April Report
- Contracts Under \$1 Million or Less
- FEMA April Project Worksheet Status
- Human Resources Report April 1-30, 2021
- DBE Participation on Contracts April 2021

8. **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 79 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 79 JBE 2021 signed by Governor John Bel Edwards April 27, 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 79 JBE 2021 signed by Governor John Bel Edwards April 27, 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 May 19, 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 18TH DAY OF MAY 2021.

GHASSAN KORBAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS