

SEWERAGE & WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2021
11:00AM

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Phone Conference ID: 555 317 187#

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11:30 AM ON June 16, 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 May 19, 2021

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Finance and Administration Committee – Director Sloss, Chair

5. ACTION ITEMS

- Resolution (R-078-2021) Authorization to Resume Normal Collection Activities
- Resolution (R-076-2021) Declaration of Vacancy on the Board of Directors for Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, Council District D
- Resolution (R-075-2021) Authorization for Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for Mutual Aid Between Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East and the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans
- 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
- Resolution (R-057-2021) Ratification of Change Order No. 4 Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Cycle Construction Company, LLC. for Contract 30109 – Sewer Pumping Station “A” Structural Rehabilitation

CORRESPONDING RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution (R-062-2021) Authorization for Execution of Account Documentation with Capital One, N.A.
- Resolution (R-077-2021) Preliminary Approval for Sewerage Service Revenue Bond (WIFIA Projects)

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S RESOLUTIONS

CONTRACTS CHANGE ORDERS

- Resolution (R-054-2021) 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-056-2021) Ratification of Change Order No. 2 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-058-2021) Authorization of Amendment No. 8 to the Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Rahman and Associates, Inc. for Engineering Services for the Water Line Replacement Program

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 Maquar, et al. v. CNO, SWBNO, et al. CDC, Case No. 2017-7541

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 April 1-31, 2021
- General Superintendent's Report
- Special Counsel's Report
- Contracts Under \$1 Million or Less
- FEMA May Project Worksheet Status
- Human Resources Report May 1-31, 2021
- DBE Participation on Contracts May 2021

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 93 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 93 JBE 2021 signed by Governor John Bel Edwards May 25, 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 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 93 JBE 2021 signed by Governor John Bel Edwards May 25, 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 June 16, 2021 at 11:00 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 15th DAY OF JUNE 2021.

GHASSAN KORBAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS