



“RE-BUILDING THE CITY’S WATER SYSTEMS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY”

Sewerage & Water Board OF NEW ORLEANS

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The Governance Committee met on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 in the Board Room located at 625 St. Joseph Street, New Orleans, LA. The meeting convened at approximately 9:00 A.M.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Director Robin Barnes
Director Janet Howard
Director Lynes Sloss
Director Jay H. Banks

Absent:

Director Ralph Johnson, Chair

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Ad Hoc Committee Working Group Report

Christy Harowski explained that she and the Ad Hoc Committee members consisting of Director Ralph Johnson, Director Tamika Duplessis and Director Alejandra Guzman met about 3 or 4 times over the last several months to finalize the draft of the “Expectations of Myself and My Fellow Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans Members” document. She stated that Director Sloss was instrumental in helping to prepare the rough final draft that consists of 10 items that will be brought forward for adoption by the Board in January 2020 along with the 2020 Action Items. Director Sloss, Director Barnes and Director Banks agreed that these items would be excellent tools to utilize with helping to educate and provide understanding both to the public and Board members on what is required to operate and work within the Sewerage and Water Board.

b. Board By-Law Amendments

Special Counsel Grinstead brought forth to the Committee substitutive changes to the Board By-Laws to include gender neutrality to titles CFO, CAO and Executive Director, rewording to the organizational chart, and changes to when Committee and Board meetings are held throughout the year. Special Counsel Grinstead stated that she would make necessary corrections to the Board By-Laws to bring forth to the Board in January 2020.

3. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Director Evaluation Criteria

Director Sloss motioned to move into Executive Session to discuss the Executive Director Evaluation Criteria: Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(A)(1), the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans Governance Committee will meet in Executive Session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of its Executive Director.

Director Barnes moved to go into Executive Session. Director Howard seconded. The motion carried.

There was no action taken in Executive Session.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

There being no further business to come before the Governance Committee, Director Sloss moved to adjourn. Director Barnes seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Johnson, Chair