



**"RE-BUILDING THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEMS FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY"**

# **Sewerage & Water Board OF NEW ORLEANS**

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The Operations Committee met on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, in the SWBNO Executive Boardroom. The meeting convened at approximately 10:31 A.M.

## **1. ROLL CALL**

### **Members Present:**

Director Janet Howard, Chair  
Director Tamika Duplessis  
Director Maurice Sholas  
Director Nichelle Taylor

Director Poco Sloss – present, non committee member

### **Members Absent:**

Director Joseph Peychaud

## **2. PRESENTATION ITEM**

The main agenda item was a presentation by Mr. Ghassan Korban, SWBNO Executive Director and Mr. Christopher Bergeron, SWBNO Engineering Division Manager, on the contract change order process. Mr. Ron Spooner, Interim General Superintendent and Mr. Grey Lewis, SWBNO CFO, were both on hand to give insights.

Director Howard stated that the purpose of the presentation was to help directors understand the different types of the contracts and the underlying causes of the large change orders that routinely come before the board for their approval. Directors want to make sure that their actions meet all legal requirements and that the SWBNO is following best-practice procedures to obtain the best value for SWBNO.

The presentation provided much clarity by outlining the different kinds of contracts that the SWBNO has, as well as the review processes and the restrictions that apply to them, and by giving information on the quantities and underlying causes of change orders. Those present

suggested that the power point should be sent to all board members for background information.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Operations Committee, Director Duplessis moved to adjourn. Director Taylor seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:38 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Janet Howard, Chair