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Sewerage & Water Board OF NEW ORLEANS

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The Governance Committee met on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 in the Executive Boardroom. The meeting convened at approximately 10:00 AM.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Director Tamika Duplessis
Director Janet Howard
Director Robin Barnes
Director Alejandra Guzman

Absent:

Director Lynes Sloss

2. PRESENTATION ITEM

Executive Director Ghassan Korban gave an update on the search for a General Superintendent. Mr. Korban stated the Sewerage and Water Board is working in collaboration with the consultant firm Raftelis, who is helping SWBNO with a nationwide search. Mr. Korban acknowledged Mr. Ron Spooner will continue to be the interim General Superintendent until they have found a new candidate and will also consider Mr. Spooner for a permanent position with SWBNO in the process. Director Duplessis also provided an update on the timeline of the GSO search.

The timeline will begin October 12, 2023 and will be open until the position is filled. During this time, Raftelis will begin to review applications as they come in. Director Duplessis stated October 19, 2023, the consultants will have a formal candidate review from the top individuals selected with those who have met the basic qualifications. Once the review is completed, the consultant will turn it over to SWBNO who will review the overall applications for final candidates, which will also include a select few external individuals along with members from SWBNO. Executive Director Ghassan Korban, Admiral Dave Callahan and others will

convene via teleconference and will be looking forward to full board participation as this process moves forward. Director Duplessis stated by November 3, they will have selected the top candidates and will begin background and reference checks.

3. ACTION ITEMS

- Resolution (R-124-2023) Authorization to Amend Sewerage and Water Board By-Laws, Article VI, Section 10 to Change the Membership of the Plumbing Conference Committee
 - o **Director Robin Barnes moved to approve R-124-2023 with amendments.**
Director Alejandra Guzman seconded. The motion carried.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

There being no further business to come before the Governance Committee, Director Howard moved to adjourn. Director Barnes seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:26 AM.