

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

June 26, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

## SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS

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### ROLL CALL

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The Board of Directors for the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans (SWBNO) met on Wednesday June 26, 2024, at 9:15 AM in the Executive Boardroom. Special Counsel Ms. Yolanda Grinstead called the roll and confirmed the following members were present: Hon. Mayor LaToya Cantrell, Director Joseph Peychaud, Director Tamika Duplessis, Director Robin Barnes, Director Lynes Sloss, Director Maurice Sholas, Director Alejandra Guzman, and Director Chadrick Kennedy.

The following member(s) were absent: Director Janet Howard, Director Tyler Antrup and Councilmember Freddie King.

Staff present were: Grey Lewis, Chief Financial Officer; Stephen Nelson, General Superintendent; Yolanda Grinstead, Special Counsel; Rene Gonzalez, Chief Customer Service Officer; Irma Plummer, EDBP; Tanyell Allen, Board Relations.

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### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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Mayor Cantrell presented a motion to accept the minutes of the May 22, 2024, Board Meeting. Director Barnes moved for approval of the minutes. Director Peychaud seconded. The motion carried.

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### COMMITTEE REPORTS

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#### Finance & Administration Committee Report

Director Lynes Sloss reported on the summary and actions taken by the Finance and Administration Committee. The Finance Report for the month of June was presented and recommended for approval.

Mayor Cantrell asked for a motion to adopt the Finance report as amended. Director Sholas moved to adopt Finance minutes as proposed. Director Peychaud seconded. The motion carried.

#### Pension Committee Report

Director Joseph Peychaud reported on the summary and actions taken by the Pension Committee. The Pension Committee Report for the month of June was presented and recommended for approval.

Mayor Cantrell asked for a motion to adopt the Pension report as amended. Director Sloss moved to adopt Pension minutes as proposed. Director Barnes seconded. The motion carried.

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## ACTION ITEMS

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- Resolution (R-041-2024) Authorizing Rules, Regulations and Procedures for Compliance with Act 393 of the Louisiana Legislature for Americans with Disabilities Act
  - o **Director Duplessis moved to accept (R-041-2024). Director Peychaud seconded. The motion carried.**

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## CORRESPONDING RESOLUTIONS

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### **General Superintendent Recommendations**

**The following resolutions were discussed at the June 12, 2024, Finance & Administration Committee Meeting**

- Resolution (R-111-2024) Approval of 2024 Renewal of Microsoft Enterprise License Agreement
- Resolution (R-112-2024) Authorization for Amendment No. 5 to the Maintenance and Support Agreement between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Cogsdale Corporation
- Resolution (R-095-2024) Ratification of Change Order No. 1 for Contract 30227 – Mid City Basin No. 1 Sewer Rehabilitation, Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Fleming Construction Company, LLC.
- Resolution (R-096-2024) Ratification of Change Order No. 2 for Contract 30228 – Mid City Basin No. 2 Sewer Rehabilitation, Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Fleming Construction Company, LLC.
- Resolution (R-094-2024) Amendment No. 8 to the Agreement between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Integrated Logistical Support, Inc for Design and Engineering Services for the Water Line Replacement Program
- Resolution (R-098-2024) Amendment No. 11 to the Agreement between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Meyer Engineers, Ltd for Design and Engineering Services for the Water Line Replacement Program
- Resolution (R-099-2024) Authorization of Final Acceptance of Contract E-SFM-001-2023

**Mayor Cantrell asked for a motion to approve Corresponding Resolutions in Globo. Director Sholas moved to accept Corresponding resolutions as proposed. Director Sloss seconded. The motion carried.**

**General Superintendent, Stephen Nelson gave a brief update on the pumping and power status. 90 of 99 major drainage pumps are available. The I pump at DPS 6 is**

isolated with no final timeline. The contractor will be coming out on site this week to look through it. The focus as far as the pumps in New Orleans east, pumps 3, 4 and pump station 14 are a key focus for the utility. These pumps are making good progress. Turbine 4 is big news, currently 49MW available. The 5<sup>th</sup> EMD is being tested tomorrow, which will bring 2 1/2 megs. Turbine 4 will be put on load and will bring on another 18MW of power, which will bring it a little over 70MW. Mr. Nelson acknowledged it is a good place to be from a power standpoint.

Mayor Cantrell presented a motion to enter executive session. Director Sholas moved. Director Barnes seconded. The motion carried.

Mayor Cantrell presented a motion to exit the executive session. Director Sloss moved. Director Peychaud seconded. The motion carried.

Mayor Cantrell presented a motion to approve the Special Counsel recommendation. referring to Workers' Comp. Director Kennedy moved. Director Sloss. The motion carried.

Prior to ending the meeting, Hon. Mayor Cantrell gave her ending remarks. Mayor Cantrell provided the Board with a draft video relative to what the utility is putting together regarding the start of the "State of the Utility". The video gives a visual, setting the tone and educating the public in terms of where it is, where it has been, and where it needs to go. These are the existing conditions the utility faces and the leaders of this Board continue making the proper changes in moving this utility forward. Mayor Cantrell thanked Director Howard writing a letter to the editor which was placed timely and speaks to the utility responsibilities and focus to continue to deliver the residents and customers.

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## INFORMATION ITEMS

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The following items were submitted for informational purposes only:

- Report Preliminary Financial Results
- Report General Superintendent
- Report Human Resource
- Report Legal
- Report Safety
- FEMA Project Worksheet Status
- DBE Participation on Contracts Report

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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No Public Comments

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, Director Antrup moved to adjourn. Director Sholas seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:32 AM