

# BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

MEETING MINUTES

## SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS

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### ROLL CALL

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The Board of Directors of Sewerage and Water Board met on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 9:00 AM in the Board Room at 625 St. Joseph Street. The Executive Director, Cedric S. Grant, called the roll and showed the following members present: Ms. Suchitra Satpathi representing Mayor Landrieu, Mr. Wm. Raymond Manning, Mr. Alan Arnold, Mr. Marion Bracy, Mrs. Robin Barnes, Dr. Tamika Duplessis, Mrs. Kerri Kane, Mr. Scott Jacobs, and Ms. Kimberly Thomas.

The following member was absent: Mr. Joseph Peychaud.

Also present were: Brenda Thornton, CommuniRep, Inc.; Geneva Coleman, The Hawthorne Agency, Inc.; Amer Tufail, Greenpoint Engineering; Lisa Daniel, PFM; Renee' Lapeyrolerie, CDM Smith; Stephen Stuart, BGR; Randy Smith, Royal Engineers; Rob Bredberg, Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc.; Ursula Amrhein, Buchart Horn.

Staff present were: Cedric S. Grant, Executive Director; Robert Miller, Deputy Director; Joseph Becker, General Superintendent; Nolan Lambert, Special Counsel; Harold Marchand, Yolanda Grinstead, Legal Department; Willie Mingo, Purchasing Department; Robert Jackson, Community & Intergovernmental Relations Department; Shaval Stewart, Executive Director's Office.

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### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS REPORT

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Mrs. Kerri Kane moved to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on August 19, 2015. Mr. Marion Bracy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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### HONORS AND AWARDS

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The Executive Director, Mr. Cedric S. Grant acknowledged and honored the men and women of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans with a Katrina 10 commemorative plaque for their hard work and efforts during and following Hurricane Katrina by dewatering, and restoring water, drainage and sewerage services for the city of New Orleans.

Mr. Marion Bracy moved approval to hang the plaque in commemoration of employees re: Hurricane Katrina and for it to be placed in our lobby. Mrs. Kerri Kane seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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### **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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The Executive Director, Mr. Cedric S. Grant gave an overview on the Katrina 10 Event that recognized all city employees and first responders who stayed during Hurricane Katrina. Mr. Grant and two staff members were asked to appear on WWL-TV to tell their Katrina stories. Thereafter, we were visited by the German Republic technical team that volunteered their services to help restore the operations of Sewerage & Water Board.

Mr. Grant updated the Board on the "Boots on the Ground" program. He stated new staff has engaged with 60% of the neighborhood residents of Jefferson, Napoleon and Louisiana Avenues. 24 of the 38 quality of life communicated to the Corps of Engineers are resolved. The quarterly update report from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that outlines every project and its phase and area of completion were passed out. The streetcar services have been restored and discussion is underway for the Napoleon Avenue new landscape plan.

Lastly, Mr. Grant announced the Water Environment Federation (WEF) Conference will be in Chicago, Illinois this year. Staff will attend and bring back valuable information to the Board.

### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

The Chairperson, Mr. Scott Jacobs reported on the summary and actions taken by the Finance and Administration Committee. Dr. Tamika Duplessis moved acceptance of the Finance and Administration Committee Report and approval of the Finance and Administration Committee recommendations, therein. Mrs. Robin Barnes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Chairperson, Mr. Wm. Raymond Manning reported on the summary and actions taken by the Audit Committee. Mrs. Kerri Kane moved acceptance of the Audit Committee Report and approval of the Audit Committee recommendations, therein. Mr. Marion Bracy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **STRATEGY COMMITTEE**

The Chairperson, Mr. Marion Bracy reported on the summary and actions taken by the Strategy Committee. Mrs. Robin Barnes moved acceptance of the Strategy Committee Report and approval of the Strategy Committee recommendations, therein. Ms. Kimberly Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chairperson, Mrs. Kerri Kane reported on the summary report on the actions taken by the Governance Committee Meeting. Mr. Scott Jacobs moved acceptance of the Governance Committee report and the Governance Committee recommendations, therein. Mr. Marion Bracy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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**CORRESPONDING RESOLUTIONS**

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The following resolutions were adopted in conjunction with approval of the Committee reports as follows:

R-158-2015 – 2015 Independent Financial Auditing Services Contract

R-159-2015 – First and Final Renewal of Contract 8142 – Repaving Open Cuts in Streets, Driveways, Sidewalks Resulting from the Repair to the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans Underground Utilities

R-160-2015 – First and Final Renewal of Contract for Furnishing Brass Water Service Fittings – Req. No. YW140098

R-161-2015 – First Renewal of Contract for Furnishing and Delivering Complete Fleet Tire Service to Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans – Req. No. YG140003

R-163-2015 – Expansion of Cogsdale Software Contract to Include Human Resources/Payroll Modules

R-164-2015 – Ratification of Change Order No. 1 for Contract 8137 – Paving Open Cuts in Streets, Driveways and Sidewalks from the Repair to the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans Underground Utilities

R-165-2015 – Change Order No. 8 for Contract 5221 – Hurricane Katrina Related Repairs to Pontchartrain Boulevard Drainage Underpass Pumping Station

R-166-2015 – Change Order No. 6 for Contract 5222 – Hurricane Katrina Related Repairs to Canal Boulevard Drainage Underpass Pumping Station

R-167-2015 – Change Order No. 6 for Contract 5223 – Hurricane Katrina Related Repairs to St. Bernard Avenue Drainage Underpass Pumping Station

R-168-2015 – Change Order No. 8 for Contract 5226 – Hurricane Katrina Related Repairs to Franklin Avenue Drainage Underpass Pumping Station

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## NEW BUSINESS

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### Declaration of Vacancy on the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans

Mr. Miller explained the notice of vacancy for Council District "A" member position on the Board of Directors of Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans. The current Board Member, Mr. Scott Jacobs is moving to District "B" and staff will issue the notice of vacancy effective September 16, 2015.

Ms. Suchitra Satpathi moved approval of the declaration of vacancy on the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans as described in resolution, R-169-2015. Mr. Alan Arnold seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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## EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Mr. Scott Jacobs moved to go into Executive Session to enter into discussions re: Rose Powell v. Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, et al, CDC No. 2012-03988, Div. "N", Sec. 8 and Keisha Quinn Moore, et al v. Danial Smith, et al, CDC No. 2014-3581, Div. "M". Mrs. Robin Barnes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Scott Jacobs moved to come out of Executive Session. Dr. Tamika Duplessis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Marion Bracy moved to accept staff recommendations re: Rose Powell v. Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, et al, CDC No. 2012-03988, Div. "N", Sec. 8 and Keisha Quinn Moore, et al v. Danial Smith, et al, CDC No. 2014-3581, Div. "M" litigation matters. Mrs. Kerri Kane seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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## INFORMATION ITEMS

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The following items were submitted for informational purposes only:

- FEMA Status Report
- Report of the Special Counsel
- Financial Statements
- Report of the General Superintendent

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## ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:48 AM.