



"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 Thursday, January 14, 2016 in the 2nd Floor Board Room, 625 St. Joseph Street, New Orleans, LA. The meeting convened at 2:05 PM.

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

Kerri Kane, Chair
Robin Barnes
Suchitra Satpathi

ABSENT:

Alan Arnold, Vice Chair
Kimberly Thomas

Others:

Cedric S. Grant, Executive Director; Joseph R. Becker, General Superintendent; Bruce Adams, Deputy General Superintendent; Nolan P. Lambert, Special Counsel; Harold Marchand, Legal; Robert K. Miller, Deputy Director; Lisa Martin, Deputy Director/Communications; Valerie Rivers, Deputy Director/Logistics; Sharon Judkins, Deputy Director/Administration; Willie Mingo, Purchasing; Robert Jackson, Communication & Intergovernmental Relations; and Brenda Thornton, Communirep, Inc.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Board Self-Assessment Tool and Board Planning Retreat

Mr. Grant gave an overview of the Board Self-Assessment Tool and Board Planning Retreat. This tool is meant to create an informed starting point for discussion among the Board to address priorities which will result in Board effectiveness. He stated in advance of the next planning retreat, he recommends that the Governance Committee request the individual board members to complete the self-assessment tool and return the completed document to staff for compilation of the results. Board members will be contacted to identify the most convenient date for the next all-day planning meeting.

Robin Barnes moved to accept staff recommendation. Upon a second by Suchitra Satpathi, the motion passed.

2. Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between the City of New Orleans and the Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans / Supplemental Equipment and Operations for Special Event Clean-Up

Staff recommends the Committee accept the CEA between the City of New Orleans and the Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans to accomplish a valuable public purpose of cleaning up the City's neutral grounds, streets and sidewalks during and after certain special events. This agreement supports continued improvements to the City of New Orleans and thereby enhances community development and supports economic growth and related public purposes.

Robin Barnes moved to accept staff recommendation. Upon a second by Suchitra Satpathi, the motion passed.

PRESENTATION ITEMS:

3. Executive Director Work Plan 2015 Results

Mr. Grant submitted an update of his 100 Day Implementation Plan he presented to the Board in December 2014. In addition to the remaining elements of the 100 Day Implementation Plan, he discussed the following key strategic initiatives that were achieved during 2015:

- FEMA Settlement
- Reliability of Power Supply to Water Distribution System
- Board Structure
- Organization Structure
- Cost Reduction
- Water & Sewer System Revenue Bond Issues
- Pension System Improvements
- Organization Culture

Mr. Grant stated he will be prepared to present his work plan for 2016 at the February 2016 meeting.

4. Executive Session

None

5. Orientation of New Board Member

Mr. Grant asked the Committee to submit to him any information they believe would be beneficial to new Board Members to help them get acquainted with the organization.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kerri Kane
Chairperson