

# BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

MARCH 16, 2016

MEETING MINUTES

## SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS

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### ROLL CALL

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The Board of Directors of the Sewerage and Water Board met on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 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: Robin Barnes, Eric Blue, Scott Jacobs, Kerri Kane, Joseph Peychaud, and Kimberly Thomas.

The following members were absent: Suchitra Satpathi representing Mayor Landrieu, Alan Arnold, Marion Bracy, and Dr. Tamika Duplessis.

Also present were: Randy Smith, Royal Engineers; Will Bryant, Pro Placement USA, LLC; Geneva Coleman, The Hawthorne Agency, Inc.; Amer Tufail, Greenpoint Engineers; Terri Dupre, Meyer Engineers; Donald Lambert, Pamela Burleigh, MSMM.

Staff present were: Cedric S. Grant, Executive Director; Robert Miller, Deputy Director, CFO; Joseph Becker, General Superintendent; Bruce Adams, Deputy General Superintendent; Ronald Doucette, Deputy Director of Security; Kimberly Johnson, Deputy Director of Continuous Improvement; Sharon Judkins, Deputy Director of Administration; Lisa C. Martin, Deputy Director of Communications; Nolan Lambert, Special Counsel; Harold Marchand, Yolanda Grinstead, Legal Department; Willie Mingo, Purchasing Department; Robert Jackson, Community & Intergovernmental Relations Department; Jason Higginbotham, Shavon Lain-Smith, Emergency Management Department; Joy Williams, Walter Berard, Peter Brown, Scott Finney, Brad Klamer, Bridget Tydor, Muhammad Yungai, Sean Weber, Jennifer Roberts, Travis Martin, and Ann Wilson of the Environmental Affairs Department; Paula Arceneaux, Employee Incentive Committee.

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### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS REPORT

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Kimberly Thomas moved to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 17, 2016. Joseph Peychaud seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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## HONORS AND AWARDS

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(R-038-2016) – The Board recognized the following employees for successfully meeting all areas of various requirements of the Consent Decree, Clean Water Act, and Clean Air Act inclusive of implementing green infrastructure programs, storm water management programs, water quality educational programs, pretreatment outreach and inter-governmental coordination efforts as part of its Environmental Enforcement Division: Joy Williams, Walter Berard, Peter Brown, Scott Finney, Brad Klamer, Bridget Tydor, Muhammad Yungai, Sean Weber, Jennifer Roberts, and Travis Martin were selected Sewerage and Water Board Employee Group of the Month for March 2016. The resolution was adopted by acclamation.

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## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Cedric S. Grant presented a slide presentation that focused on the following topics of discussion re: Water Quality of New Orleans and Flint:

- **New Orleans Water is Safe**  
The water comes from a reliable source, the Mississippi River, and it is treated, tested and monitored regularly.
- **Flint's Water was not Safe**  
Flint's water came from an unreliable source, and it was not properly treated, tested and monitored regularly.
- **New Orleans' Source of Treated Water for 117 Years: The Mississippi River**  
The Mississippi River is treated daily and it provides quality drinking water for the city of New Orleans.
- **How NOLA Water System Works**  
He discussed the five Steps of the Water Treatment Process. The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans provides safe, high quality drinking water and it works in close coordination with the DHH and EPA to monitor and ensure that lead levels stay well below the guidelines.
- **Homeowner Responsibilities**  
Every homeowner has service lines that receive water from the Board. Those pipes should be monitored regularly by plumbers in the event of any concerns. Citizens can call 52-WATER (529-2837) to report any problems with their water service.
- **Key Agenda Topics**  
Honors and Awards, and the Audit, Governance, Finance & Administration, and Pension Committee meetings.

Mr. Grant stated that he will appear before the Public Works Committee at the City Council this afternoon to discuss water quality issues. He also discussed the water treatment processes in conjunction with the EPA and the DHH to ensure citizens have safe and reliable drinking water.

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## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Scott Jacobs reported on the actions taken by the Audit Committee. Robin Barnes moved acceptance of the Audit Committee Report and the Audit Committee's recommendations, therein. Joseph Peychaud seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Kerri Kane reported on the actions taken by the Governance Committee. Kimberly Thomas moved acceptance of the Governance Committee Report and the Governance Committee's recommendations, therein. Kerri Kane seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Scott Jacobs reported on the actions taken by the Finance & Administration Committee. Kerri Kane moved acceptance of the Finance & Administration Committee Report and the Finance & Administration Committee recommendations, therein. Robin Barnes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **PENSION COMMITTEE**

Joseph Peychaud reported on the actions taken by the Pension Committee. Joseph Peychaud moved acceptance of the Pension Committee Report and the Pension Committee's recommendations, therein. Kerri Kane 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-029-2016 – Appointment of Securities Litigation Monitor

R-030-2016 – Louisiana Systems Survey and Compliance Questionnaire

R-031-2016 – Furnishing Anhydrous Ammonia – Req. Nos. AL160001 & CM160001

R-032-2016 – Furnishing Solid Wall (PVC) Pipe SDR 26 & 35 and Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) C-900 Pipe for the Water Distribution System – Req. No. YW160003

R-033-2016 – Furnishing Reclaimed Asphaltic Pavements (RAP) – Req. No. YW160001

R-034-2016 – Final Acceptance and Close Out to Contract 2103 – Replacement of Water Lines Damaged by Hurricane Katrina within Portions of the Broadmoor, Lakeview, Milneburg, Read Boulevard East and the Lower Ninth Ward Neighborhoods

R-035-2016 – Final Acceptance and Close Out to Contract 8136 – Construction of Staging Site Relocation Facility at Central Yard, 2900 Peoples Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana

R-036-2016 – Amendment No.7 to Existing Contract with Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc.

R-037-2016 – Leak Adjustment Policy

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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 General Superintendent
- Report of the Special Counsel
- Financial Statements
- Customer Service Results
- Commitments to City Council

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### **ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business, Kerri Kane moved to adjourn. Robin Barnes seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.