

# BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

MAY 18, 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, May 18, 2016 at approximately 9:04AM in the Board Room at 625 St. Joseph Street. The Executive Director, Cedric S. Grant, called the roll and showed the following members present: Alan Arnold, Robin Barnes, Eric Blue, Marion Bracy, Dr. Tamika Duplessis, Scott Jacobs, Kerri Kane, Joseph Peychaud, and Kimberly Thomas.

The following member(s) was absent: Suchitra Satpathi representing Mayor Landrieu.

Also present were: Doug Evans, BKI; Amer Tufail, Green Point Engineers; Pamela Burleigh, Willie A. O'Neal, Jr., SOL Engineering Services, LLC; Jim Simmons, Mike Buisson, N-Y Associates, Inc.; Fannie Bennett, Buchart Horn.

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, Security; Kimberly Johnson, Deputy Director, Continuous Improvement; Sharon Judkins, Deputy Director, Administration; Valerie Rivers, Deputy Director, Logistics; Nolan Lambert, Special Counsel; Harold Marchand, Yolanda Grinstead, Legal Department; Willie Mingo, Purchasing Department; Robert Jackson, Community & Intergovernmental Relations Department; Jason Higginbotham, Emergency Management Department; Brenda Thornton, Communirep, Inc; Tiffany Carter, EDBP.

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### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS REPORT

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Joseph Peychaud moved to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on April 20, 2016. Robin Barnes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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### HONORS AND AWARDS

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There were no Honors and Awards for the Month of May 2016.

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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:

- Board Retreat
- Canal Street Repairs
- Nature-Based Solutions in Cities
- Sewerage and Water Board International Participation
- Drinking Water Week
- **Key Agenda Topics:**

**Finance & Administration Committee:** Recommendation to award contracts; establish employer contribution rate for pension; and review financial results through March 2016.

**Pension Committee:** Review of actuarial valuation for 2015 and employer contribution for 2016.

Cedric S. Grant will be speaking at the Alliance for Waters Conference on job creation and the like in June 2016.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

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

**PENSION COMMITTEE**

Joseph Peychaud reported on the actions of the Pension Committee. Alan Arnold moved acceptance of the Pension Committee Report and the Pension Committee recommendations, therein. Kimberly Thomas 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-056-2016 – Award of Contract to Provide Engineering Consultant Services Necessary for the Demolition of the Two Abandoned Carrollton Water Plant Clarifiers

R-057-2016 – Award of Contract to Provide Engineering Consultant Services Necessary for the Head House Building Evaluation, Design, and Construction Support Services for Renovation into a Safe House, Emergency Operations Center, and Critical Services Facilities Center at the Carrollton Water Plant

R-058-2016 – Commercial Insurance Policy for Automobile Fleet Liability

R-059-2016 – Furnishing Laboratory Steam Sterilizer – Req. No. LB160014

R-060-2016 – Furnishing Sodium Chloride – Req. No. HL160001

R-061-2016 – Rebuilding and Installing Automatic Transmissions in Medium and Heavy Duty Trucks – Req. No. YG160064

R-062-2016 – Furnishing Complete R.D. Wood Gate Valves, Sizes 4”, 6” and 8” – Req. No. YW160004

R-063-2016 – Contract #30100 – Electrical Modifications to the Effluent Pump Station at the East Bank Wastewater Treatment Plant

R-064-2016 – Contract #6253 – Inspection of Generator 5

R-065-2016 – Final Acceptance and Close Out to Contract #4188 – Emergency Letter Bids for Reconstruction of the Florida Avenue Canal between Spain and Music St.

R-066-2016 – Award of Contract to Provide Geotechnical Consultant Services Necessary for the Implementation of the SWBNO Green Infrastructure Plan

R-067-2016 – Authorization to Execute Letter of Undertaking for Fixed Cost Estimate Agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency

R-068-2016 – Approval of Federally Funded Agreement Flood Mitigation Agreement (FMA) between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans (SWBNO) and the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness for the Installation of Permanent Generators at Five Underpass Stations Under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

R-069-2016 – Ratification of Change Order No. 4 for Services Associated with Wetland Assimilation Project between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Waldemar S. Nelson and Company

R-070-2016 – Ratification of Change Order No. 3 to the Agreement between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Royal Engineers & Consultants, LLC for Hurricane Katrina Related Water Restoration Projects

R-071-2016 – Ratification of Change Order No. 1 to the Agreement with Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc. for Services Related to Sewer Pump Stations Catch-All Project

R-072-2016 – Award to AECOM for Services Associated with Project Controls and Scheduling Services of Engineering Programs

R-073-2016 – Ratification of Change Order No. 3 for Contract #3696 – Cleaning and CCTV of Sanitary Sewer Mains at Scattered Sites throughout Orleans Parish

R-074-2016 – Ratification of Change Order No. 2 for Contract #2110 – Water Main Line Replacements and Extensions at Scattered Locations throughout Orleans Parish

R-075-2016 – Sewerage and Water Board’s 2016 Contribution to the Employees’ Retirement System of Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans

R-076-2016 – Recommendation for Ratification of Contract for Armed Security Services with Gallagher Security

**NEW BUSINESS**

Cedric S. Grant stated that on Monday, May 23, 2016, he and staff of the Sewerage and Water Board will go before the Civil Service Commission to request that S&WB be given sole authority to recruit, test, and hire potential employees. Mr. Grant encouraged the Board members to attend the meeting and to submit any letters of support regarding this matter.

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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

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business to come before the Board, Marion Bracy moved to adjourn. Kimberly Thomas seconded. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30AM.