

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

AUGUST 16, 2017

MEETING MINUTES

SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS

ROLL CALL

The Board of Directors of the Sewerage and Water Board (SWBNO) met on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 9:01 AM in the Board Room at 625 St. Joseph Street. The Executive Director, Cedric S. Grant, called the roll and confirmed the following members were present: Director Alan Arnold, Director Robin Barnes, Director Ralph Johnson, Director Marion Bracy, Director Joseph Peychaud, Director Dr. Tamika Duplessis and Hon. Mitchell Landrieu.

The following member(s) were absent: Director Eric Blue.

Also present were: Geneva Coleman, The Hawthorne Agency; Randy Smith, Royal Engineers; Amer Tufail, Green Point Engineering; Renee Lapeyrolerie, CMD Smith; Fannie Bennett, Bucharthorn; Zach Monroe, Sabiston; Mathew Butler, CSRS; Gabriel Ekechukwu, and Brenda Thornton, Communirep, Inc..

Staff present were: Cedric S. Grant, Executive Director; Robert Miller, Deputy Director, CFO; Bruce Adams, Deputy General Superintendent; Sharon Judkins, Deputy Director, Administration; Valerie Rivers, Deputy Director, Logistics; Nolan Lambert, Special Counsel; Harold Marchand, Yolanda Grinstead, Legal Department; Lawrence Williams and Jasmin Lawrence, Board Relations Staff; Hayne Rainey, Communications and Lisa Martin, Deputy Director of Communications.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS REPORT

Director Ralph Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on July 19, 2017. Director Marion Bracy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Director Marion Bracy moved to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on August 10, 2017. Director Ralph Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Cedric S. Grant presented a slide presentation that focused on the following topics of discussion:

- HAZMAT Incident at DPS #6
- Timeline of Events
- Emergency Actions
- Independent, 3rd Party Analysis
- Status of Turbines
- Status of Generators

- Overview of Drainage System
- Status of Pumps
- Pump Maintenance Status (in packet)
- Pump Station Manpower
- Major Tasks
- Citywide Updates/Contingency Planning
- Flood Recovery Resource Center

Key Agenda Topics:

- **Strategy Committee**

Presentation Items:

- Monthly Human Resources Activity Report for the Period 7/1-31/2017 and Workforce Development Issues/ Strategies
- Executive Director's Approval of Contracts of \$1M or less
- Overtime and Standby Time Overview with Analytics for Payroll ending August 6, 2017

- **Finance and Administration Committee**

Action Items:

- General Superintendent's Recommendations

Presentation Items:

- Financial Plan Results May 2017
- Entergy Agreement re: Florida Avenue- Topic deferred by request of the Executive Director
- T-5 Briefing – Topic deferred by request of the Executive Director

Information Items:

- Executive Director's Approval of Contracts of \$1,000,000.00 or less
- DBE Participation on Contract
- Customer Service Results through July 2017
- FEMA Project Worksheet Status

- **Pension Committee**

Presentation Items:

- Chief Investment Officer's Presentation
- Portfolio Recommendations Resolution

Information Items:

- FFC June 2017 Flash Performance Report

STRATEGY COMMITTEE

Director Marion Bracy reported there was no action taken by the Strategy Committee. There were Presentation Items presented. Ms. Sharon Judkins presented the Monthly Human Resources Activity Report for the Period 7/1-31/2017 and Workforce Development Issues/ Strategies. Mr. Cedric Grant reported on the Executive Director's Approval of Contracts of \$1M or less. Ms. Kimberly Johnson presented the Overtime and Standby Time Overview with Analytics for Payroll ending August 6, 2017. Director Marion Bracy invited the Public to view the video of the Strategy Committee.

Director Marion Bracy moved to approve the Strategy Committee's Report. Director Robin Barnes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Director Joseph Peychaud reported on the action taken by the Finance and Administration Committee. The Honorable Mitchell Landrieu gave an opening statement in which he described his administration's effort to combat the challenges facing the SWBNO and the steps taken to restore the city's drainage capacity. The Committee accepted the General Superintendent's Recommendations. Mr. Robert Miller gave the Financial Results through June 2017. The committee then went into Executive Session. Meeting adjourned following the Executive Session.

Director Joseph Peychaud moved to accept the Finance and Administration Committee report with the statement that the Mayor does have the right for emergency procurement repairs and to sign all necessary documents related to those repairs and to accept the recommendations. Director Marion Bracy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Pension Committee

Director Joseph Peychaud reported there were no actions taken by the Pension Committee on August 14, 2017. There were two presentation items. Mr. Tim Viezer presented the Chief Investment Officer's Presentation and Portfolio Recommendations Resolution. Mr. Octave Francis with FFC Capital Management presented an overview of the June 2017 Flash Performance Report.

Director Joseph Peychaud moved to accept the report of the Pension Committee. Director Marion Bracy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDING RESOLUTIONS

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

Hon. Mitchell Landrieu moved to go back to the Corresponding Resolutions for approval. Robin Barnes accepted the motion to go back to Corresponding Resolutions. Ralph Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Director Marion Bracy moved to accept the Corresponding Resolutions as mentioned by counsel as well as the Finance and Administration Committee. Director Dr. Tamika Duplessis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

R-064-2017 – Final Acceptance and close out to Contract #3795 – Modification to the return activated sludge PS and Pipeline at the East Bank Sewer Treatment Plant.

R-065-2017 – Final Acceptance and close out to Contract #6248 – Installation of two 60-hertz feeders from the Carrollton Water Plant to Drainage Pumping Station 1.

R-066-2017 – Contract #6259 – Installation of permanent Generators at 5 Underpass Drainage Pumping Stations.

R-068-2017 – Emergency Procurement for Repair to Drainage Pumping Station Equipment.

R-069-2017 – Declaration of Vacancy on the Board of SWBNO.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Cedric S. Grant reported on the status of the Approval of Emergency Contracts. Director Marion Bracy moved to accept the approval of the Emergency Contracts. Director Robin Barnes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Sharon Judkins reported on the status of the Declaration of Board Vacancy. There are five vacancies, but needing to fill three as soon as possible. Director Marion Bracy moved to declare the three vacancies as reported by staff and required by law.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Honorable Mitchell Landrieu called for a motion to go into Executive Session re: Kerry A. West v. S&WBNO OWC No. 15-04156 and Reginald Morris, et al. v. Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans, et al, Civil District Court No. 2013-4907. Director Marion Bracy moved to go into Executive Session. Director Ralph Johnson seconded. The motion carried.

Director Alan Arnold called for a motion to come out of Executive Session. Director Robin Barnes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Director Alan Arnold moved to accept the recommendation from special counsel. Director Marion Bracy seconded. The motion carried.

PRESENTATION ITEMS

Monthly Human Resources Activity Report for the Period July 1 through July 31 2017

Ms. Sharon Judkins presented the Monthly Human Resources Activity Report for the month of July 1 through July 31, 2017.

Executive Director's Approval of Contracts for \$1,000,000.00 or less

The contracts approved by the Executive Director that were \$1,000,000.00 or less are as follows:

1. Cintas Corporation for safety shoes.
2. Total Community Action Inc. for administrative fees for assistance program.
3. Johnson Yacoubian & Paysee for Legal Services in defense of the Board in Worker's Compensation Cases
4. Rodel Parsons Koch Blache Balhoff & McCollister Law Corporation for Legal Services of the Board in Worker's Compensation Cases.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were submitted for informational purposes only:

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

- Financial Statements

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Customer Ms. Grace Meyers with the Sierra Club, 4422 Bienville Street, expressed concern that there was not an opportunity for public comments on the item at the Special Board Meeting held at 9am on Thursday, August 10, 2017; however, there was a public comment on the motion that was voted on. Ms. Meyers asked the Board to pause on an interim management team stating that having a public-private partnership to do a root cause analysis generally leads to privatization.

Ms. Delores Blunt, 3613 Delchaise Street, and former employee of SWBNO, stated her street is constantly filling up with water. Ms. Blunt also stated that it took four months for Sewerage & Water Board to fix the problem. The customer recommended that problems or complaints be investigated in a timely manner. Mayor Landrieu asked that Robert Miller get with Ms. Blunt concerning this issue.

The Honorable Mitchell Landrieu announced that Mr. Robert Miller will be leaving the SWBNO, but has agreed to stay until October 13, 2017. The mayor called for a motion to have an item added to the agenda that would extend to Mr. Robert Miller the authority to execute contracts and be added to accounts necessary to conduct the business of the Board.

Director Ralph Johnson moved to add the item to the agenda. Director Joseph Peychaud seconded the motion. The motion carried. Honorable Mitchell Landrieu moved to accept the motion. Director Robin Barnes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Marion Bracy moved to adjourn. Honorable Mitchell Landrieu seconded. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:47 AM.