



DATE: 09/19/2023 TIME: 10:00 a.m. LOCATION: Executive Boardroom

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Tamika Duplessis, Chair | Alejandra Guzman | Lynes Sloss | Robin Barnes
| Janet Howard |

Governance Committee Meeting Agenda

I. Roll Call

II. Presentation Items

- A. Update on General Superintendent Search
- B. Proposed Plumbing Conference Committee Membership Change (SWBNO By-Laws Article VI, Section 10)

III. Action Item

- A. Resolution (R-124-2023) Authorization to Amend Sewerage and Water Board By-Laws, Article VI, Section 10 to Change the Membership of the Plumbing Conference Committee

IV. Public Comment

V. Adjournment



BY-LAWS OF THE SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS

Proposed Revisions

(As of June 17, 2020)

Reference	Current By-Law	Proposed Amendment	If Amendment is Adopted	Effect of Amendment
Article VI, Section 1	<p>There shall be five (5) standing committees, named as follows: Audit Committee, Finance and Administration Committee, the Operations Committee, Governance Committee, and the Strategy Planning Committee.</p> <p>In addition, a Pension Committee is established in accordance with the "Rules and Regulations of the Employee's Retirement System of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans."</p> <p>A Plumbing Conference Committee is established in accordance with the Plumbing Code of the City of New Orleans.</p> <p>Other Ad Hoc Committees may be formed by the Board or by the President of the Board.</p> <p>All committees shall meet at least biannually, if not more often as provided in these By-Laws.</p>	<p>There shall be five (5) standing committees, named as follows: Audit Committee, Finance and Administration Committee, the Operations Committee, Governance Committee, and the Strategy Planning Committee.</p> <p>In addition, a Pension Committee is established in accordance with the "Rules and Regulations of the Employee's Retirement System of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans."</p> <p>A Plumbing Conference Committee is established in accordance with the Plumbing Code of the City of New Orleans these By-Laws.</p> <p>Other Ad Hoc Committees may be formed by the Board or by the President of the Board.</p> <p>All committees shall meet at least biannually, if not more often as provided in these By-Laws.</p>	<p>There shall be five (5) standing committees, named as follows: Audit Committee, Finance and Administration Committee, the Operations Committee, Governance Committee, and the Strategy Planning Committee.</p> <p>In addition, a Pension Committee is established in accordance with the "Rules and Regulations of the Employee's Retirement System of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans."</p> <p>A Plumbing Conference Committee is established in accordance with these By-Laws.</p> <p>Other Ad Hoc Committees may be formed by the Board or by the President of the Board.</p> <p>All committees shall meet at least biannually, if not more often as provided in these By-Laws.</p>	<p>Establishes the Plumbing Conference Committee under the Board's By-Laws rather than the Plumbing Code, in keeping with establishment of all Board committees under the By-Laws.</p>
Article VI, Section 2	<p>The President of the Board shall appoint each Chairperson and all members of the Committees named in Article VI,</p>	<p>The President of the Board shall appoint each Chairperson and all members of the Committees named in Article VI,</p>	<p>The President of the Board shall appoint each Chairperson and all members of the Committees named in Article VI,</p>	

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<p>Article VI, Section 10</p>	<p>The Plumbing Conference Committee is established by the Plumbing Code of the City of New Orleans. Matters relating to the Plumbing Code shall be brought before the Plumbing Conference Committee for consideration. This Committee consists of: the General Superintendent, the Supervisor of SWBNO Plumbing Department; and seven (7) members, appointed by the President of the Board as follows:</p> <p>four (4) members of the Sewerage and Water Board appointed by the President; one (1) licensed master plumber, one (1) licensed journeyman plumber, and one (1) member of any allied plumbing or engineering trade or profession.</p>	<p>The Plumbing Conference Committee is established by the Plumbing Code of the City of New Orleans shall be responsible for application and interpretation of the Rules of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans Governing Use of Sewerage, Water, and Drainage Systems and Plumbing (the “Plumbing Code”). Matters relating to the Plumbing Code shall be brought before the Plumbing Conference Committee for consideration. All amendments to the Plumbing Code shall be considered by the Plumbing Conference Committee and forwarded to the Sewerage and Water Board for adoption. This Committee consists of:</p>	<p>The Plumbing Conference Committee shall be responsible for application and interpretation of the <i>Rules of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans Governing Use of Sewerage, Water, and Drainage Systems and Plumbing</i> (the “Plumbing Code”). Matters relating to the Plumbing Code shall be brought before the Plumbing Conference Committee for consideration. All amendments to the Plumbing Code shall be considered by the Plumbing Conference Committee and forwarded to the Sewerage and Water Board for adoption. This Committee consists of the General Superintendent, Chief of Plumbing, Chief of Customer Service, Chief of</p> <p>Both insertions establish duties and responsibilities of the Plumbing Conference Committee as currently stated in the Plumbing Code.</p>

Except for the first two above, all shall be appointed to two (2) year terms by the President of the Board. Five members constitute a quorum.

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Establishes composition of Plumbing Conference Committee to reflect evolution of SWBNO management structure and duties under the Plumbing Code, with increased emphasis on environmental regulation requirements.

Removes industry/trade membership due to obsolescence of Committee's role in matters pertaining to the plumbing profession.

Updates number of SWBNO personnel assigned to Committee.

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND ARTICLE VI, SECTION 10
OF THE SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS BY-LAWS
RELATIVE TO THE PLUMBING CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, Article VI (Committees), Section 10 (Plumbing Conference Committee) of the By-Laws of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, currently provides in pertinent part:

The Plumbing Conference Committee is established by the Plumbing Code of the City of New Orleans. Matters relating to the Plumbing Code shall be brought before the Plumbing Conference Committee for consideration. This Committee consists of: the General Superintendent, the Supervisor of SWBNO Plumbing Department; and seven (7) members, appointed by the President of the Board as follows:

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WHEREAS, a reconstitution of the membership of the Plumbing Conference Committee is needed to reflect the Board's recent organizational changes, namely, the SWBNO Plumbing Department has been moved from the GSO to the Chief of Customer Service; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the existing Plumbing Conference Committee is comprised of persons from the plumbing profession to resolve appeals from plumbers, granting variance, etc., and, there has not been a need to convene the Committee for these types of matters for quite some time; and

WHEREAS, current issues coming before the Plumbing Conference Committee are environmental compliance issues and the proposed persons/positions (Chief of Environmental Affairs, Chief of Engineering, the Chief of Plumbing, and the Chief of Customer Service), have a better understanding of environmental regulations that SWBNO and its customers must meet.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans hereby amends Article VI, Section 10 to read as follows:

The Plumbing Conference Committee shall be responsible for the application and interpretation of the Rules of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans Governing Use of Sewerage, Water, and Drainage Systems and Plumbing (the “Plumbing Code”). Matters relating to the Plumbing Code shall be brought before the Plumbing Conference Committee for consideration. All amendments to the Plumbing Code shall be considered by the Plumbing Conference Committee and forwarded to the Sewerage and Water Board for adoption. This Committee consists of: the General Superintendent, Chief of Environmental Affairs, Chief of Engineering, the Chief of Plumbing, and the Chief of Customer Service and four (4) members of the Sewerage and Water Board appointed by the President.

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The Plumbing Conference Committee shall meet at a minimum of biannually and as needed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans hereby amends the third paragraph of Article VI, Section 1 to read as follows:

A Plumbing Conference Committee is established in accordance with these By-Laws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans hereby amends the second paragraph of Article VI, Section 2 to read as follows:

Each committee, except for the Plumbing Conference Committee, shall consist of five (5) members of the Board, to be appointed by the President. Three (3) members of any standing committee shall constitute a quorum.

I, Ghassan Korban, Executive Director,
Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, do hereby
certify that the above and foregoing is a true and
correct copy of a resolution adopted at the Regular
Monthly Meeting of said Board, duly called and held,
according to law, on September 20, 2023.

GHASSAN KORBAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS