

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF
THE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018**

A MEETING OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS, HELD IN THE PRESENTATION ROOM ON THE FOURTH FLOOR AT ITS OFFICES LOCATED AT 1350 PORT OF NEW ORLEANS PLACE, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY *PRO TEM* COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN LANEY J. CHOUEST AT 1:30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Laney J. Chouest, *Pro Tem* Committee Chairman
Tara C. Hernandez, Member
Charles H. Ponstein, Member
Jack C. Jensen, Jr., Member

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ABSENT:

Arnold B. Baker, Committee Chairman
Darryl D. Berger, Member
William H. Langenstein, III, Member

STAFF:

B. Christian, President and Chief Executive Officer
L. Colletta, Executive Counsel
A. Fant, Vice President, Planning & Facilities
M. Ganon, Vice President, Public Affairs
B. Landry, Vice President, Commercial
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer
R. Aragon Dolese, Director, Marketing & Communications
T. Carter, Director, Procurement
C. Coats, Director, Real Estate
A. Evett, Director, Engineering
E. Pansano, Director, Internal Audit
M. Verderame, Director, Records
M. Scelson, Assistant General Counsel
H. Fontenot, Paralegal

GUESTS:

D. LaFont, NOPB,
A. Von Dobeneck, NOPB
B. Franklin, NOPB

I. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

In the absence of Committee Chairman Baker, Board Chairman Chouest served as *Pro Tem* Committee Chairman for the purpose of holding this meeting only. *Pro Tem* Committee Chairman Chouest determined the existence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

II. Briefing and Discussion Item:

A. Recommend to the Board at its Regular Monthly Meeting the Acceptance of the Consolidated Financial Statements for October, 2018.

Mr. Landry gave a brief cargo report. He stated that October was a good month for containers, with more than 50,000 TEUs. Mr. Landry stated that breakbulk volume numbers are going up.

Mr. Wendel briefed the committee on the October, 2018 consolidated financial statements, a copy of which is made part of these minutes.

Mr. Wendel stated that on the revenue side, October was a good month for the Port. He stated that both dockage and container cranes rentals are close to budget for the year to date. He stated that real estate rentals were down for the month, but still above budget for the year.

Mr. Wendel stated that on the rail side, it was a very good month with NOPB coming in above budget for revenues. He added that all rail operations continue to remain strong and that car shop repairs were very good for the month.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to recommend acceptance of the October, 2018 consolidated financial statements at the Regular Board meeting. Commissioner Ponstein seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

III. Public Comment

Pro Tem Committee Chairman Chouest called for public comment, but there was none.

IV. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, *Pro Tem* Committee Chairman Chouest called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ponstein so moved, and Commissioner Jensen seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 P.M.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF
THE PLANNING AND ENGINEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018**

A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENGINEERING COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS, HELD IN THE PRESENTATION ROOM ON THE FOURTH FLOOR AT ITS OFFICES LOCATED AT 1350 PORT OF NEW ORLEANS PLACE, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY *PRO TEM* COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN LANEY J. CHOUEST AT 1:51 P.M. ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Laney J. Chouest, *Pro Tem* Committee Chairman
Darryl D. Berger, Committee Chairman
Tara C. Hernandez, Member
Charles H. Ponstein, Member
Jack C. Jensen, Jr., Member

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ABSENT:

Arnold B. Baker, Member
William H. Langenstein, III, Member

STAFF:

B. Christian, President and Chief Executive Officer
L. Colletta, Executive Counsel
A. Fant, Vice President, Planning & Facilities
M. Ganon, Vice President, Public Affairs
B. Landry, Vice President, Commercial
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer
R. Aragon Dolese, Director, Marketing & Communications
T. Carter, Director, Procurement
C. Coats, Director, Real Estate
A. Evett, Director, Engineering
J. Guidry, Director, Maintenance
E. Pansano, Director, Internal Audit
M. Verderame, Director, Records
M. Scelson, Assistant General Counsel
H. Fontenot, Paralegal

GUESTS:

D. LaFont, NOPB
A. Von Dobeneck, NOPB
B. Franklin, NOPB

I. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

Board Chairman Chouest served as *Pro Tem* Committee Chairman for the purpose of holding this meeting only. *Pro Tem* Chairman Chouest determined the existence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:51 P.M.

II. Briefing and Discussion Items:

A. Recommend to the Board at its Regular Monthly Meeting a Resolution Awarding a Contract to Magee Excavation & Development, LLC, in the Amount of \$3,027,864.24, for the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal France Road North Paving and Drainage Improvements.

Commissioner Berger arrived at 1:54 P.M.

Mr. Evett presented and recommended approval of the resolution. He stated that the contract is for the replacement of the roadway pavement system, shoulder and drainage improvements, and installation of lighting for a portion of France Road. He advised that the contract is funded by the Board's Capital Investment Plan.

Commissioner Hernandez moved to recommend approval of the resolution at the Regular Board meeting. Commissioner Jensen seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

III. Public Comment

Pro Tem Committee Chairman Chouest called for public comment, but there was none.

IV. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, *Pro Tem* Committee Chairman Chouest called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hernandez moved, and Commissioner Jensen seconded. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and the meeting was adjourned at 1:58 P.M.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF
THE REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2018**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS, HELD IN THE FIRST FLOOR AUDITORIUM AT ITS OFFICES LOCATED AT 1350 PORT OF NEW ORLEANS PLACE, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN LANEY J. CHOUEST, AT 11:06 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2018.

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT:

Laney J. Chouest, Chairman
Tara C. Hernandez, Secretary-Treasurer
Darryl D. Berger, Member
Charles H. Ponstein, Member

COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT:

Arnold B. Baker, Vice-Chairman
William H. Langenstein, III, Member
Jack C. Jensen, Jr., Member

STAFF:

B. Christian, President and Chief Executive Officer
L. Colletta, Executive Counsel
A. Fant, Vice President, Planning & Facilities
M. Ganon, Vice President, Public Affairs
B. Landry, Vice President, Commercial
E. Pansano, Director, Internal Audit
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer
D. Cordell, Chief Information Officer
R. Hecker, Chief, Harbor Police Department
R. Aragon Dolese, Director, Marketing & Communications
L. Blackman, Deputy Director, Tourism
T. Carter, Director, Procurement
C. Coats, Director, Real Estate
J. Crist, Deputy Director, Terminal Operations
A. Evett, Director, Engineering
J. Guidry, Director, Maintenance
A. Pellegrin, Director, Sustainable Development
M. Verderame, Director, Records
M. Scelson, Asst. Gen. Counsel
H. Fontenot, Paralegal
J. Schecter, Communications
M. Montroll, Harbor Police Department

E. Bordelon, Executive Assistant
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant
M. Steib, Information Technology
D. Feraci, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS:

D. Campbell, NOPB
D. Lafont, NOPB, NOPB
A. Von Dobeneck, NOPB
K.M. Price, New Orleans Terminal
T. Wells, Waldemar S. Nelson Co.
K. Auzenne, Ozanne Construction Company
R. Glapion, The BETA Group
M. Tapper, Mayor's Office

I. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

Chairman Chouest determined the existence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 11:06 A.M.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Chouest asked Commissioner Hernandez to lead the Board and the audience in saying the Pledge of Allegiance, and she did so.

III. General Public Comment

Chairman Chouest called for general public comment, but there was none.

IV. Approval of October, 2018 Public Meeting Minutes

On motion duly made by Chairman Chouest and seconded by Commissioner Jensen, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of its public meetings of October 2018, as previously circulated.

V. Acceptance of Consolidated Financial Statement for October, 2018

Chairman Chouest advised the Board that the Budget Committee had reviewed the financial statement and voted to recommend it for approval at this meeting. Commissioner Ponstein moved and Commissioner Hernandez seconded. The Board unanimously accepted the October 2018, consolidated financial statement, as previously circulated.

VI. Action Required:

A. Consider Approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract to Magee Excavation & Development, LLC, in the Amount of \$3,027,864.24, for the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal France Road North Paving and Drainage Improvements.

Mr. Evett presented and recommended approval of the resolution. He explained that the contract is for the replacement of the roadway pavement system, shoulder and drainage improvements, and installation of lighting for portions of France Road on the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal.

Chairman Chouest advised the Board that the Planning and Engineering Committee had reviewed the resolution with staff and voted to recommend it for approval at this meeting. Commissioner Hernandez moved for its approval. Commissioner Jensen seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VII. Appointment of Nominating Committee

Chairman Chouest announced the appointment of Commissioners Langenstein, Ponstein, and Jensen to serve as members of the Nominating Committee for the Board of Commissioners. The Nominating Committee will make recommendations to the full Board next month regarding the changing of officers to take place at the end of the December Regular Board Meeting. Commissioner Ponstein was appointed to serve as Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

VIII. Commissioner' Comments

Chairman Chouest called for Commissioners' comments, but there were none.

IX. Report by the President and Chief Executive Officer

Ms. Christian commented on the general cargo numbers for the month of October. She stated that the total TEUs for the month exceeded 50,000 and that imports have increased by 20% for the month while exports grew by 21%.

Ms. Christian commented on the PIER Plan Open House, and recognized Ms. Pellegrin and the Sustainable Development Team for hosting the event at the Port on October 30, 2018.

Ms. Christian welcomed the Norwegian Cruise Lines' new ship, the *Breakaway*, to New Orleans. The *Breakaway* is Norwegian's largest cruise ship to ever sail from New Orleans.

Ms. Christian congratulated Commissioner Hernandez, who was named the "Torchbearer" for Economic Development by the National Coalition of 100 Black Women of Greater New Orleans. The honor was announced at the 20th Annual Torchbearers Awards Gala on Saturday evening.

X. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Chouest called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jensen moved, and Commissioner Hernandez seconded. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and the meeting was adjourned at 11:13 A.M.