

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021**

A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE 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 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN WILLIAM H. LANGENSTEIN, III AT 1:41 P.M. ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: William H. Langenstein, III, Committee Chairman
Charles H. Ponstein, Member
Jack C. Jensen, Jr., Member
Joseph F. Toomy, Member
Walter J. Leger, Jr., Member
James J. Carter, Jr., Member

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT: Darryl D. Berger, Member

STAFF: B. Christian, President and Chief Executive Officer
J. Escudier, Executive Counsel
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer
M. Scelson, General Counsel
M. Gresham, Chief Governmental Affairs Officer
R. Aragon Dolese, Director, Marketing and Communications
M. Verderame, Director, Records
L. Mellem, Director of Emergency Management and External Affairs
M. Singley, Board Secretariat

I. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

Committee Chairman Langenstein confirmed a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:41 p.m.

II. Closed Executive Session to Discuss the Matter of: *Stop the Destruction of St. Bernard, Inc., et al. v. Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans.* (convened in accordance with La R.S. 42:17A(2))

Committee Chairman Langenstein read the agenda item aloud and called for a motion to enter into a closed executive session, convened in accordance with La. R.S. 42:17(A)(2), to discuss the matter.

Commissioner Leger moved to enter into a closed executive session and Commissioner Ponstein seconded. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and the Committee entered into closed session.

Following the conclusion of the discussion, Commissioner Ponstein moved to end the closed executive session and return to the open meeting. Commissioner Toomy seconded. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and the closed executive session concluded.

III. Public Comment

Committee Chairman Langenstein called for public comment but there was none.

IV. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Committee Chairman Langenstein called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ponstein so moved, and Commissioner Leger seconded. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and the meeting was adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021**

A MEETING OF THE NOMINATING 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 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN WALTER J. LEGER, JR. AT 1:31 P.M. ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Walter J. Leger, Jr., Committee Chairman
James J. Carter, Jr., Member

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT: Darryl D. Berger, Member

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: William H. Langenstein, III, Board Chairman
Charles H. Ponstein, Board Vice-Chairman
Jack C. Jensen, Jr., Board Secretary-Treasurer
Joseph F. Toomy, Board Member

STAFF: B. Christian, President and Chief Executive Officer
J. Escudier, Executive Counsel
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer
M. Scelson, General Counsel
M. Gresham, Chief Governmental Affairs Officer
R. Aragon Dolese, Director, Marketing and Communications
M. Verderame, Director, Records
L. Mellem, Director of Emergency Management and External Affairs
M. Singley, Board Secretariat

I. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

Committee Chairman Leger confirmed a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

II. Discussion and Recommendation of Officers for the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans, to Serve December 2021 through September 2022.

Committee Chairman Leger addressed the Committee, stating that the Board's Chairman appointed the Nominating Committee in order to consider a ballot of officers to be voted on by the full Board. These officers will serve the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans for nine-month terms, beginning at the conclusion of today's Regular Board meeting,

through September 2022. In consideration of the Board's traditional rotation of officers, Committee Chairman Leger proposed the following ballot: Charles H. Ponstein as Chairman, Jack C. Jensen, Jr. as Vice-Chairman, and Joseph F. Toomy as Secretary-Treasurer.

Committee Chairman Leger then called for a motion to approve the ballot, as proposed. Commissioner Carter moved to accept the proposed ballot as the official recommendation of the Nominating Committee, and Commissioner Leger seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

III. Public Comment

Committee Chairman Leger called for public comment but there was none.

IV. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Committee Chairman Leger called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Carter so moved, and Committee Chairman Leger seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and Committee Chairman Leger adjourned the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021**

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 WILLIAM H. LANGENSTEIN, III, AT 2:19 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: William H. Langenstein, III, Chairman
Charles H. Ponstein, Vice-Chairman
Jack. C. Jensen, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer
Joseph F. Toomy, Member
Walter J. Leger, Jr., Member
James J. Carter, Jr., Member

MEMBER ABSENT: Darryl D. Berger, Member

STAFF: B. Christian, President and Chief Executive Officer
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer
A. Evett, Vice President, Chief Engineer
J. Escudier, Executive Counsel
T. Rives, Vice President, Commercial
R. Aragon Dolese, Director, Marketing and Communications
M. Gresham, Chief Governmental Affairs Officer
E. Pansano, Director, Internal Audit
M. Scelson, General Counsel
B. McManus, Staff Attorney
G. Palermo, Deputy General Counsel
C. Gilmore, Director, Engineering
J. Mansour, Director, Commercial
M. Verderame, Director, Records
L. Lofton, Manager, Internal Audit
G. Brown, Director Human Resources
C. Labat, Director Procurement
G. Rose, Deputy Director, Planning
L. Mellem, Director, Emergency Management
C. Alfonso, Manager, Community Engagement
J. Ragusa, Manager, Communications
A. Taylor, Procurement
K. Howells, Procurement
M. Singley, Board Secretariat
Captain M. Montroll, Harbor Police Department
Lieutenant C. Clark, Jr., Harbor Police Department

GUESTS: M. Stolzman, NOPB
C. Kocur, NOPB
I. McPherson, NOPB
J. Oldham, NOPB
A. Ferrand, NOPB
T. Bryant, NOPB
D. Boudreaux, ILA/ITF
R. Junius, Linfield, Hunter & Junius
J. Nee, Moran Towing
K. Price, New Orleans Terminal LLC
D. Richardson, Intertek-PSI
W. Roesch, ILA 2036
B. Boyd, ILA

I. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

Following a roll call of Board members, Chairman Langenstein confirmed a quorum and called the meeting to order at 2:19 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Langenstein asked Commissioner Jensen to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes for November 2021

Chairman Langenstein called for a motion to approve the public meeting minutes for November 2021, as previously circulated.

Commissioner Ponstein moved to accept the minutes and Commissioner Toomy seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

IV. Public Comment

Chairman Langenstein provided an overview of the Board's process for submitting public comment. He then called for any general or agenda-related public comment, but there was none.

V. Action Items:

A. Acceptance of the Consolidated Financial Statements for November 2021.

Mr. Wendel presented the consolidated financial statements for November 2021, a copy of which is made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Rives provided an overview of the Board's cargo volumes, reporting a decrease in container volumes, mostly attributed to 17 vessel omissions. The primary causes of these

omissions are supply chain issues, lack of labor force and congestion in nearby ports, such as Houston. On a positive note, exports remained strong and showed a 1% increase in market share compared to other ports in the region. The addition of new cranes this spring should also attract new ocean carriers to the Board's facilities. Breakbulk volumes slightly decreased in November but remained over 200,000 TEU for the third consecutive month, and showed a 142% increase compared this time last year. This positive trend is expected to continue in calendar year 2022 with strong imports of steel, rubber, minerals and concentrates.

Mr. Rives noted that both cruise passenger counts and parking revenue were above expectations in November. There were 13 ocean-going vessels and 19 river-cruise vessels calling in November, resulting in a total passenger count over 60,000.

Commissioner Jensen asked if the congestion in container cargo was prompting carriers to convert to breakbulk. Mr. Rives confirmed that this trend has been observed with imports such as coffee. He added that, despite some warehousing challenges, the Board has been able to successfully accommodate the recent breakbulk surplus.

Commissioner Toomy asked for precisions on barge activity. Mr. Rives responded that barges mostly travel from Baton Rouge to New Orleans, transporting cargo to be loaded on to ocean carriers. This market represents about 5% of the Board's total cargo volume.

Chairman Langenstein asked if the surge in breakbulk volumes was due to the congestion in other ports. Mr. Rives confirmed that carriers are trying to avoid container vessel delays by converting to breakbulk cargo. This is a positive outcome since the Board's terminals are adequately equipped to accommodate this increased activity.

Mr. Wendel presented November and fiscal year-to-date figures for gross revenues, labor costs, operating costs, and operating revenue for the Board, as well as on a consolidated basis for the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad Commission for the Port of New Orleans ("NOPB"). He reported that NOPB's switching volumes were in line with monthly projections, while storage volumes remained above 800 cars per day. Despite strong breakbulk volume, the Board's container revenue was below projections for November. The total terminal operations revenue was \$161,000 under budget for the month but still more than \$1.5 million above last year's numbers at this time.

For the first time since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, cruise revenues were over \$1 million for the month of November. All cruise operations were significantly above projections, resulting in a total revenue of \$178,000 over budget for the month and more than \$1.8 million above last year's numbers at this time. Real estate revenues were slightly over budget for the month. Overall, the Board's revenues were \$24,000 above budget for the month and only \$113,000 below the fiscal year-to-date projections.

Mr. Wendel noted that NOPB's overall revenue was \$110,000 over budget for November. On a consolidated basis, total operating revenue was \$135,000 over budget for the month and \$4.8 million over last year's numbers at this time.

Due to lower than expected staffing levels, the Board's year-to-date payroll expenses are more than \$1 million below budget. Mr. Wended added that vacant positions will begin to be filled to accommodate increasing cruise activity. Overall operating expenses also remained under budget, resulting in a total operating income almost \$405,000 over budget for the month and \$2.7 million over year-to-date projections.

NOPB's labor costs have steadily remained under budget as well. The overall operating income was \$46,000 over the monthly budget and in line with the fiscal year-to-date budget. Mr. Wendel noted that the \$284,000 loss noted in November is a notation in connection with the sale of two (2) NOPB locomotives.

On a consolidated basis, November's operating income was \$451,000 over budget for the month, \$2.7 million over the year-to date projections and \$6.2 million over 2020 year-to-date numbers.

Commissioner Jensen moved to accept the consolidated financial statements and Commissioner Toomy seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

B. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Professional Services Contract with Professional Service Industries, Inc. to Provide As-Needed Geotechnical Engineering Services for a Period of Three Years, for an Amount Not to Exceed \$300,000 for the Full Contract Term.

Mr. Gilmore presented and recommended approval of the resolution. He stated that as-needed services under the scope of this contract will support a variety of planned projects, and include but are not limited to: project management, geotechnical investigations, development of geotechnical reports, design for pavements and pile capacities, and bank stability analysis. In response to the Board's Request for Proposals, Professional Service Industries, Inc. was the highest ranked of six (6) firms based on the selection committee's evaluation criteria. The contract term is for a period of three (3) years, and the cost is not to exceed \$300,000 for the full contract term. Funding is allocated in the Board's Capital Investment Plan.

Commissioner Toomy moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Jensen seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

C. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Professional Services Contract with Urban Systems, Inc. to Provide As-Needed Traffic Engineering Services for a Period of Three Years, for an Amount Not to Exceed \$300,000 for the Full Contract Term.

Mr. Gilmore presented and recommended approval of the resolution. He stated that as-needed services under the scope of this contract will support a variety of planned projects, and include but are not limited to: traffic data collection, development of traffic models, traffic safety investigations, design services and project management. In response to the

Board's Request for Proposals, Urban Systems, Inc. was the highest ranked of three (3) firms, based on the selection committee's evaluation criteria. The contract term is for a period of three (3) years, at a cost not to exceed \$300,000 for the full contract term. Funding for this project is allocated in the Board's Capital Investment Plan.

Commissioner Ponstein asked if these services will be for a specific project and Mr. Gilmore responded that this contract covers all of the Board's traffic engineering needs for a variety of upcoming projects.

Commissioner Jensen asked if this is a new contract. Mr. Gilmore responded that the Board's current contract for traffic engineering services is expiring by term, and this will be a new contract.

Commissioner Ponstein moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Leger seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

D. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Contract with Royal Engineers and Consultants, L.L.C. to Provide Construction Management Services for the Jourdan Road Wharf Terminal Substructure Repair Project for a Period of Two Years, for an Amount Not to Exceed \$500,000 for the Full Contract Term.

Mr. Gilmore presented and recommended approval of the resolution. The scope of this contract includes providing construction management services in connection with the Jourdan Road Wharf Terminal Substructure Repair Project, including but not limited to: plan review, general coordination, scheduling, quality insurance inspections, payment application review, project acceptance and closeout. In response to the Board's Request for Proposals, Royal Engineers and Consultants, LLC was the highest ranked of five (5) firms, based on the selection committee's evaluation criteria. The contract term is for a period of two (2) years, at a cost not to exceed \$500,000 for the full contract term. Funding is allocated in the Board's Capital Investment Plan.

Commissioner Carter moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Jensen seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

E. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Professional Services Contract with Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Inc. to Provide Engineering and Design Services for the Nashville Avenue Terminal Paving Improvements Project for a Period of Three Years, for an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,000,000 for the Full Contract Term.

Mr. Gilmore presented and recommended approval of the resolution. The scope of this contract includes providing engineering design services in connection with the Nashville Avenue Terminal Paving Improvements Project, including but not limited to: inspection of existing drainage and utilities, development of phasing plan, design of paving improvements, bid support and construction administration. In response to the Board's

Request for Proposals, Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Inc. was the highest ranked of seven (7) firms, based on the selected committee's evaluation criteria. The contract term is for a period of three (3) years, at a cost not to exceed \$2,000,000 for the full contract term. Funding is allocated in the Capital Investment Plan.

Commission Jensen asked for clarifications on the timeline for commencing the project construction phase. Mr. Evett responded that this is a critical project that should begin as soon as possible, but the complexity of the design components might delay the starting date for construction. He added that the Board was also awaiting determination on a Louisiana Economic Development Grant application in connection with this project, which could also potentially impact the construction start date.

Chairman Langenstein asked if the different phases of work for this project have been identified. Mr. Evett responded that the replacement of the existing rail tracks and cement pavers will be prioritized to help facilitate the project progression as efficiently as possible.

Commissioner Toomy moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Jensen seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

F. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into an Amendment in an Amount Not to Exceed \$200,000 to the Contract with AECOM Technical Services, Inc., to Provide Engineering Services for the Nashville Avenue Terminal Crane Rail Extension Project.

Mr. Gilmore presented and recommended approval of the resolution. He stated that in March 2019, the Board assumed this contract from Port's America Louisiana, L.L.C., with a not-to-exceed amount of 2,926,651.34. At that time, the full scope of the project was not known. Staff is requesting that the not-to-exceed amount of the contract be increased by \$200,000 to account for additional design and post-design services to include, inspection, monitoring and repairs to missing and damaged piles. The additional engineering services will also include the modifications needed to accommodate the four (4) new gantry cranes in the terminal facility. Funding for this amendment is allocated in the Board's Capital Investment Plan.

Commissioner Leger moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Ponstein seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

VI. Report by the President and Chief Executive Officer

After wishing a happy holiday to all attendees, Ms. Christian welcomed the arrival of the new gantry cranes to the Napoleon Avenue Container Terminal. She recognized and thanked staff and all the partners involved in the design, construction and safe transit of the new cranes.

Ms. Christian shared the sad news of Mr. Angelo Rivera's passing. Mr. Rivera worked for the Board for 47 years. His energy, wit, and friendship will be thoroughly missed by all who had the opportunity to work with him.

VII. Report of Nominating Committee

Chairman Langenstein invited Commissioner Leger to present the report of the Nominating Committee. Commissioner Leger reported that the Nominating Committee proposed the following ballot of Board officers, for consideration by the full Board: Charles H. Ponstein as Chairman, Jack C. Jensen, Jr. as Vice-Chairman, and Joseph F. Toomy as Secretary-Treasurer.

If elected, these officers will serve nine-month terms, effective at the conclusion of this meeting, through September 2022.

VIII. Election of Board Officers

Chairman Langenstein called for a motion to elect the proposed ballot of officers: Charles H. Ponstein as Chairman, Jack C. Jensen, Jr. as Vice-Chairman, and Joseph F. Toomy as Secretary-Treasurer.

Commissioner Leger so moved and Commissioner Carter seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

IX. Commissioners' Comments

Chairman Langenstein opened the floor for any Commissioners' comments.

Commissioner Toomy thanked Chairman Langenstein for his leadership, especially during the challenging period of virtual meetings.

On behalf of the Board and staff, newly-elected Board Chairman Ponstein presented Chairman Langenstein with a plaque as a token of appreciation for his service as chairman.

Chairman Langenstein asked staff for an update on the new container gantry cranes. Mr. Evett stated that two (2) cranes have already been unloaded, and the remaining two (2) are anticipated to be offloaded by December 20. He added that the installation project is progressing as scheduled.

Chairman Langenstein expressed his heartfelt gratitude for the rewarding experience serving as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans and the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad Commission for the Port of New Orleans. He warmly thanked all former and current Commissioners who have served with him, and enumerated the numerous successes the Board's has achieved in the last year, in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic. He also thanked the Board and staff for their trust, dedication, and service.

X. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, and in keeping with Board tradition, Chairman Langenstein invited newly-elected Chairman Ponstein to adjourn the meeting. Chairman-elect Ponstein called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Leger so moved and Commissioner Toomy seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and Chairman Ponstein adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2021**

A SPECIAL 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 CHARLES H. PONSTEIN, AT 3:02 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles H. Ponstein, Chairman
Jack. C. Jensen, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Joseph F. Toomy, Secretary-Treasurer
William H. Langenstein, III, Member
Walter J. Leger, Jr., Member
James J. Carter, Jr., Member

MEMBER ABSENT: Darryl D. Berger, Member

STAFF: B. Christian, President and Chief Executive Officer
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer
J. Escudier, Executive Counsel
R. Aragon Dolese, Director, Marketing and Communications
M. Gresham, Chief Governmental Affairs Officer
E. Pansano, Director, Internal Audit
M. Scelson, General Counsel
G. Palermo, Deputy General Counsel
J. Guidry, Director, Maintenance
C. Gilmore, Director, Engineering
J. Mansour, Director, Commercial
M. Verderame, Director, Records
P. Beard, Real Estate
C. Falgoust, Real Estate
E. Gondek, Commercial, Berthing
P. Jackson, Legal Assistant
Chief R. Hecker, Harbor Police Department

GUESTS: B. Assavedo, Save Our St. Bernard
S. Perez, Save Our St. Bernard
J. Perez, Save Our St. Bernard
H. Camero, Save Our St. Bernard
William, C.I.S.
W. Roesch, International Longshoremen's Association, Local 2036
N. Jumonville, Midgulf Association of Stevedores, Inc.
C. Hammond, International Longshoremen's Association, Local 3000
D. Boudreaux, International Longshoremen's Association, Vice President
J. Walton, St. Bernard Voice

J. Campbell, International Longshoremen's Association, Local 3000
D. Jones, Fox 8
J. Hyatt, C.H. Powell & Co.
M. McCormack, St. Bernard Economic Development Foundation
L. M. Aisola
S. Aisola
B. P. Boyd, International Longshoremen's Association, Local 1497
D. Dison, Dison Enterprises, LLC
H. Golden, WDSU
D. Pino, WDSU
Michael, International Longshoremen's Association, Local 1497
K. Calkins, New Orleans Terminal LLC
K. Palmisano, Ports America Louisiana, L.L.C.

I. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

Following a roll call of Board members, Chairman Ponstein confirmed a quorum and called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Ponstein led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Public Comment

Chairman Ponstein asked Ms. Verderame to provide an overview of the Board's process for submitting public comment and then called for any general or agenda related public comment. The following individuals provided public comments:

Ms. Brianna Assavedo, representing the non-profit organization Save Our St. Bernard ("Save Our St. Bernard"), commented in opposition of Agenda Item No. IV.

Ms. Samantha Perez, representing Save Our St. Bernard, commented in opposition of Agenda Item No. IV.

Ms. Janet Perez, representing Save Our St. Bernard, commented in opposition of Agenda Item No. IV.

Mr. Kris Calkins, representing New Orleans Terminal LLC, commented in favor of Agenda Item No. IV.

Mr. Keith Palmisano, representing Ports America Louisiana, L.L.C., commented in favor of Agenda Item No. IV.

Mr. Nick Jumonville, representing Midgulf Association of Stevedores, Inc., commented in favor of Agenda Item No. IV.

Mr. Dwayne Boudreaux, Vice-President of the International Longshoremen's Association ("ILA"), commented in favor of Agenda Item No. IV.

Mr. Byron Boyd, representing ILA Local 1497, commented in favor of Agenda Item No. IV.

Mr. Chris Hammond, representing ILA Local 3000, commented in favor of Agenda Item No. IV.

Mr. Darin Dison, representing Dison Enterprises, LLC, commented in favor of Agenda Item No. IV.

Mr. Sentell Aisola commented in favor of Agenda Item No. IV.

Mr. Henry Camero, representing Save Our St. Bernard, commented in opposition of Agenda Item No. IV.

Mr. Jim Campbell, representing ILA Local 3000, commented in favor of Agenda Item No. IV.

Chairman Ponstein thanked all participants for their comments and participation.

IV. Action Items:

A. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Execute Any and All Documents and to Take Any and All Actions Necessary for the Acquisition of Approximately 1,118 Acres of Property in Violet, Louisiana.

Mr. Escudier presented and recommended approval of the resolution. He stated that on December 30, 2020, the Board executed a Purchase and Sale Agreement with multiple sellers for the purchase of approximately 1,037 acres of real estate in Violet, Louisiana. Following the Board's completion of due diligence into the properties, staff recommends and requests that the Board grant authority to the President and Chief Executive Officer to execute any and all documents and take any additional actions necessary to accomplish the acquisition of the subject acreage, which, following title research and surveying, totals approximately 1,118 acres.

Ms. Christian noted that over the past twelve months, the Board has engaged in extensive due diligence, which included title work and community engagement. The Board still has to complete the Army Corps' permitting process, which will require extensive studies that will address the questions and concerns previously raised. She also noted the unique and valuable features of the property, making it an important asset for the Port.

Commissioner Leger reiterated his dedication and lifelong commitment to St. Bernard Parish. He attributed the impressive growth of the parish, following Hurricane Katrina, to economic plans that included an expansion of the port facilities. He stated that the Board will continue to work with the St. Bernard community to address their concerns.

Commissioner Carter expressed his strong support of the project on both a state and local level and commended the focus on making the project a more equitable opportunity for the entire community.

Commissioner Leger moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Carter seconded.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Commissioner Toomy echoed Ms. Christian's and Commissioner Leger's comments on the benefits of the property and the ongoing nature of the due diligence process. Chairman Ponstein stated that as a resident of St. Bernard Parish, he became a Board member to represent and serve the interests of the St. Bernard community and that he will continue to do so throughout the terminal development process.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Ponstein called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Carter so moved and Commissioner Jensen seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and Chairman Ponstein adjourned the meeting at 3:44 p.m.