

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2023**

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 JOSEPH F. TOOMY, JR. AT 2:56 P.M.

MEMBERS

Joseph F. Toomy, Chairman

PRESENT:

Walter J. Leger, Jr., Vice-Chairman

James J. Carter, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer

Jeanne E. Ferrer, Member

Darryl D. Berger, Member

Todd P. Murphy, Member

MEMBER

Sharonda. R. Williams, Member

ABSENT:

STAFF:

B. Christian, President & Chief Executive Officer

R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer

J. Escudier, Executive Counsel

L. Mellem, Chief of Staff

A. Evett, Chief of Infrastructure

C. Gilmore, Director, Engineering

R. Aragon Dolese, Director, Marketing & Communications

M. Gresham, Chief of Governmental Relations

T. Black, Staff Attorney

K. Gilmore, Director, Real Estate

S. Gauthier, Director, Cruise

Chief M. Montroll, Harbor Police Department

A. Ferrand-Rodgers, Director Organizational Development

A. Lopez-Salazar, Manager, Commercial

A. Villarrubia, Manager, Commercial

J. Ragusa-Nunes, Deputy Director, Governmental Affairs

K. Curth, Press Secretary

K. Mills, Manager, Communications & Community Engagement

M. Singley, Board Secretariat

A. Johnson, Executive Assistant

GUESTS:

T. Bryant, NOPB

C. Kocur, NOPB

L. Hensley, NOPB

I. McPherson, NOPB

F. McCormack, Waterways Journal

R. Guidry, PEEC Inc.

B. Rousselle, PEEC, Inc.

R. Chauvin, Infinity Engineering
J. Nee, Moran Towing
D. Worthy, Moran Towing
T. Dow, Empire Stevedoring

I. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

Following a roll call of Board members, Chairman Toomy confirmed a quorum and called the meeting to order at 2:56 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Toomy asked Commissioner Ferrer to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Report by the President and Chief Executive Officer

Ms. Christian announced that the State Legislature had reinstated funding for the Louisiana International Terminal project from the Capital Outlay Saving Fund and also celebrated the completion of the France Yard expansion project. Afterwards, Ms. Christian provided an overview of July 2023 volumes.

IV. Public Comment

Chairman Toomy called for any agenda-related or general public comments, but there were none.

V. Approval of the Meeting Minutes for July 2023

Chairman Toomy called for a motion to approve the public meeting minutes for June 2023, as previously circulated.

Commissioner Carter moved to accept the minutes and Commissioner Ferrer seconded.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. Action Items:

A. Acceptance of the Consolidated Financial Statements for July 2023

Mr. Wendel presented the consolidated financial statements for the month of July, a copy of which is made a part of these minutes. Commissioner Leger moved to accept the consolidated financial statements and Commissioner Ferrer seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- B. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. to Provide Control Devices to the Harbor Police Department, for a Period of Five Years, in the Amount of \$178,348.94 for the Full Contract Term.**

Chief Montroll presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Commissioner Murphy moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Berger seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- C. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into an Agreement with the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development Under the Port Construction and Development Priority Program for the Napoleon Avenue Wharf Modernization Project.¹**

Mr. Gilmore presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Following a brief discussion, including a question from Chairman Toomy on the total grant amount, Commissioner Leger moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Ferrer seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- D. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Amend the Contract with Boos Navarre, LLC to Provide Engineering Support and Oversight for the Procurement and Manufacture of Two New Ship-to-Shore Container Handling Gantry Cranes Nos. 10 and 11, to Increase the Not-to-Exceed Cost by \$150,000 and to Extend the Contract Time to December 31, 2024.**

Mr. Gilmore presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Commissioner Leger moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Ferrer seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- E. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Contract with New Orleans Public Facility Management, Inc. to Utilize the Convention Center's Property for Overflow Parking on an As-Needed Basis, for a Period of One Year, at a Cost of \$13 per Car per Day.**

Mr. Gauthier presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Commissioner Murphy moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Ferrer seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- F. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Consent to an Assignment of the Lease Agreement with MSC (USA) Holdings, Inc. to MEDLOG (USA), Inc. for the Property Located at 3601 France Road, New Orleans, Louisiana.**

¹ NOTE: Items C and D were inadvertently taken out of order from the schedule contained in the pre-circulated agenda. See Robert's Rules of Order, 11th Edition, §41, p. 372, ll. 24-35.

Mr. Gilmore presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Commissioner Ferrer moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Berger seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

G. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Submit an Application to the United States Department of Commerce’s Foreign Trade Zones Board Requesting the Expansion of the Board’s Current Foreign Trade Zone Jurisdiction to Include St. Tammany Parish.

Mr. Gilmore presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Commissioner Leger moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Carter seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

H. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Louisiana Through the Department of Transportation and Development to Accept Funding in the Amount of \$13,500,000 from the Capital Outlay Saving Fund for the Louisiana International Terminal Project.

Mr. Gresham presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Following a brief discussion, Commissioner Leger and Chairman Toomy expressed their gratitude for the State’s commitment to the terminal project. Commissioner Leger moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Carter seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. Christian thanked Mr. Gresham, Chief of Governmental Relations and Ms. Ragusa-Nunes, Deputy Director of Governmental Affairs, for their essential involvement in securing this State funding.

VII. Chairman and Commissioners’ Comments

Chairman Toomy and Commissioner Leger commended the expansion of the Board’s Current Foreign Trade Zone Jurisdiction to include St. Tammany Parish. Chairman Toomy also announced that former commissioner Jack J. Jensen, Jr. had been recognized as the recipient of the 2023 C. Alvin Bertel award.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Toomy called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Carter so moved and Commissioner Ferrer seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and Chairman Toomy adjourned the meeting at 3:26 p.m.