

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 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 JACK C. JENSEN, JR. AT 2:00 P.M.

MEMBERS

Jack. C. Jensen, Jr. Chairman

PRESENT:

Joseph F. Toomy, Vice-Chairman

Walter J. Leger, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer

William H. Langenstein, III, Member

Charles H. Ponstein, Member

Sharonda. R. Williams, Member

James J. Carter, Jr., Member

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

C. Coats, General Manager, Maritime & Asset Management

R. Aragon Dolese, Director, Marketing & Communications

C. Labat, Director, Procurement

M. Scelson, General Counsel

S. Gauthier, Director, Cruise

A. Dawson, Director, Emergency Management

Chief M. Montroll, Harbor Police Department

A. Lopez-Salazar, Manager, Commercial

K. Mills, Manager, Communications & Community Engagement

K. Curth, Press Secretary

J. Ragusa-Nunes, Deputy-Director, Governmental Affairs

C. Gibson, Manager, Business Development

M. Sulser, Manager, Engineering

A. Villarubia, Manager, Commercial

E. Gondek, Manager, Terminal Operations

S. Abu Nasser, Manager, Accounting

P. Beard, Manager, Real Estate

C. Falgoust, Real Estate

K. Howells, Procurement

M. Singley, Board Secretariat

J. Fields, Executive Assistant, Communications

A. Johnson, Executive Assistant

E. Beiser, Intern, Legal Department

GUESTS:
T. Bryant, NOPB
I. McPherson, NOPB
C. Kocur, NOPB
L. Hensley, NOPB
A. Ferrand-Rodgers, NOPB
G. Harris, NOPB
T. Martin, Stuart Consulting Group, Inc.
K. Caulkins, New Orleans Terminal, LLC
S. Girau, Girau & Associates, LLC

I. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

Following a roll call of Board members, Chairman Jensen confirmed a quorum and called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Report by the President and Chief Executive Officer

Ms. Christian gave an overview of the January volumes. She also reported on recent meetings with international partners from Mexico and Israel, and announced the upcoming annual Procurement Fair as well as three open houses in St. Bernard Parish, in early March. She concluded her report by wishing everyone a happy and safe Mardi-Gras.

Chairman Jensen inquired about the Harbor Police Department's involvement in Mardi-Gras events and asked for additional precisions on the poultry export volume.

IV. Public Comment

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

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes for January 2023

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

Commissioner Toomy moved to accept the minutes and Commissioner Williams seconded.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. Action Items:

A. Acceptance of the Consolidated Financial Statements for January 2023

Mr. Wendel presented the consolidated financial statements for the month of January, a copy of which is made a part of these minutes. Following a brief discussion, including a question from Chairman Jensen on cost adjustments, Commissioner Leger moved to accept the consolidated financial statements and Commissioner Ponstein seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Commissioner Carter left the meeting at 2:12pm.

B. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Amend the Board's Berthing Agreement with Carnival Corporation d/b/a Carnival Cruise Lines, to Extend the Agreement for a Period of Four (4) Months.

Ms. Coats presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Following a brief discussion, including questions from Commissioners Ponstein, Langenstein and Chairman Jensen on the upcoming vessel substitution, Commissioner Leger moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Langenstein seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

C. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Amend the Board's Two (2) Agreements with SP Plus Corporation to Extend Each Respective Agreement Term for a Period of Three (3) Months, with no Renewal Options.

Ms. Coats presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Following a brief discussion, including questions from Chairman Jensen on the collection of the parking fees, Commissioner Leger moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Toomy seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

D. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Contract with Kiewit Louisiana Co. to Provide Pre-Construction Phase Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) Services for the Louisiana International Terminal (LIT) Wharf and Ramps Project, for a Period of Three (3) Years, for an Amount Not to Exceed \$500,000 for the Full Contract Term.

Mr. Gilmore presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Following a brief discussion, Commissioner Leger moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Ponstein seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

E. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Contract with Native Engineers, LLC to Provide Independent Cost Estimating Services for the Louisiana International Terminal (LIT) Wharf and

Ramps Project, for a Period of Three (3) Years, for an Amount Not to Exceed \$250,000 for the Full Contract Term.

Mr. Gilmore presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Following a brief discussion, including questions from Commissioners Leger, Langenstein and Chairman Jensen on the scope of the contract, Commissioner Langenstein moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Williams seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Commissioner Carter returned to the meeting at 2:25pm.

F. Consider Approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract to Command Construction, L.L.C. in the Amount of \$4,977,500 for the Nashville and Napoleon Terminal Complex Trench Drain Repairs Phase 2 Project.

Mr. Gilmore presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Following a brief discussion, including questions from Commissioner Toomy and Chairman Jensen on the expected duration of the repair work, and from Commissioner Leger on the final cost of the project, Commissioner Ponstein moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Carter seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

G. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into an Amendment in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,019,023 to the Contract with AECOM Technical Services, Inc., to Provide Preliminary Design and Permit Support Services for the Louisiana International Terminal (LIT) Project.

Mr. Gilmore presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Following a brief discussion, including Commissioners Leger's requests for precisions on the project's different layouts, Commissioner Toomy moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Leger seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

H. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Execute an Amendment to the Lease with Lake Pontchartrain Properties, LLC for the Property Located at 6001-6201 France Road, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Ms. Coats presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Following a brief discussion, including questions from Commissioner Langenstein and Chairman Jensen on the Lessee's responsibilities and the market rate adjustments, Commissioner Leger moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Carter seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

VII. Chairman and Commissioners' Comments

Chairman Jensen opened the floor for Commissioners' comments but there were none.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Jensen called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Carter so moved and Commissioner Leger seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and Chairman Jensen adjourned the meeting at 2:34 p.m.