THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 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 2:53 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jack. C. Jensen, Jr. Chairman Joseph F. Toomy, Vice-Chairman Walter J. Leger, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer William H. Langenstein, III, Member Charles H. Ponstein, Member Sharonda. R. Williams, Member
MEMBER ABSENT:	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 G. Brown, Chief of People & Culture M. Stolzman, Chief Operating Officer A. Evett, Chief of Infrastructure C. Gilmore, Director Engineering C. Coats, General Manager, Maritime & Asset Management J. Mansour, General Manager, Business Development R. Aragon Dolese, Director, Marketing & Communications C. Labat, Director, Procurement M. Scelson, General Counsel A. Coates, Director, Trade & Economic Development S. Gauthier, Director, Cruise Chief M. Montroll, Harbor Police Department A. Lopez-Salazar, Manager, Commercial E. Johnsen, IT Management Consultant A. Randolph, Manager, Communications & Community Engagement K. Mills, Manager, Communications & Community Engagement K. Curth, Press Secretary C. Gibson, Manager, Business Development A. Taylor, Manager, Procurement K. Howells, Procurement M. Singley, Board Secretariat J. Fields, Executive Assistant, Communications

A. Johnson, Executive Assistant

GUESTS: T. Bryant, NOPB
I. McPherson, NOPB
T. Banks, NOPB
A. Ferrand-Rodgers, NOPB
G. Harris, NOPB
J. Thurston, NOPB
R. Glapion , The Beta Group

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 2:53 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Report by the President and Chief Executive Officer

Ms. Christian gave an overview of the December volumes. She also announced that Kumho Tire Inc. will open a 350,000 square foot warehouse and distribution center in Franklin, Louisiana.

IV Public Comment

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

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes for December 2022

Chairman Jensen called for a motion to approve the public meeting minutes for December 2022, as previously circulated.

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

VI. Action Items:

A. Acceptance of the Consolidated Financial Statements for December 2022

Mr. Wendel presented the consolidated financial statements for the month of December, a copy of which is made a part of these minutes. Following a brief discussion, including a budgeting question from Commissioner Langenstein, Commissioner Williams 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 One-Year Software Licensing Agreement with Carahsoft Technology Corp., in the Amount of $263,864.97, for the Annual Renewal of Salesforce Analytical Software Services.

Mr. Wendel presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Following a brief discussion, including a question from Commissioner Langenstein on the price increase, Commissioner Langenstein moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Toomy seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

C. Consider Approval of a Resolution Certifying to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development Requirements to Advertise a Construction Contract for the Nashville Avenue Terminal Paving Improvements Phase I.

Mr. Gilmore presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Following a brief discussion, including questions from Commissioner Langenstein and Chairman Jensen on the cost and scope of the project, 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 Lease Agreement with QSL America, Inc., at First Street Wharf and Alabo Street Wharf.

Ms. Coats presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Following a brief discussion, including questions from Commissioner Toomy on the lease terms and the status of the repairs of the First Street wharf damaged by Hurricane Ida, as well as an inquiry from Chairman Jensen on the timeframe of the rail repairs, Commissioner Langenstein moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Leger seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

E. Consider Approval of a Resolution Declaring the Board's Commitment to Collaborate and Engage with St. Bernard Parish Officials, Transportation Agencies, State and Federal Elected Officials, and Private Partners to Coordinate the Delivery of New Traffic Infrastructure When or Before it is Needed, Based on the Finding of Appropriate Studies, to Support the Louisiana International Terminal, Including the St. Bernard Transportation Corridor, and to Request the Full Support from the St. Bernard Parish Government in the Board's Efforts to Secure the Necessary Funding and Permits for the St. Bernard Transportation Corridor.

Commissioner Ponstein presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Following a brief discussion, Commissioner Ponstein moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Leger 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 Leger so moved and Commissioner Langenstein seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and Chairman Jensen adjourned the meeting at 3:19 p.m.