

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 25, 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 3:38 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph F. Toomy, Chairman
Walter J. Leger, Jr., Vice-Chairman
James J. Carter, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer
Jack. C. Jensen, Member
Sharonda. R. Williams, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeanne E. Ferrer, Member
Darryl D. Berger, 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
R. Aragon Dolese, Director, Marketing & Communications
A. Dawson, Director Emergency Management
M. Scelson , General Counsel
T. Black, Staff Attorney
K. Gilmore, Director, Real Estate
C. Labat, Director, Procurement
Lieut. C. Smith, Harbor Police Department
A. Ferrand-Rodgers, Director Organizational Development
A. Lopez-Salazar, Manager, Commercial
C. Gibson, Manager, Business Development
M. Sulser, Manager, Engineering
K. Mills, Manager, Communications & Community Engagement
M. Singley, Board Secretariat
A. Johnson, Executive Assistant

GUESTS: T. Bryant, NOPB
C. Kocur, NOPB
T. Banks, NOPB
G. Harris, NOPB
L. Hensley, NOPB
I. McPherson, NOPB

C. Ponstein, Former Board Commissioner
T. Matherne, Renaissance Publishing
W. Evans, Jr., GIS
P. Truxillo, GIS
T. Murphy
K. Murphy, Irwin Fritchie, Urquhart & Moore, LLC
O. Murphy
M. Murphy
K. Murphy
T. Wells, Waldemar S. Nelson
R. Guidry, PEEC Inc.
K. Calkins, New Orleans Terminal
C. Renard, Riaid Constructors
J. Allen, QSL
B. Rousselle, PEEC, Inc.
A. Dow, QSL Empire
J. Sensetil, Ardurra Group, Inc.
T. Dupre, Meyer Engineering
C. Jensen, TCI

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 3:38 p.m.

II. Report by the President and Chief Executive Officer

Ms. Christian provided an overview of end of fiscal year 2023 and June's volumes.

Before holding his first meeting as Chairman, Commissioner Toomy took an opportunity moment of personal privilege to reflect on his previous tenure on the Board as well as his experience working on the riverfront. He expressed his gratitude to his fellow commissioners and to the Board staff for overcoming the recent challenges, and he commented on the current and future state of the Port.

III. Public Comment

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

IV. Approval of the Meeting Minutes for June 2023

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

Commissioner Leger moved to accept the minutes and Commissioner Jensen seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

V. Action Items:

A. Acceptance of the Consolidated Financial Statements for June 2023

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

B. Consider Approval of a Resolution Confirming to Auditors the Board's Compliance with Applicable Laws and Accounting Principles as Set Out in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Compliance Questionnaire.

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

C. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Contract with Kiewit Louisiana Co. to Provide Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) Services for the Louisiana International Terminal (LIT) Site Development Project, for a Period of Three Years, for an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,000,000 for the Full Contract Term.

Mr. Gilmore presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Following a brief discussion, including a question from Commissioner Leger on the contractor's previous work experience with the Board, Commissioner Jensen 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 Linfield, Hunter, & Junius, Inc. for the Offsite Terminal Rail Realignment for the Louisiana International Terminal (LIT) for a Period of Three Years, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$400,000 for the Full Contract Term.

Mr. Gilmore presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Commissioner Williams 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 Contract with Ardurra Group, Inc. for the Access, Drainage, Earthwork and Ground Improvement for the Louisiana International Terminal (LIT) for a Period of Three Years in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,000,000 for the Full Contract Term.

Mr. Gilmore presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Following a brief discussion, including questions from Commissioners Leger and Jensen on the scope of the contract and the contractor's previous work experience with the Board, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Williams seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- F. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Contract with TBMA Solutions, LLC for Independent Cost Estimating Services for the Site Development Phase of the Louisiana International Terminal (LIT) for a Period of Three Years in 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 Chairman Toomy and Commissioner Leger on the duration and scope of the contract, Commissioner Williams moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Jensen seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- G. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Contract with GIS Engineering, L.L.C. for the Design of the Drainage Pump Station for the Louisiana International Terminal (LIT) for a Period of Three Years in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,000,000 for the Full Contract Term.**

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

- H. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Amend the Contract with Infinity Engineering Consultants, LLC for Engineering Design Services for Jourdan Road Terminal Wharf Substructure Repairs to Increase the Not-to-Exceed Cost by \$152,500.**

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

- I. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Amend the Contract with PCL Construction, Inc. to Provide Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Services for the Nashville Wharf "A" Substructure Repairs Phase 2 Project to Increase the Not-to-Exceed Cost by \$500,000.**

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

J. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Amend the Contract with Eustis Engineering Services, LLC to Provide Geotechnical Services for the Louisiana International Terminal (LIT) Project to Increase the Not-to-Exceed Cost by \$2,400,000 and to Extend the Contract Time by Two Years.

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

Commissioner Williams left the meeting at 4:10pm.

VI. Administration of Oath of Office to Mr. Todd P. Murphy

Chairman Toomy invited outgoing Commissioner Jensen to make a few remarks. Commissioner Jensen commented on the Board's numerous achievements during his tenure and expressed his gratitude to all the commissioners and staff who work along with him during the last five years.

All Commissioners as well as Ms. Christian thanked and praised Commissioner Jensen for his exceptional service.

Chairman Toomy introduced Mr. Todd P. Murphy who had been appointed to the Board to serve in Position A and represent Jefferson Parish.

Ms. Kelli Murphy-Miller, Esq. administered the oath of office to Mr. Murphy. Afterwards, Commissioner Murphy took his seat at the Board table and expressed his pride and gratitude for having the opportunity to serve and contribute to the Board's mission.

VII. Chairman and Commissioners' Comments

Chairman Toomy and Commissioner Leger reiterated their welcome to Mr. Murphy.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Toomy called for a motion to adjourn. Newly-elected Commissioner Murphy so moved and Commissioner Carter seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and Chairman Toomy adjourned the meeting at 4:38 p.m.