

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS, HELD IN THE FIRST FLOOR AUDITORIUM AT ITS OFFICE LOCATED AT 1350 PORT OF NEW ORLEANS PLACE, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN JOSEPH F. TOOMY AT 1:57 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph F. Toomy, Chairman
Sharonda R. Williams, Secretary-Treasurer
Walter J. Leger, Jr., Member
Jeanne E. Ferrer, Member
Darryl D. Berger, Member
Todd P. Murphy, Member

MEMBER ABSENT: James J. Carter, Jr., Vice-Chairman

STAFF: R. Wendel, Acting President & Chief Executive Officer
S. Porteous, Chief of Staff
J. Escudier, Executive Counsel
A. Evett, Chief of Infrastructure
C. Gilmore, Director, Engineering
R. Byers, Chief Operations & Strategy Officer
Chief M. Montroll, Harbor Police Department
C. Rollins, Director, Financial Reporting & Forecasting
J. Guidry, Director, Maintenance
J. Gommel, Manager Berthing
E. Gondek, Manager, Terminal Operations
K. Curth, Press Secretary
K. Mills, Manager, Communications & Community Engagement
A. Randolph, Manager, Communications & Community Engagement
M. Singley, Board Secretariat
J. Fields, Marketing & Communications Officer

GUESTS: T. Bryant, NOPB
C. Kocur, NOPB
W. Evans, G.I.S
E. Tesfaye, WWNO/WRKF
B. Smith, Pivotal
S. Mena, State Representative, District 23
F. Allen
E. Holder
R. Perez
Katrina
S. Vasudevan, NOSHIP

L. Murad
F. Hunter-Green
C. Beaudrame, NOSHIP
I. Chain-Heller, NOSHIP
J. Killmar
F. Hunter-Green
S. Green
M. Sanchez, NOSHIP
Gina K
R. Spalt
L. Murad
B. D. Marco
C. Beauchamp
J. Saucier
S. Crean
R. Perez
Katrina
Cicada
M. Wilson, NOSHIP
S. Sojic-Borne, NOSHIP

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 1:57 p.m.

Chairman Toomy stated that he was honored to have been reappointed Chairman of the Board and expressed his appreciation to the other members for their support and hard work during the past month.

II. Report by the President and Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Wendel first congratulated Mr. Toomy for his appointment by the Governor Landry as Chairman of the Board and thanked Mr. Leger for his service and contributions. Afterwards, Mr. Wendel gave an overview of the June 2024 volumes and productivity statistics as well as a summary of the month's main events.

III. Public Comment

Chairman Toomy acknowledged State Representative Shawn Mena and invited him to make some comments. Mr. Mena introduced himself, shared his perspective on the Port's essential role for the local economy and community, and pledged to support to the Board's endeavors aimed at enhancing productivity and growth. Commissioner Berger and Leger also thanked representative Mena for his attendance and kind words.

Chairman Toomy called for public comment and Ms. Singley announced that six (6) individuals had requested to make public comments about matters listed on the meeting agenda and seventeen (17) on matters of a general nature.

Prior to inviting the speakers to the podium, Ms. Singley read the Board's public comment parameters.

Serena Sojic-Borne, Gina K, Fionn Hunter-Green, Matthew Wilson, Maya Sanchez and Elizabeth Holder expressed their opposition to Board Agenda Item G.

Gina K, Fionn Hunter-Green, Matthew Wilson, Maya Sanchez, Elizabeth Holder, Rayan Spalt, Lana Murad, Shreyas Vasudevan, Felix Allen, Rosmery Perez Leyra, Blu D. Marco, Katrina, Israel Chaim Heller, Christian Beauchamp, J. Killmar, Jack Saucier, and Stephanie Crean expressed their opposition to the war in Gaza, the Innovation Embassy and any business partnership with the Port of Ashdod or Israel, and asked that all charges against Felix Allen be dropped by the City Attorney.

Chairman Toomy thanked all the public speakers for their comments and announced that a statement would be issued at the next Board meeting, prior to the public comment period, to clarify some of the statements made earlier. Commissioner Leger briefly responded to some of the comments regarding the Board's role in international commerce.

At the conclusion of the public comment all speakers left the Auditorium.

IV. Approval of the Meeting Minutes for June 2024

Chairman Toomy called for a motion to approve the public meeting minutes for June 2024, as previously circulated. Commissioner Ferrer moved to accept the minutes and Commissioner Murphy seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Commissioner Berger left the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

V. Action Items:

A. Acceptance of the Consolidated Financial Statements for June 2024

Commissioner Murphy proposed a motion to wave the oral reading of the consolidated financial report and accept the June financial statements as provided and made part of these minutes. Commissioner Leger 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.

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

- C. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Amend the Contract with Boh Bros. Construction Co., L.L.C., to Provide Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Services for the Jourdan Road Terminal Wharf Substructure Repair Project, to Incorporate a Phase Three Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$13,000,000.**

Mr. Gilmore presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Commissioner Williams 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 Gulf Engineers & Consultants, Inc. to Provide Environmental Consulting Services in Support of the Louisiana International Terminal (LIT) Planning and Permitting Project to Increase the Not-to-Exceed Cost by \$295,000.**

Mr. Gilmore presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Commissioner Ferrer 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 Professional Services Contract with Royal Engineers & Consultants LLC to Provide As-Needed Salesforce Configuration and Technical Support Services for a Period of Three Years, at a Cost Not to Exceed \$300,000 for the Full Contract Term.**

Mr. Johnsen presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Commissioner Ferrer 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 Purchase and Licensing Agreement with Dell Marketing LP for Firewalls and Firewall Management Services for a Period of Three Years, in the Amount of \$222,717.96 for the Full Contract Term.**

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

G. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Purchase Eight Vehicles for the Harbor Police Department, from One or More Authorized Dealers Under State Contract, at a Total Cost Not to Exceed \$440,000.

Chief Montroll presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Commissioner Ferrer moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Williams seconded.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. Chairman and Commissioners' Comments

Chairman Toomy commented on the Board's accomplishments during the last month and reiterated his commitment to continue working in conjunction with the other four Lower Mississippi River port authorities for the benefit our region's economy.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Toomy called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Murphy so moved and Commissioner Ferrer seconded.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY and Chairman Toomy adjourned the meeting at 3:12 p.m.