

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2023**

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**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 4:00 P.M.**

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**MEMBERS** Jack. C. Jensen, Jr. Chairman  
**PRESENT:** Joseph F. Toomy, Vice-Chairman  
Walter J. Leger, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer  
Jeanne E. Ferrer, Member

**MEMBERS** Sharonda. R. Williams, Member  
**ABSENT:** James J. Carter, Jr., 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  
G. Brown, Chief of People & Culture  
C. Gilmore, Director, Engineering  
R. Aragon Dolese, Director, Marketing & Communications  
A. Dawson, Director Emergency Management  
M. Scelson , General Counsel  
T. Black, Staff Attorney  
C. Washington, Paralegal  
K. Gilmore, Director, Real Estate  
C. Labat, Director, Procurement  
Chief M. Montroll, Harbor Police Department  
A. Ferrand-Rodgers, Director Organizational Development  
A. Lopez-Salazar, Manager, Commercial  
E. Federer, Manager, Environmental  
J. Bruner, Manager, Cruise  
A. Villarubia, Manager, Commercial  
M. Sulser, Manager, Engineering  
K. Mills, Manager, Communications & Community Engagement  
J. Ragusa-Nunes, Deputy-Director, Governmental Affairs  
A. Randolph, Manager, Communications & Community Engagement  
C. Gibson, Manager, Business Development  
M. Naquin, Manager, Real Estate  
K. Barnes, Human Resources  
A. Taylor, Procurement

M. Singley, Board Secretariat  
J. Fields, Executive Assistant, Communications  
A. Johnson, Executive Assistant

**GUESTS:** T. Bryant, NOPB  
C. Kocur, NOPB  
T. Banks, NOPB  
G. Harris, NOPB  
C. Ponstein, Former Board Commissioner  
C. Renard, Rigid Constructors  
W. Evans, Jr., GIS  
T. Wells, Waldemar Nelson Co.  
P. West, EJES, Inc.  
R. Evans, Kearney Companies  
J. Gambino, Volkert  
K. Awzenne, GAC-Arch

**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 4:00 p.m.

**II. Report by the President and Chief Executive Officer**

Ms. Christian reported on the progress of St Bernard Transportation Corridor initial study and provided an overview of the May volumes. She concluded her report by thanking Chairman Jensen for his leadership, in advance of the nomination of new Board officers at the end of today's meeting.

**III. Public Comment**

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

**IV. Approval of the Meeting Minutes for May 2023**

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

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

**V. Action Items:**

**A. Acceptance of the Consolidated Financial Statements for May 2023**

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

**B. Consider Approval of a Resolution Adopting the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans' Consolidated Financial and Operating Plan for Fiscal Year 2024.**

Mr. Wendel presented and recommended a resolution adopting the Board's *Consolidated Financial and Operating Plan for Fiscal Year 2024* ("FY 2024 Budget"), a copy of which is made a part of these minutes. Commissioner Leger moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Ferrer seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**C. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into Two Separate Contracts with Royal Engineers and Consultants, LLC and Volkert, Inc. for As-Needed Construction Management Services, Each for a Period of Three Years, and Each in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,000,000 per Contract for the Full Contract Term.**

Mr. Gilmore presented and recommended approval of the resolution. 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 Two Separate Contracts with Modjeski and Masters, Inc. and HDR Engineering, Inc. for As-Needed Moveable Bridge Inspection and Load Rating Professional Services, Each for a Period of Three Years, with Two One- Year Extension Options, and Each in an Amount Not to Exceed \$750,000 per Contract for the Full Contract Term.**

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

**E. Consider Approval of a Resolution Certifying to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development Compliance with Louisiana Public Bid Laws for the Nashville Avenue Terminal Paving project.**

Mr. Gilmore presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Commissioner Toomy 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 Enter into a Berthing Agreement with Carnival Corporation d/b/a Carnival Cruise Lines for a Term of Five Years, with One Three-Year Renewal Option.**

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

**G. Consider Approval of a Resolution Declaring *The New Orleans Advocate* as the Official Journal of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans for Fiscal Year 2024.**

Ms. Scelson presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Commissioner Ferrer 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 Consent to an Assignment of the Lease Agreement with Miller Transporters, Inc. to Heniff Transportation Systems, LLC, for the Property Located at 6100 Terminal Road, New Orleans, Louisiana.**

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

**I. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Lease Agreement with The Kearney Companies, Inc., for the Property Located at the Former France Road Terminal, Berths No. 1, Berth No. 4, Berth No. 5, Berth No. 6, and 3900 Jourdan Road in New Orleans, Louisiana.**

Mr. Wendel presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Following a brief discussion, including Chairman Jensen's request for clarifications on the lease terms, Commissioner Toomy moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Ferrer seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**VI. Report of the Nominating Committee**

Chairman Jensen invited Commissioner Ferrer to present the report of the Nominating Committee. Commissioner Ferrer reported that the Nominating Committee proposed the following ballot of Board officers, for consideration by the full Board: Joseph F. Toomy as Chairman, Walter J. Leger, Jr. as Vice-Chairman and James J. Carter, Jr. as Secretary-Treasurer.

If elected, these officers will serve nine-month terms, effective at the conclusion of today's meetings, through March 2024.

## **VII. Election of Board Officers**

Chairman Jensen called for a motion to elect the proposed ballot of officers: Joseph F. Toomy as Chairman, Walter J. Leger, Jr. as Vice-Chairman, and James J. Carter, Jr. as Secretary-Treasurer.

Commissioner Ferrer so moved and Commissioner Leger seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **VIII. Chairman and Commissioners' Comments**

Newly-elected Chairman Toomy thanked the Board for his nomination and expressed his gratitude to Mr. Jensen for his service and commitment. Vice-Chairman Leger joined in praising Commissioner Jensen. Former Chairman Jensen recognized Mr. Stolzman for his leadership at the helm of the NOPB Commission, and expressed his gratitude to all Board Commissioners and staff for their assistance during his tenure.

## **IX. Adjournment**

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