

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 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 AT 1:30 P.M.

MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Joseph F. Toomy, Chairman
Walter J. Leger, Jr., Vice-Chairman
James J. Carter, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer
Sharonda. R. Williams, Member
Jeanne E. Ferrer, Member
Todd P. Murphy, Member

MEMBER

ABSENT:

Darryl D. Berger, Member

STAFF:

R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer
J. Escudier, Executive Counsel
L. Mellem, Chief of Staff
M. Wypyski, Chief Operating Officer
A. Evett, Chief of Infrastructure
R. Aragon Dolese, Director, Marketing & Communications
G. Brown, Chief of People & Culture
M. Scelson, General Counsel
Chief M. Montroll, Harbor Police Department
C. Labat, Director, Procurement
J. Guidry, Director, Maintenance
A. Lopez-Salazar, Manager, Commercial
C. Rollins, Director, Financial Reporting & Forecasting
A. Coates, Head of Business Development
A. Villarrubia, Manager, Commercial
C. Gibson, Manager, Business Development
D. Serio, Manager, Real Estate
A. Thiess, Deputy Director, Environment
H. Leumas, Manager, Engineering
D. Finnegan, Manager, Engineering
M. Sulser, Manager, Engineering
P. Noble, Manager, Marketing
B. Skaggs, Manager, Environmental
L. Lofton, Manager, Internal Audit
P. Herring, Manager, Internal Audit
K. Curth, Press Secretary
K. Mills, Manager, Communications & Community Engagement

A. Randolph, Manager, Communications & Community Engagement
M. Singley, Board Secretariat
J. Fields, Executive Assistant Communications

GUESTS:

C. Kocur, NOPB
G. Harris, NOPB
S. Anato, Evans-Graves Engineers
B. Smith, Pivotal
E. Horton, NOSHIP
I. Guzman
C. Beauchamp, NOSHIP
I. Abdeljazer
L. Sarsour
G. Sarsour
H. Russell
N. Saad
X. Adams
H. Hamdan
E. Feyisa
J. Thompson
S. Morel
H. Afaneh
B. Barton
J. Finley
H. Sarsour
D. Sarsour
N. Romero
S. Meyer
N. Mofe
R. Talley
K. Deroche FRSO/NOSHIP
D. Pin, UNO
S. Masudera
J. Gibson
I. Guidry
B. Furey
C. Chenevert
H. Afaneh
E. Lee
M. Baker
J. Finkaly-Perrier

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 1:30 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Toomy asked Commissioner Carter to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Report by the President and Chief Executive Officer

In Ms. Christian's absence, Laura Mellem, Chief of Staff, presented the report. She commented on the successful events organized by the Board's Communications and Business Development teams this month and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

IV. Public Comment

Chairman Toomy called for public comments and Ms. Singley announced that two individuals had completed a public comment form. Chairman Toomy asked if the comment requests were agenda-related and Ms. Singley responded that they were not. Chairman Toomy stated that, in the absence of request for agenda-related comments, public remarks of a general nature should proceed.

Prior to inviting speakers to the podium, Ms. Singley read the Board's public comment parameters for any agenda-related or general/non-agenda public comment. Afterwards, Ms. Singley called for the first individual who completed a public comment form, Serena Borne, but no one responded. Ms. Singley then called for Ms. Borne again but there was still no response. After waiting a moment, Ms. Singley called for the second individual who completed a public comment form, Donaka Autry, but no one responded. Ms. Singley then called for Ms. Autry again but there was still no response. After waiting a moment, it was clear that the individuals who completed a public comment request were not present in the auditorium. Chairman Toomy asked if there were any other requests that had been submitted, in response to which Ms. Singley indicated that there were not. Consequently, Chairman Toomy called for the next agenda item.

V. Approval of the Meeting Minutes for October 2023

Chairman Toomy called for a motion to approve the public meeting minutes for October 2023, as previously circulated. Commissioner Leger moved to accept the minutes and Commissioner Ferrer seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

VI. Action Items:

A. Acceptance of the Consolidated Financial Statements for October 2023

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

B. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Revise the Board's FMC Tariff, T-No. 2.

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

VII. Chairman and Commissioners' Comments

Chairman Toomy thanked all commissioners and staff for their continued support and commitment.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Toomy called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Leger so moved and Commissioner Ferrer seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and Chairman Toomy adjourned the meeting at 1:41pm.