

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025**

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 MICHAEL A. THOMAS AT 1:44 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael A. Thomas, Chairman
Darryl D. Berger, Secretary-Treasurer
Sharonda R. Williams, Member
Todd P. Murphy, Member
James J. Carter, Jr., Member
Dale S. Revelle, Member

MEMBER ABSENT: Jeanne E. Ferrer, Vice-Chair

STAFF: B. Branch, President & Chief Executive Officer
L. Marino, Chief of Staff & External Affairs
J. Escudier, Chief Legal Officer
Chief M. Montroll, Harbor Police Department
K. Bulliard, Prime Consultant
K. Gilmore, Director, Real Estate
C. Gilmore, Chief Engineering Officer
T. Black, General Counsel
M. Sulser, Manager, Engineering
Lt. C. Clark, Jr., Harbor Police Department
A. Dawson, Director, Emergency Management
B. Bailey, Information Technology Specialist
A. Randolph, Manager, Communications & Community Engagement
C. Labat, Director, Procurement
K. Curth, Press Secretary
K. Mills, Manager, Government & Community Affairs
J. Fields, Marketing & Communications Officer
M. Naquin, Manager, Real Estate
E. Gondek, Manager, Berthing
N. Dietzen, Staff Attorney
M. Singley, Executive Staff Officer

GUESTS: T. Bryant, NOPB
C. Kocur, NOPB
M. Scelson, NOPB
G. Harris, NOPB
I. McPherson, NOPB

A. Ferrand-Goodwin, NOPB
A. Thompson, Stop the Grain Train
C. Shepard, Stop the Grain Train
M. Moore, MOREO
T. French, Stop the Grain Train
E. Gordon
A. Pashos
S. Kiley, Stop the Grain Train
J. Deocampo
S. Paglia, XULA

I. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

Following a roll call of Board members, Chairman Thomas confirmed a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:44 p.m.

II. Public Comment

Chairman Thomas called for public comment and Ms. Singley announced that four (4) individuals had requested to make public comment on matters not listed on the agenda.

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

Tiffany French, Amanda Thompson, and Samantha Killy expressed opposition to the lease agreement with Sunrise Foods International, Inc., the establishment of an organic grain terminal at the Alabo Street wharf, and the rehabilitation of the rail lines along Alabo Street. Mr. Jay Deocampo completed a Public Comment Form in opposition to the same matters but did not come to the podium when his name was called. Ms. French also expressed her opposition to military shipments to Israel.

III. Report by the President and Chief Executive Officer

Ms. Branch presented an overview of the October 2025 volume and productivity statistics, along with a summary of the month's key highlights.

IV. Approval of the Meeting Minutes for October 2025

Chairman Thomas called for a motion to approve the public meeting minutes for October 2025, as previously circulated. Commissioner Murphy moved to accept the minutes and Commissioner Revelle seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

V. Action Items:

A. Acceptance of the Consolidated Financial Statements for October 2025.

Ms. Bulliard presented the consolidated financial statements for the month of October, a copy of which is made a part of these minutes. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the consolidated financial statements and Commissioner Murphy seconded.

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- B. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter Into a Contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. to Provide Body-Worn Cameras to the Harbor Police Department for a Period of Five Years, at a Cost of \$207,271.57 for the Full Contract Term.**

Chief Montroll presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Commissioner Carter moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Revelle seconded.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- C. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Execute a Lease Agreement with John W. Stone Oil Distributor, LLC for the Right Descending Bank Property Adjacent to the Perry Street Wharf in New Orleans, Louisiana.**

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

- D. Consider Approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract to Total Wrecking & Environmental, LLC in the Amount of \$634,725 for the Brandon International Facility Located at 6230 Bienvenue Street – Site Demolition.**

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

- E. Consider Approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract to Bluewater Electric, LLC in the Amount of \$190,000 for the Purchase and Delivery of Two Motors for the St. Claude Avenue Bridge.**

Mr. Larkins presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Carter seconded.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Ms. Gondek presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Revelle seconded.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. Closed Executive Session Convened in Accordance with La. R.S. 42:17A(2), to Discuss the Matter Entitled:

- **St. Bernard Parish School Board v. Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans, Docket No. 24-0892, pending before the 34th Judicial District Court for the Parish of St. Bernard, State of Louisiana.**

Chairman Thomas read the agenda item aloud and called for a motion to enter into a closed executive session, convened in accordance with La R.S. 42:17(A)(2) to discuss the above matter.

Commissioner Carter moved to enter into a closed executive session and Commissioner Murphy seconded. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and the Board entered into closed executive session at 2:05 p.m.

Following the conclusion of the discussion, Chairman Thomas called for a motion to end the closed executive session and return to the open meeting. Commissioner Williams moved to end the closed executive session and Commissioner Murphy seconded. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and the closed executive session concluded at 2:55 p.m.

VII. Chairman and Commissioners' Comments

Chairman Thomas asked for Commissioners' comments but there were none.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Thomas called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Murphy so moved and Commissioner Williams seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and Chairman Thomas adjourned the meeting at 2:56 p.m.