

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2022**

**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 VICE-CHAIRMAN JOSEPH F. TOOMY AT 2:11 P.M.**

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Joseph F. Toomy, Vice-Chairman
Walter J. Leger, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer
Charles H. Ponstein, Member
Sharonda R. Williams, Member

MEMBERS

ABSENT: Jack C. Jensen, Jr. Chairman
William H. Langenstein, III, Member
James J. Carter, Jr., Member

STAFF:

R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer
J. Escudier, Executive Counsel
L. Mellem, Chief of Staff
M. Stolzman, Chief Operating Officer
G. Brown, Chief of People & Culture
A. Evett, Chief of Infrastructure
C. Coats, General Manager, Maritime & Asset Management
J. Mansour, General Manager Business Development
G. Gilmore, Director, Engineering
C. Labat, Director, Procurement
M. Scelson, General Counsel
B. McManus, Staff Attorney
Chief M. Montroll, Harbor Police Department
Captain C. Turner, Harbor Police Department
Lieutenant C. Smith, Harbor Police Department
A. Ferrand-Rodgers, Director Organizational Development
A. Lopez-Salazar, Manager, Commercial
A. Randolph, Manager, Communications & Community Engagement
K. Curth, Press Secretary
E. Federer, Manager, Environmental
C. Gibson, Manager, Business Development
A. Villarubia, Manager, Commercial
A. Taylor, Procurement
K. Howells, Procurement
J. Fields, Executive Assistant, Communications
A. Johnson, Executive Assistant
M. Singley, Board Secretariat

GUESTS: T. Bryant, NOPB
C. Kocur, NOPB
G. Harris NOPB
T. Banks, NOPB
L. Hensley, Jr., NOPB
J. Mackie, NOPB
L. Carnes, GEC
R. Guidry, PEEC, Inc.
J. Graves, ELOS
T. Wells, Waldemar S. Nelson
P. Lanier, Lanier & Associates
B. Frischhertz, Lanier & Associates
R. Badr, Office of State Representative A. Adatto Freeman

I. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

Following a roll call of Board members, Vice-Chairman Toomy confirmed a quorum and called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-Chairman Toomy asked Commissioner Williams to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Report by the President and Chief Executive Officer

In Ms. Christian's absence, Vice-Chairman Toomy asked Ms. Mellem, Chief of Staff, to present this month's report. Ms. Mellem gave an overview of the October volumes. Afterwards, she provided an update on the design of the Louisiana International Terminal project in St. Bernard Parish and commented on some recent and upcoming events. She concluded her report by wishing everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Ponstein inquired about the impact of low river conditions on cruise traffic.

IV. Public Comment

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

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes for October 2022

Vice-Chairman Toomy called for a motion to approve the public meeting minutes for October 2022, as previously circulated.

Commissioner Ponstein moved to accept the minutes and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

VI. Action Items:

A. Acceptance of the Consolidated Financial Statements for October 2022

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

B. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Three-Year Software Licensing Agreement with SHI International Corp., in the Amount of \$489,242.97, for the Renewal of Microsoft Office 365 Software Subscriptions and Core Licenses.

Mr. Wendel presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Following a brief discussion, Commissioner Ponstein 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 Three (3) Separate Contracts with AECOM Technical Services, Inc., HDR Engineering, Inc., and Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., for As-Needed Grant Management Professional Services, Each for a Period of Three (3) Years and Each in an Amount Not to Exceed \$300,000 per Contract for the Full Contract Term.

Mr. Gilmore presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Following a brief discussion, including a question from Commissioner Leger regarding the procurement process, Commissioner Leger moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Williams seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

D. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Contract for a Period of Two (2) Years with Gulf Engineers & Consultants, Inc., to Provide Environmental Consulting Services in Support of Louisiana International Terminal Planning and Permitting 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, Commissioner Ponstein moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Leger seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

E. Consider Approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract to Industrial and Mechanical Contractors, Inc., in the Amount of \$1,542,020 for the Nashville Terminal Conversion to Container and Crane Rail Extension Fire Pump Replacement.

Mr. Gilmore presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Following a brief discussion, including questions from Vice-Chairman Toomy regarding the funding of this

project, Commissioner Williams moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Ponstein seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

F. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into an Amendment in an Amount Not to Exceed \$750,000 to the Contract with Acme Roofing & Sheet Metal Company Incorporated of Alabama for Repairs to the First Street Wharf Shed.

Mr. Gilmore presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Following a brief discussion, including questions from Vice-Chairman Toomy on the timeline of the project and from Commissioner Leger on the inclusion of hurricane insurance proceeds in the funding of the repairs, Commissioner Williams moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Leger seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

Ms. Coats presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Following a brief discussion, including requests from Vice-Chairman Toomy and Commissioner Leger to clarify some of the updates and potential impacts on competitiveness, Commissioner Ponstein 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 Enter into a Lease Agreement with Capital Marine Supply LLC for Approximately 1300 LF of River Frontage Near Mile Marker 91 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Ms. Coats presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Following a brief discussion, including a question from Vice-Chairman Toomy on the current market rates, Commissioner Ponstein 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 Enter into a Lease Agreement with Turn Services, L.L.C. for Approximately 1900 LF of River Frontage at the Odeon Street Wharf in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Ms. Coats presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Following a brief discussion, Commissioner Williams moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Ponstein seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

VII. Chairman and Commissioners' Comments

Vice-Chairman Toomy opened the floor for Commissioners' comments. He thanked staff for providing the information he requested on some specific design projects and requested additional clarification on the scope of upcoming demolition projects.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice-Chairman Toomy called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Leger so moved and Commissioner Ponstein seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and Vice-Chairman Toomy adjourned the meeting at 2:53pm.