

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 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 CHAIRMAN CHARLES H. PONSTEIN AT 1:35 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles H. Ponstein, Chairman
Joseph F. Toomy, Secretary-Treasurer
William H. Langenstein, III, Member
Walter J. Leger, Jr., Member
James J. Carter, Jr., Member
Sharonda. R. Williams, Member

MEMBER ABSENT: Jack. C. Jensen, Jr., Vice-Chairman

STAFF: B. Christian, President & Chief Executive Officer
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer
J. Escudier, Executive Counsel
L. Mellem, Chief of Staff
G. Brown, Chief of People & Culture
J. Mansour, General Manager, Business Development
C. Coats, General Manager, Maritime & Asset Management
R. Aragon Dolese, Director, Marketing & Communications
S. Gauthier, Director, Cruise
C. Labat, Director, Procurement
M. Scelson, General Counsel
G. Palermo, Deputy 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. Lopez-Salazar, Manager, Commercial
M. Cloos, Manager Geographic Information Systems
J. Ragusa, Manager Communications
M. Naquin, Manager Real Estate
K. Howells, Procurement
M. Singley, Board Secretariat
A. Johnson, Executive Assistant

GUESTS: T. Bryant, NOPB
C. Kocur, NOPB
A. Ferrand-Rodgers, NOPB

I. McPherson, NOPB
T. Banks, NOPB
L. Hensley, Jr., NOPB
A. Holub, PCL
W. Evans, GIS
J. Graves, ELOS
J. Dawes, Gallagher

I. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

Following a roll call of Board members, Chairman Ponstein confirmed a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Ponstein asked Commissioner Williams to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Report by the President and Chief Executive Officer

Ms. Christian gave an overview of the August volumes. Afterwards, she reported on the upcoming upgrade of the Harbor Police Department Maritime Security Operations Center. She concluded her report by announcing that, after a three-year hiatus, the State of the Port address would be held again, on September 29, 2022.

IV. Public Comment

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

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes for August 2022

Chairman Ponstein called for a motion to approve the public meeting minutes for August 2022, as previously circulated.

Commissioner Langenstein moved to accept the minutes and Commissioner Toomy seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

VI. Action Items:

A. Acceptance of the Consolidated Financial Statements for August 2022

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

B. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a One-Year Contract with United Healthcare Insurance Companies to Provide a Medicare Advantage Plan to the Board’s Retirees.

Ms. Brown presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Following a brief discussion, Commissioner Toomy moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Carter seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

C. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Contract with PCL Construction, Inc., to Provide Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Services for the Nashville Wharf “A” Substructure Repairs Phase 2, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$300,000 for the Full Contract Term.

Mr. Gilmore presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Following a brief discussion, Commissioner Carter moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Toomy seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

D. Consider Approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract to D.L. Daigle & Co., L.L.C. in the Amount of \$151,900 to Replace the Carpet Damaged by Water Intrusion on March 22, 2022, at the Julia Street Cruise Terminal.

Mr. Gilmore presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Following a brief discussion, including a question from Chairman Ponstein on the completion date of the contract, Commissioner Leger moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Langenstein seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

E. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Contract with Geographic Information Services, Inc. (GISinc) to Provide Geographic Information System Cloud Hosting and Management Services for a Term of Three (3) Years at a Cost not to Exceed \$189,700 for the Full Contract Term.

Ms. Cloos presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Following a brief discussion, including a question from Commissioner Langenstein on the current service provider, Commissioner Langenstein 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 Amend the Lease Agreement for the Property Located at 4325 France Road.

Mr. Escudier presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Following a brief discussion, including a question from Commissioner Langenstein on the lease termination process and from Chairman Ponstein on the timing of a possible return of the property to

active commerce, Commissioner Toomy moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Langenstein seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

VII. Closed Executive Session to Discuss the Matter Entitled *The Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans v. M/V CMA CGM BIANCA et al.*, USDC-EDLA Case No. 20-2179.

Chairman Ponstein called for a motion to enter into a closed executive session, in accordance with La. R.S. 42:17A(2), to discuss the matter of *The Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans v. M/V CMA CGM BIANCA et al.*, USDC-EDLA Case No. 20-2179.

Commissioner Langenstein moved to enter into closed executive session and Commissioner Williams seconded. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and the Board entered into a closed session.

Following the conclusion of the discussion, Commissioner Leger moved to end the closed executive session and return to the open meeting, Commissioner Langenstein seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and the closed executive session concluded.

VIII. Report of the Nominating Committee

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

If elected, these officers will serve nine-month terms, effective at the conclusion of today's meetings, through June 2023.

Chairman Ponstein announced that Mr. Jensen had previously been notified of his upcoming nomination and had consented to serve. Commissioner Toomy and Leger also accepted their proposed nominations.

IX. Election of Board Officers

Chairman Ponstein called for a motion to elect the proposed ballot of officers: Jack C. Jensen, Jr. as Chairman, Joseph F. Toomy as Vice-Chairman, and Walter J. Leger, Jr. as Secretary-Treasurer. Commissioner Langenstein so moved and Commissioner Williams seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

X. Chairman and Commissioners' Comments

Chairman Ponstein opened the floor for Commissioners' comments. Commissioner Toomy announced that the Gretna Festival was going to be held on the riverfront during the weekend of October 8, 2022.

XI Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Ponstein called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Leger so moved and Commissioner Toomy seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and Chairman Ponstein adjourned the meeting at 2:23 p.m.