

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024**

A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 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 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN WALTER J. LEGER, JR. AT 12:03 P.M.

COMMITTEE Walter, J. Leger, Jr., Committee Chairman
MEMBERS PRESENT: James J. Carter, Jr., Member
Sharonda R. Williams, Member
Joseph F. Toomy., Member
Darryl D. Berger, Member
Todd P. Murphy, Member

COMMITTEE Jeanne E. Ferrer, Member
MEMBER ABSENT:

STAFF: B. Christian, President & Chief Executive Officer
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer
S. Porteous, Chief of Staff
J. Escudier, Executive Counsel
M. Scelson, General Counsel
A. Evett, Chief of Infrastructure
M. Singley, Board Secretariat
Chief Montroll, Harbor Police Department

GUEST: T. Bryant, NOPB

I. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

Following a roll call of Committee members Chairman Leger confirmed a quorum and called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Chairman Leger asked if any requests for public comments had been submitted but there were none.

II. Closed Executive Session, to Discuss the Matters Entitled:

- **Performance Review of Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer Ronald Wendel, Jr. (*convened in accordance with La R.S. 42:17(A)(1)*).**
- ***St. Bernard Parish Government v. Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans, Docket No. 23-1006, pending before the 34th Judicial District Court***

for the Parish of St. Bernard, State of Louisiana (*convened in Accordance with La R.S. 42:17A(2)*).

Chairman Leger read the agenda items aloud and called for a motion to enter into a closed executive session, convened in accordance with La R.S. 42:17(A)(1) and La. R.S. 42:17A(2), to discuss the above matters.

Commissioner Williams moved to enter into a closed executive session and Commissioner Carter seconded. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and the Committee entered into closed session at 12:04 p.m.

Following the conclusion of the discussion, Chairman Leger called for a motion to end the closed executive session and return to the open meeting. Commissioner Carter moved to end the closed executive session and Commissioner Toomy seconded. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and the closed executive session concluded at 1:56 p.m.

III. Discussion and Recommendation Regarding the Position of Acting President and Chief Executive Officer for the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans.

Chairman Leger reported that, during the closed executive session, the Committee discussed the impending departure of current President and Chief Executive Officer Brandy Christian, the performance of Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer Ronald Wendel, Jr., and whether to name him to the position of Acting President and Chief Executive Officer to commence upon the effective date of Ms. Christian's resignation.

Following a brief discussion, Commissioner Carter moved to recommend Executive Vice-President and Chief Executive Officer Ronald Wendel, Jr., to be named to the position of Acting President and Chief Executive Officer to commence upon the effective date of Ms. Christian's resignation and Commissioner Williams seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

IV. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Leger called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Carter moved, and Commissioner Toomy seconded. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and the meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.