

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2024**

A SPECIAL 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 8:09 A.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Walter J. Leger, Jr., Member
Jeanne E. Ferrer, Member

STAFF: S. Porteous, Chief of Staff
S. Schexnayder, Director, Marketing & Communications
M. Singley, Board Secretariat
K. Mills, Manager, Communications & Community Engagement
J. Fields, Marketing & Communications Officer

GUESTS: H. Crabtree, Executive Director, World Trade Center
A. Knox, State Representative District 93

I. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

Following a roll call of Board members Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 8:09 a.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Thomas called for a moment of silence for the victims of hurricane Helene before leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Public Comment

Chairman Thomas asked for public comments but there were none.

IV. Closed Executive Session, to Discuss the Matter Entitled:

- **Professional Qualifications of Korn Ferry (*conducted in accordance with La. R.S. 42:17(A)(1)*).**

Chairman Thomas 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) to discuss the above matter.

Commissioner Carter moved to enter into a closed executive session and Commissioner Williams seconded. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and the Board entered into closed session at 8:11 a.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 Carter moved to end the closed executive session and Commissioner Murphy seconded. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and the closed executive session concluded at 9:02 a.m.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Thomas called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Carter moved and Commissioner Williams seconded. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 a.m.