

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**PORT OF NEW ORLEANS**  
**MINUTES OF**  
**THE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MARCH 21, 2016**

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A MEETING OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS, HELD IN THE PRESENTATION ROOM ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR AT ITS OFFICES AT 1350 PORT OF NEW ORLEANS PLACE, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MICHAEL W. KEARNEY AT 1:38 P.M. ON MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**  
**PRESENT:**

Michael W. Kearney, Committee Chairman  
William T. Bergeron, Member  
Robert R. Barkerding, Jr., Member  
Laney J. Chouest, Member  
Arnold B. Baker, Member

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**  
**ABSENT:**

Gregory R. Rusovich, Member  
Scott H. Cooper, Member

**STAFF:**

G. LaGrange, President and Chief Executive Officer  
B. Christian, Chief Operating Officer  
C. Bonura, Director, Business Development  
C. Dunn, Director, Port Development  
B. Gussoni, Executive Counsel  
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer  
M. Gresham, Director, External Affairs  
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant  
H. Fontenot, Paralegal

**GUESTS:**

J. Holt, Government Consultants  
L. Traweek, *City Business*

**A. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order**

Committee Chairman Kearney determined the existence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:38 P.M.

**B. Public Comment**

Committee Chairman Kearney deferred any public comment until after the briefing by Mr. Wendel.

## **C. Briefing and Discussion Items**

### **1. Review of February, 2016, Financial Statement**

Mr. Wendel briefed the committee on the February, 2016, financial statement. He distributed a report detailing the financial information, a copy of which is made part of these minutes. He stated that for terminal operations, the month of February was similar to the month of January with revenues being 9.7% below the budget. Mr. Wendel said that cruise operations revenues were below budget because of February's having only 29 days. He stated that the revenues will be somewhat below budget for terminal operations, but he expects March, April, and May to be better because of improvement in the economy. Mr. Wendel stated that February expenses were under budget and that the areas of payroll and benefits were the largest expense savings. He also mentioned that fuel savings will continue because of the low price of oil. Mr. Wendel stated that operating income before depreciation is below last year's \$11.6 million budget for Fiscal Year 2015. Year to date, the budget is at \$10.6 million, below last year's budget, but still above this year's budget at \$10.4 million.

Mr. LaGrange spoke of cutting expenses in the wake of a global economic trend and of volume being off somewhat when we consider appealing to the rating agencies in New York. He asked how this scenario of volume being off, but expenses being kept down while at the same time being able to make cuts would be regarded by the New York rating agencies. Mr. Wendel replied that the rating groups are looking at the Port to see if it is meeting and exceeding its debt covenants. Mr. Holt mentioned that budget projections are being tracked and that the ratio on the bond covenants of this year versus last year are the same.

Commissioner Barkerding asked, in regard to cutting expenses and savings, what were the areas receiving the greatest benefits. Mr. Wendel replied that those areas are in labor, operations, and reduction in filling employee positions.

## **D. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the committee, Committee Chairman Kearney adjourned the meeting at 1:48 P.M.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**PORT OF NEW ORLEANS**  
**MINUTES OF**  
**THE PLANNING AND ENGINEERING**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MARCH 21, 2016**

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**A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENGINEERING COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS, HELD IN THE PRESENTATION ROOM ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR AT ITS OFFICES AT 1350 PORT OF NEW ORLEANS PLACE, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN LANEY J. CHOUEST AT 1:49 P.M. ON MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**  
**PRESENT:**

Laney J. Chouest, Committee Chairman  
William T. Bergeron, Member  
Michael W. Kearney, Member  
Robert R. Barkerding, Jr., Member  
Arnold B. Baker, Member

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**  
**ABSENT:**

Gregory R. Rusovich, Member  
Scott H. Cooper, Member

**STAFF:**

G. LaGrange, President and Chief Executive Officer  
B. Christian, Chief Operating Officer  
C. Dunn, Director, Port Development  
B. Gussoni, Executive Counsel  
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer  
M. Gresham, Director, External Affairs  
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant  
H. Fontenot, Paralegal

**GUESTS:**

L. Traweek, *City Business*  
J. Holt, Government Consultants

## **A. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order**

Committee Chairman Chouest determined the existence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:49 P.M.

## **B. Public Comment**

Committee Chairman Chouest deferred any public comment until after the briefings.

## **C. Briefing and Discussion Items**

### **1. Briefing on and Discussion of a Resolution Awarding a Contract to Crown Architectural Metal Company, LLC, for Roof Improvements at the Facility Services Buildings on Coffee Drive.**

Ms. Dunn briefed the committee on and recommended approval of a resolution awarding a contract to Crown Architectural Metal Company, LLC, the lowest of three responsive bidders, in the amount of \$128,556 for the installation of new metal roofs over the existing roofs of two of the facility services buildings located at 5353 and 5355 Coffee Drive in New Orleans. The contract is funded by the Board's Fiscal Year 2016 capital improvement program.

After discussion, the committee indicated it would refer this matter favorably to the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

### **2. Briefing on and Discussion of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into an Amendment to the Agreement with the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development under the Louisiana Port Construction and Development Priority Program for Assistance in the Implementation of a Port Improvement Project for the Poland Avenue Cruise Terminal.**

Ms. Dunn briefed the committee on and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into an amendment to the agreement with the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development under the Louisiana Port Construction and Development Priority Program for Assistance in the implementation of a port improvement project for the Poland Avenue Cruise Terminal. Ms. Dunn stated that this amendment allows for increasing the grant amount to the full approved amount of \$15 million and for receiving the funds.

After discussion, the committee indicated it would refer this matter favorably to the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

**3. Briefing on and Discussion of a Resolution Awarding a Contract to Boh Bros. Construction Company, LLC, for the St. Claude Avenue Bridge Roadway Grating Replacement.**

Ms. Dunn briefed the committee on and recommended approval of a resolution awarding a contract to Boh Bros. Construction Company, LLC, the lowest of four responsive bidders, in the amount of \$708,000 for all labor, material, and equipment for the replacement of the roadway grating on the outbound lanes, miscellaneous steel and concrete repairs, and installation of new span-mounted navigation lights on the St. Claude Avenue Bridge. The contract is funded by the Board's Fiscal Year 2016 capital improvement program.

After discussion, the committee indicated it would refer this matter favorably to the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

**4. Briefing on and Discussion of a Resolution Authorizing the Board's President and Chief Executive Officer to Submit an Application to the U.S. Department of Transportation 2016 TIGER Grant Program for Project Funding.**

Ms. Dunn briefed the committee on and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation 2016 TIGER Grant Program for project funding. She stated that the program is seeking funding for the Port NOLA container terminal expansion that consists of paving improvements at the Milan and Louisiana Avenue facilities and extension of rail track at the new intermodal terminal that was recently completed.

After discussion, the committee indicated it would refer this matter favorably to the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

**5. Briefing on and Discussion of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into Such Agreements and Take Such Actions as Necessary in His Discretion to Resolve Issues Arising out of the Henry Clay Refrigerated Terminal Firewater Intake and Protection System.**

Ms. Dunn briefed the committee on and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into agreements and take such actions as necessary in his discretion to

resolve issues arising out of the Henry Clay Refrigerated Terminal into agreements and take such actions as necessary in his discretion to resolve issues arising out of the Henry Clay Refrigerated Terminal firewater intake and protection system in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for the purpose of investigating the present system to determine compliance with code, warranty coverage, whether any latent design defects are present, and then, based on the preliminary findings, possibly entering into a contract to construct an alternate water supply system.

There were additional in-depth conversations among staff members and commissioners that pertained to concurrent investigations, codes, and designs in case there is a need to construct a new domestic water supply.

After discussion, the committee indicated it would refer this matter favorably to the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

#### **D. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the committee, Committee Chairman Chouest adjourned the meeting at 2:06 P.M.

**BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS PORT  
OF NEW ORLEANS  
MINUTES  
OF  
THE PROPERTY AND  
INSURANCE COMMITTEE  
MEETING**

**MARCH 21, 2016**

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**A MEETING OF THE PROPERTY AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS, HELD IN THE PRESENTATION ROOM ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR AT ITS OFFICES AT 1350 PORT OF NEW ORLEANS PLACE, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ROBERT R. BARKERDING, JR., AT 2:07 P.M. ON MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**  
**PRESENT:**

Robert R. Barkerding, Jr., Committee Chairman  
William T. Bergeron,  
Member Michael W.  
Kearney, Member Laney  
J. Chouest, Member  
Arnold B. Baker,  
Member

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**  
**ABSENT:**

Gregory R. Rusovich, Member  
Scott H. Cooper, Member

**STAFF:**

G. LaGrange, President and Chief Executive Officer  
B. Christian, Chief Operating Officer  
C. Bonura, Director, Business Development  
C. Dunn, Director, Port Development  
B. Gussoni, Executive Counsel  
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer  
P. Zimmermann, Director, Operations  
M. Gresham, Director, External Affairs  
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant  
H. Fontenot, Paralegal

**GUESTS:**

L. Traweck, *City Business*

**A. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order**

Committee Chairman Barkerding determined the existence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 2:07 P.M.

**B. Public Comment**

Committee Chairman Barkerding deferred any public comment until after the presentations.

**C. Briefing and Discussion Items**

1. **Briefing on and Discussion of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Consent to a Change in Control of Alvar Industries, LLC, under its Agreement Regarding Real Estate with the Board, Involving a Corporate Reorganization so that Jensen Packaging, LLC, Replaces Jensen Transportation, LLC, as the Parent Company of Alvar Industries, LLC, and Jensen Packaging, LLC, is Added as a Guarantor under the Agreement Regarding Real Estate.**

Mr. Bonura briefed the committee on a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to consent to a change in control of

Alvar Industries, LLC. He stated that the consent was related to the Agreement Regarding Real Estate with Alvar Industries, LLC, and its guarantees for ongoing obligations for property sold by the Board to it at 4001 France Road Parkway and at 3401 Alvar and 3601 Alvar Street.

Mr. Bonura stated that First NBC, TCI's bank, suggested changes in the company's corporate structure. In turn TCI is requesting that the Board approve those changes. He stated that, by the Board's approving the resolution, TCI Plastics, LLC, would be able to finance the buildout of Phase I and Phase II.

Mr. Bonura mentioned that the consent would change the ownership responsible for guarantees in the Agreement Regarding Real Estate and therefore requires prior Board approval. Examples of the terms those guarantees include are a variety of provisions related to deadlines on the construction and operation of the project and provisions that all cargo generated by the project would be shipped exclusively over Board docks.

Mr. Bonura distributed a chart outlining the Jensen Companies' ownership structure, a copy of which is made part of these minutes. He stated that with these changes, Phase I and Phase II will generate additional containers for the Port.

Commissioner Barkerding wanted to know which products would be coming from the facility onto the Port's docks. Mr. Bonura explained that it would be anything packaged there.

After discussion, the committee indicated it would refer this matter favorably to the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

**2. Briefing on and Discussion of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into an Agreement with New Orleans Public Belt Railroad and TCI Plastics, LLC, to Lease to TCI Plastics Some of the Railroad's Tracks and Approximately One Acre of Board Property Near 4001 France Road Parkway.**

Mr. Bonura briefed the committee on a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into an agreement with the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad (NOPB) and TCI Plastics, LLC (TCI), to lease to TCI some of the railroad's tracks and approximately one acre of Board property near 4001 France Road Parkway. He stated that TCI approached the Board with an interest in leasing a railroad track built on



Board property and owned by NOPB. That particular property is approximately one acre and is located at the northernmost section of the Alvardale branch track. Mr. Bonura stated that the lease terms negotiated are as follows: the lessors will be the Board for the land and NOPB for the rail improvements built on the Board's land, and the lessee will be TCI. He stated that the use is railcar delivery, storage, and operations. Mr. Bonura mentioned that the rate for the land and rail is a combined \$21,252 annually. Half will be paid to the Board and half to NOPB for the use of the land and the rail. He stated that this is a forty-year term in five-year option increments.

After discussion, the committee indicated it would refer this matter favorably to the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

**3. Briefing on and Discussion of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into an Agreement with A&H Armature Works, Inc., for Repair of One of the Two Main Hoist Motors for Container Crane No. 6.**

Mr. Zimmermann briefed the committee on a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into an agreement with A&H Armature Works, Inc., not to exceed \$70,000 for repairs to one of the two main hoist motors for Container Crane No. 6.

Commissioner Bergeron expressed concern about the timetable that the spare crane would be out of commission. Mr. Zimmermann replied that he would find out first thing in the morning and would let him know then.

After discussion, the committee indicated it would refer this matter favorably to the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

**D. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the committee, Committee Chairman Barkerding adjourned the meeting at 2:26 P.M.

**BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS PORT  
OF NEW ORLEANS  
MINUTES OF  
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MARCH 23, 2016**

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**A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS, HELD IN THE PRESENTATION ROOM ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR AT ITS OFFICES AT 1350 PORT OF NEW ORLEANS PLACE, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN WILLIAM T. BERGERON AT 9:15 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2016.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
PRESENT:**

William T. Bergeron, Chairman  
Michael W. Kearney, Member  
Robert R. Barkerding, Jr.,  
Member Laney J. Chouest,  
Member  
Arnold B. Baker, Member

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
ABSENT:**

Gregory R. Rusovich, Member  
Scott H. Cooper, Member

**STAFF:**

G. LaGrange, President and Chief Executive Officer  
B. Christian, Chief Operating Officer  
C. Dunn, Director, Port Development  
B. Gussoni, Executive Counsel  
B. Landry, Chief Commercial Officer  
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer  
P. Zimmermann, Director, Operations  
M. Gresham, Director, External Affairs  
B. Burger, Cranes Manager, Operations  
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant  
H. Fontenot, Paralegal

**GUESTS:**

C. Ralston, Phelps Dunbar LLP  
W. Evans, River Consultants

**1. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order.**

Committee Chairman Bergeron determined the existence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:15 A.M.

**2. Public Comment.**

Chairman Bergeron called for public comment, but there was none.

**3. Chairman's Comments.**

Commissioner Bergeron commented that he attended and enjoyed the annual Sea Trade Cruise Global Conference in Fort Lauderdale last week with Ms. Christian and Mr. LaGrange.

**4. President and Chief Executive Officer's Comments.**

Mr. LaGrange commented that the Port has been in contact with a private partnership to be a potential partner with us. He explained that there are potential opportunities to be discussed in meetings over the next several weeks wherein information concerning the port's operations will be discussed.

**5. First Executive Session**

**1. Executive Session to Brief the Board on the Board's Position in *Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans versus City of New Orleans, Errol***

***G. Williams, Orleans Parish Assessor, and Marlin N. Gusman, Orleans Parish Sheriff, Docket No. 2015-CA-0768, Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit, State of Louisiana.***

At 9:21 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Bergeron and seconded by Commissioner Baker to go into executive session to allow Mr. Gussoni and Mr. Ralston to brief the committee on and discuss the Board's claim in that certain lawsuit *Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans versus City of New Orleans, Errol G. Williams, Orleans Parish Assessor, and Marlin N. Gusman, Orleans Parish Sheriff*, Docket No. 2015-CA-0768, Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit, State of Louisiana. **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, and the Board went into executive session at that time.

Mr. Gussoni and Mr. Ralston briefed the committee on this matter and answered any questions asked by the commissioners.

At 9:35 A.M. a motion was made by Commissioner Chouest to end the executive session and return to the open meeting. The motion was

seconded by Commissioner Baker. **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, and the executive session ended at that time.

**6. Briefing and Discussion Items.**

**A. Followup to Discussion on Agreement with A&H Armature Works, Inc., for Repair Services on One of the Two Main Hoist Motors for Container Crane No. 6.**

Mr. Zimmermann introduced Mr. Bryan Burger, manager of the Container Crane Department, to address technical crane repair questions from the commissioners that Mr. Zimmermann could not address at last Monday's Property and Insurance Committee meeting.

**B. Followup Report on the Premium for the Renewal of the Board's Property and Liability Insurance Policies for 2017.**

Mr. Gussoni presented a followup report from last month's meeting regarding Board broker Marsh's negotiating additional reductions in the premiums for the Board's renewed property and liability insurance policies for the policy year beginning April 1, 2016. He stated that Marsh continued to refine numbers on the cost of the renewal policies and just recently notified him that they were able to find additional savings of almost \$200,000 below the reduction reported a month ago. The total reduction from last year's policies is more than \$311,000 for the same or in some cases better coverage. Marsh had reported last month an anticipated saving of approximately \$120,000.

**C. Overview of the Application for FY2016 FASTLANE Grant.**

Ms. Dunn briefed the committee on the Fiscal Year 2016 FASTLANE Grant (Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-Term Achievement of National Efficiencies). She distributed a handout detailing the terminal expansion FASTLANE application and information, a copy of which is made part of these minutes. Ms. Dunn spoke on several key components of the grant, which was authorized at \$4.5 billion through Fiscal Year 2020. She also talked about large projects, eligible costs, and requirements with regard to the FASTLANE grant. Ms. Dunn stated that the reason for the application rush is that she and staff just learned about it two weeks ago. Therefore, the beginning stage of the required brief project information of the grant is due immediately and the application is due April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Dunn gave a short project summary that included the development of the intermodal terminal, marshalling yards, and a new wharf in order to spoke on the primary project components of the Napoleon Avenue Container Terminal wharf and yard expansion.

Commissioner Kearney asked about the demolition of an existing 203,000 square foot shed and if it is currently being utilized. Ms. Dunn replied that the shed is the Napoleon “C” shed and is not currently being entirely used. Commissioner Kearney expressed his concern regarding the aftermath of the shed demolition and what impact it will have on container capacity and handling of TEU’s. Ms. Dunn replied that projected numbers are in the beginning stages, but a rough estimate indicates that there would be a total of 200,000 new containers because of the project.

**D. Report on Cargo Activity.**

Mr. Landry reported that the month of February was similar to January. Container volumes were relatively strong, 5% above last February and even with January of this year. He stated that breakbulk is 31% down for the year, but the good news is that breakbulk cargo is now coming into the port with aluminum, and he expects to see more of it.

Mr. LaGrange asked for a brief update regarding container-on-barge activity with the terminal operators. Mr. Landry replied that things are being sorted out and will be resolved.

**E. Report on Vessel Calls.**

Mr. LaGrange reported that ship calls for February are moving in the right direction. There were 444 this February versus 409 last year. He stated that the gap is being closed on the year. Last year there were 903, and currently for this year there are 874.

**F. Upcoming Events:**

1. April 4 – Inaugural Sailing and Presentation of Carnival *Triumph*
2. April 4-6 – AAPA Semi-Annual Spring Conference – Washington, DC
3. April 12 – Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – Intermodal Yard
4. April 12 – 14 –Critical Commodities Conference
5. April 25 – Committee Meetings
6. April 28 – Executive Committee and Board Meeting

**7. Second Executive Session.**

**Consideration and Discussion in Accordance with the Provisions of the Open Meetings Law La. R.S. 42:17 of the Performance of the President and Chief Executive Officer.**

At 10:18 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Barkerding and seconded by Commissioner Chouest to go into executive session to consider and discuss in accordance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law La. R.S. 42:17 the performance of the Board's President and Chief Executive Officer. **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, and the Board went into executive session at that time.

The commissioners discussed this matter among themselves.

At 11:00 A.M. a motion was made by Commissioner Baker to end the executive session and return to the open meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Chouest. **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, and the executive session ended at that time.

**8. Adjournment.**

There being no further business to come before the committee, Committee Chairman Bergeron adjourned the meeting at 11:01 A.M.

**BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS PORT  
OF NEW ORLEANS  
MINUTES  
OF  
THE REGULAR  
MEETING OF  
MARCH 23,  
2016**

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**MEETING NO. 9, FISCAL YEAR 2016, A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS, HELD IN THE PRESENTATION ROOM ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR AT ITS OFFICES AT 1350 PORT OF NEW ORLEANS PLACE, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN WILLIAM T. BERGERON AT 11:15 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2016.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

William T. Bergeron, Chairman  
Michael W. Kearney, Vice Chairman  
Robert R. Barkerding, Jr., Secretary-  
Treasurer Laney J. Chouest, Member  
Arnold B. Baker, Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Gregory R. Rusovich, Member  
Scott H. Cooper, Member

**STAFF:**

G. LaGrange, President and Chief Executive Officer  
B. Christian, Chief Operating Officer  
D. Allee, Director, Cruise and Tourism  
C. Bonura, Director, Business Development  
C. Dunn, Director, Port Development  
B. Gussoni, Executive Counsel  
B. Landry, Chief Commercial Officer  
E. Pansano, Director, Internal Audit  
J. Penton, Chief Information Officer  
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer  
P. Zimmermann, Director, Operations  
M. Gresham, Director, External Affairs  
S. Ordoyne, Special Assistant to the CEO  
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant  
R. Bylsma, Deputy Director, Port Development  
D. Guarino, Administrative Engineer, Port Development  
A. Fant, Executive Assistant, Capital Projects  
P. Booker, Manager, Dredge  
R. Aragon Dolese, Manager, Communications  
B. Ethridge, Manager, Business Development  
K. Frankic, Manager, Real Estate Development  
A. Pellegrin, Manager, Environmental Services  
R. Hecker, Chief, Harbor Police Department  
M. Villarreal, Safety Officer/Claims Manager  
K. Ordoyne, Staff Attorney  
H. Fontenot, Paralegal  
B. Humphrey, Contract Administration  
J. Crist, General Operations  
A. Brandenburg, Internal Audit  
P. Herring, Internal Audit  
J. Gommel, Berthing  
E. Federer, Port Development  
M. Steib, Information Technology  
T. Fortney, Information Technology  
N. Polk, Communications  
A. Rivera, Building Services  
R. Munsch, Legal Administrative Assistant

A. Taylor, Services  
J. Scheck, Communications  
D. Joiner, Services

**GUESTS:**

L. Traweek, *City Business*  
D. Lambert, COWI  
F. McCormack, *Waterways Journal*  
D. McDaniel, Parsons Brinckerhoff  
D. Magee, Sr., ILA  
G. Davis, ILA  
J. Campbell, ILA  
W. Evans, River Consultants  
T. Wells, Waldermar S. Nelson Co.  
K. M. Price, New Orleans Terminal

**I. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order**

Chairman Bergeron determined the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 11:15 A.M.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Bergeron asked Commissioner Barkerding to lead the Board and the audience in saying the Pledge of Allegiance, and he did so.

**III. Approval of Minutes of February, 2016 Meetings**

On motion duly made by Commissioner Kearney and seconded by Commissioner Barkerding, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of its public meetings of February, 2016, as previously circulated.

**IV. Acceptance of Financial Statement for February, 2016**

On motion duly made by Commissioner Kearney and seconded by Commissioner Barkerding, the Board unanimously accepted the February, 2016, financial statement as previously circulated.

**V. Public Comment**

Chairman Bergeron announced that the meeting was open to the public and directed any member of the public present who would like to comment to see Mr. Matthew Gresham.



## VI. Actions Required

**A. Consider Approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract to Crown Architectural Metal Company, LLC, for Roof Improvements at the Facility Services Buildings on Coffee Drive.**

Commissioner Chouest made a motion to defer this item, and Commissioner Barkerding seconded it. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**B. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into an Amendment to the Agreement with the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development Under the Louisiana Port Construction and Development Priority Program for Assistance in the Implementation of a Port Improvement Project for the Poland Avenue Cruise Terminal.**

Ms. Dunn presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into an amendment to the agreement with the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development under the Louisiana Port Construction and Development Priority Program for assistance in the implementation of a port improvement project for the Poland Avenue Cruise Terminal. Ms. Dunn stated that the resolution allows for the receipt of the funds.

Commissioner Chouest advised the Board that the Planning & Engineering committee had met and reviewed the resolution with staff, and he moved for its approval.

Commissioner Kearney seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**C. Consider Approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract to Boh Bros. Construction Company, LLC, for the St. Claude Avenue Bridge Roadway Grating Replacement.**

Ms. Dunn presented and recommended approval of a resolution awarding a contract to Boh Bros. Construction Company, LLC, in the amount of \$708,000 for all labor, materials, and equipment for the replacement of the roadway grating on the outbound lanes, concrete repairs, and installation of new span-mounted navigation lights on the St. Claude Avenue Bridge.

Commissioner Chouest advised the Board that the Planning and Engineering Committee had met and reviewed the resolution with staff, and he moved for its

approval. Commissioner Barkerding seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**D. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Submit an Application to the U.S. Department of Transportation 2016 TIGER Grant Program for Project Funding.**

Ms. Dunn presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation 2016 TIGER Grant Program for project funding.

Commissioner Chouest advised the Board that the Planning and Engineering Committee had met and reviewed the resolution with staff, and he moved for its approval. Commissioner Kearney seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**E. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into Such Agreements and Take Such Actions as Necessary in His Discretion to Resolve Issues Arising out of the Henry Clay Refrigerated Terminal Firewater Intake and Protection System.**

Ms. Dunn presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into such agreements and take such actions as necessary in his discretion not to exceed \$250,000 to resolve issues arising out of the Henry Clay Refrigerated Terminal firewater intake and protection system.

Commissioner Chouest advised the Board that the Planning and Engineering Committee had met and reviewed the resolution with staff, and he moved for its approval. Commissioner Barkerding seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**F. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Consent to a Change in Control of Alvar Industries, LLC, under its Agreement Regarding Real Estate with the Board, Involving a Corporate Reorganization so that Jensen Packaging, LLC, Replaces Jensen Transportation, LLC, as the Parent Company of Alvar Industries, LLC, and Jensen Packaging, LLC, is Added as a Guarantor under the Agreement Regarding Real Estate.**

Mr. Bonura presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to consent to a change in control of Alvar Industries, LLC, under the Agreement Regarding Real Estate with the Board.

Commissioner Barkerding advised the Board that the Property and Insurance Committee had met and reviewed the resolution with staff, and he moved for its approval. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**G. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into an Agreement with New Orleans Public Belt Railroad and TCI Plastics, LLC, to Lease to TCI Plastics Some of the Railroad's Tracks and Approximately One Acre of Board Property Near 4001 France Road Parkway.**

Mr. Bonura presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into an agreement with New Orleans Public Belt Railroad and TCI Plastics, LLC, to lease to TCI Plastics some of the railroad's tracks and approximately one acre of Board property near 4001 France Road.

Commissioner Barkerding advised the Board that the Property and Insurance Committee had met and reviewed the resolution with staff, and he moved for its approval. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**H. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into an Agreement with A&H Armature Works, Inc., for Repair Services on One of the Two Main Hoist Motors for Container Crane No. 6.**

Mr. Zimmermann presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the president and Chief Executive Officer to enter into an agreement with A&H Armature Works, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$70,000 for repair services on one of the two main hoist motors for Container crane No. 6.

Commissioner Barkerding advised the Board that the Property and Insurance Committee had met and reviewed the resolution with staff, and he moved for its approval. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**VII. Report by the President and Chief Executive Officer**

Mr. LaGrange began his report by saying that February was a better month than January. He commended division leaders, managers, and staff for all their hard work and efforts.

Mr. LaGrange read a letter that he received from Ms. Esinam Seanehia, Program Officer with the New Orleans Citizens Diplomacy Council. It was addressed to Lt. Michael Sawyer with the Harbor Police Department, Maritime Operations Security Center. Ms. Seanehia thanked Lt. Sawyer for finding time to meet with international visitors on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. She stated that the group's U.S. visit was made possible because of his dedication and volunteer services. Ms. Seanehia said that the visitors enjoyed learning about the HPD's efforts to combat criminal activity such as cargo theft, stowaways, etc. She said that the council was grateful for such a successful event as was provided by Lt. Sawyer and the HPD.

Mr. LaGrange read a brief note that the Port of New Orleans received a Community Environmental Outreach Award from the Louisiana Secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality for its *Your Port: Keep it Clean* environmental awareness campaign. He stated that Mr. Sal Amadeo, Coastal Cargo EHS Manager, received the award along with the Port's environmental services staff in Baton Rouge. Mr. LaGrange recognized and applauded Mr. Amadeo, Ms. Amelia Pellegrin, and all participating staff.

**VIII. Old Business**

None was reported.

**IX. New Business**

Commissioner Bergeron commented on attending the Seatrade Cruise global Conference in Fort Lauderdale that was attended by ports from across the world.

He stated that it was very impressive and that the Port had its booth available representing New Orleans.

**X. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:32 A.M.

**NEXT MEETING:**

11:00 A.M., Thursday, April 28, 2016