

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC BELT RAILROAD CORPORATION  
MINUTES OF THE RAILROAD COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019**

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**A MEETING OF THE RAILROAD COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC BELT RAILROAD CORPORATION, HELD IN THE PRESENTATION ROOM ON THE FOURTH FLOOR AT THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS OFFICES LOCATED AT 1350 PORT OF NEW ORLEANS PLACE, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY *PRO TEMPORE* COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN WILLIAM H. LANGENSTEIN, III, AT 2:12 P.M. ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019.**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** William H. Langenstein, III, *Pro Tempore* Committee Chairman  
Tara C. Hernandez, Member  
Charles H. Ponstein, Member  
Joseph F. Toomy, Member

**ABSENT:** Darryl D. Berger, Committee Chairman  
Arnold B. Baker, Member

**STAFF:** M. Stolzman, General Manager  
T. Haver, Vice President of Strategy & Industrial Development

**GUESTS:** A. Fant, Port of New Orleans  
M. Ganon, Port of New Orleans  
R. Wendel, Port of New Orleans  
M. Verderame, Port of New Orleans  
M. Scelson, Port of New Orleans  
J. Ragusa, Port of New Orleans  
C. Alfonso, Port of New Orleans  
T. Carter, Port of New Orleans  
C. Coats, Port of New Orleans  
J. Sholar, Port of New Orleans  
G. Palermo, Port of New Orleans  
J. Guidry, Port of New Orleans  
E. Pansano, Port of New Orleans  
A. Evett, Port of New Orleans  
L. Traweek, *New Orleans City Business*

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

In the absence of Committee Chairman Berger, Board Chair Hernandez appointed Director Langenstein to serve as *Pro Tempore* Committee Chairman for the purposes of holding this meeting. *Pro Tempore* Committee Chairman Langenstein determined the existence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 2:12 p.m.

## II. Report of the General Manager

Mr. Stolzman provided a summary of car shop operations, storage, and switching volumes. He noted that for the month of October, Class I switching was down approximately 2,200 cars, which he attributed to seasonal fluctuations. Local switching volume increased slightly by 3%.

Mr. Stolzman noted that dwell times were approximately 15 hours, which is on target with operational goals for the year. Storage revenue continues to increase. NOPB is holding an average of over 600 cars per day in storage with a 38-day average release time.

Mr. Stolzman stated there was a decrease in intermodal traffic, noting that inbound shipments from Kanas City Southern are arriving at approximately 70% capacity.

Director Ponstein questioned how storage and switching rates apply for different types of rail cars. Mr. Stolzman confirmed that the rates were generally similar for different types of cars.

Director Toomy questioned the options staff were investigating for increasing railcar storage capacity. Mr. Stolzman highlighted several planned projects for the upcoming year, which are anticipated to provide an additional 500 storage spaces.

Mr. Stolzman gave an overview of engineering and maintenance productivity, including cross tie replacements, and mill tie production. He noted there is currently a large-scale maintenance project on the Huey P. Long Bridge involving the replacement of cross ties. There is also ongoing tamping maintenance work, covering approximately 4,000 ft. per day. He noted there are two (2) mobile car repair trucks operating, and that overall car shop repairs have decreased proportionately to the current rail car volume.

Mr. Stolzman noted that approximately 63% of the locomotive fleet is currently operational, and anticipates having 11 locomotives online by the end of the week.

## III. Public Comment

*Pro Tempore* Committee Chairman Langenstein called for public comment but there was none.

## IV. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, *Pro Tempore* Committee Chairman Langenstein called for a motion to adjourn. Director Ponstein moved, and Director Toomy seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC BELT RAILROAD CORPORATION  
MINUTES OF THE DIRECTORS' MEETING  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2019**

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**A MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC BELT RAILROAD CORPORATION, HELD IN THE FIRST FLOOR AUDITORIUM AT THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS OFFICES LOCATED AT 1350 PORT OF NEW ORLEANS PLACE, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIR TARA C. HERNANDEZ AT 1:35 P.M. ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2019.**

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**DIRECTORS**

Tara C. Hernandez, Chair

**PRESENT:**

Darryl D. Berger, Vice-Chairman

Arnold B. Baker, Member

Charles H. Ponstein, Member

Joseph F. Toomy, Member

**ABSENT:**

William H. Langenstein, III, Secretary-Treasurer

**STAFF:**

B. Christian, Chief Executive Officer

T. Haver, Vice President, Strategy & Industrial Development

C. Kocur, Vice President, Engineering

J. Sleeth, Manager, Network Development

A. Moore, Controller

C. Bonura, Manager, Industrial Development

K. Turner, Manager, Community Engagement

R. Zimmerle, Manager, Human Resources

A. Ferrand-Rogers, Generalist, Human Resources

**GUESTS:**

A. Fant, Port of New Orleans

B. Landry, Port of New Orleans

R. Wendel, Port of New Orleans

A. Evett, Port of New Orleans

M. Scelson, Port of New Orleans

C. Coats, Port of New Orleans

T. Carter, Port of New Orleans

D. Feraci, Port of New Orleans

E. Pansano, Port of New Orleans

G. Palermo, Port of New Orleans

B. Nalley, Port of New Orleans

M. Verderame, Port of New Orleans

A. Madere, Port of New Orleans

J. Woodward, Port of New Orleans

Capt. M. Montroll, Harbor Police Department

L. Lazard, AAHCC

T. Wells, Waldemar S. Nelson

P. Roberts, EMPAQ Group, LLC

L. Traweek, *New Orleans City Business*  
J. Keever, T. Parker Host  
H. Blackwell, Blackstar Diversified  
R. Nunez, USI  
W. Wachel, WSP  
R. Glapion, The Beta Group  
B. Adams, Volkert  
R. Tannen, DM Smith

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

Chair Hernandez determined the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Director Berger led the Board and attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Safety Briefing**

Ms. Verderame provided the Board and attendees with a brief safety orientation.

**IV. General Public Comment**

Mr. Loyd Lazard addressed the Board regarding the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans' acquisition of the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad in 2018.

**V. Approval of October 2019 Public Meeting Minutes**

On motion duly made by Director Ponstein and seconded by Director Berger, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of its October 2019 public meetings, as previously circulated.

**VI. Acceptance of October 2019 Financial Statement**

Mr. Wendel provided a summary overview of the financial statement for October 2019, a copy of which is made a part of these minutes. He noted October and fiscal year-to-date figures for gross revenues, labor cost, operating costs, and operating income for the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad Corporation ("NOPB").

Director Toomy moved to accept the October 2019 financial statement and Director Baker seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**VII. Report by the General Manager**

Ms. Haver provided a summary of car shop and transportation operations, as well as storage and switching volumes. She noted an increase in switching revenues, noting a slight decrease in Class I switching, reflective of seasonal fluctuations. She noted dwell

time remains at approximately 15 hours for the third month in a row, which is well below the industry average of 24 hours. There was an increase in long-term storage revenue, as well as the monthly storage volume. She also noted increased productivity in maintenance and engineering functions, and a decrease in car shop repair volumes. There are currently nine (9) locomotives in operational service.

Chair Hernandez questioned the increase in resin activity, and Ms. Haver stated that the resin trains were originating in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

### **VIII. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Hernandez called for a motion to adjourn. Director Baker moved, and Director Ponstein seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and Chair Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 1:47 p.m.