

**THE NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC BELT RAILROAD COMMISSION
FOR THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC BELT RAILROAD COMMISSION FOR THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS, HELD IN THE FIRST FLOOR AUDITORIUM OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS' OFFICES, LOCATED AT 1350 PORT OF NEW ORLEANS PLACE, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN JOSEPH F. TOOMY AT 1:31 P.M.

MEMBERS Joseph F. Toomy, Chairman
PRESENT: Walter J. Leger, Jr., Vice-Chairman
James J. Carter, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer
Sharonda R. Williams, Member
Jeanne E. Ferrer, Member
Darryl D. Berger, Member
Todd P. Murphy, Member

STAFF: B. Christian, Chief Executive Officer
T. Bryant, General Manager
C. Kocur, Vice-President, Engineering

GUESTS: R. Wendel, Port of New Orleans
S. Porteous, Port of New Orleans
J. Escudier, Port of New Orleans
M. Wypyski, Port of New Orleans
A. Evett, Port of New Orleans
R. Aragon Dolese, Port of New Orleans
G. Brown, Port of New Orleans
S. Granger, Port of New Orleans
Chief M. Montroll, Harbor Police Department
C. Rollins, Port of New Orleans
M. Gresham, Port of New Orleans
M. Scelson, Port of New Orleans
S. Gauthier, Port of New Orleans
K. Gilmore, Port of New Orleans
A. Dawson, Port of New Orleans
A. Villarrubia, Port of New Orleans
C. Gibson, Port of New Orleans
E. Federer, Port of New Orleans
A. Romanov, Port of New Orleans
K. Curth, Port of New Orleans
K. Mills, Port of New Orleans
A. Randolph, Port of New Orleans
M. Singley, Port of New Orleans
J. Fields, Port of New Orleans

K. Santiago, Port of New Orleans
C. Hill, CRC
C. Cassady, The People
D. Lambert, GEC
H. Gonzales, NOSHIP
C. Ponstein, Former Commissioner
A. Rega, GIS Engineering, LLC
A. de Montagne
S. Moushebeck
H. Murad
A. Miller
K. DeRoche, NOSHIP
E. Wikinson, NOSHIP
B. Rousselle, P.E.E.S.
F. Allen
Q. Fuentes, G.I.S.
B. Sheth, Pivotal
N. Gonzales, NOSHIP
C. Beauchamp, NOSHIP
I. Heller, NOSHIP
T. Wells, Waldemar S. Nelson, Co.
M. Ricciardo, NOSHIP
Tweedie, NOSHIP
J. Baum, Antigravity
DK, NOSHIP
I. Ahmet
S. Martin
S. Sojic-Borne, NOSHIP
A. Murad, NOSHIP
E. Holder
Kay
Z. Kopkin, NOSHIP
Maya, NOSHIP
C. Tresca, NOSHIP

I. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

Following a roll call of Commission members, Chairman Toomy confirmed a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Toomy asked Commissioner Murphy to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Report of the General Manager

Ms. Bryant reported on the January volumes and productivity statistics.

IV. Public Comment

Chairman Toomy called for any agenda-related public comments, but there were none.

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes for January 2024

Chairman Toomy called for a motion to approve the public meeting minutes for January 2024, as previously circulated.

Commissioner Leger moved to approve the minutes and Commissioner Ferrer seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

VI. Actions Items:

A. Acceptance of the Financial Statement for January 2024

Mr. Wendel presented the Commission's financial statement for the month of January, a copy of which is made a part of these minutes. Commissioner Leger moved to accept the financial statement and Commissioner Carter seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

B. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to Renew the Commission's General Liability, Site Pollution, Rolling Stock Property, Huey P. Long Bridge Property Insurance, and to Pay its Reasonable Share of the Consolidated, Public Official's Liability Insurance, Government Crime Insurance, Cyber Insurance, Property Terrorism, and Other Coverages, at a Cost Not to Exceed \$2,045,047, all Arranged through Arthur J Gallagher Risk Services, Inc.

Mr. Wendel presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Commissioner Carter moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Murphy seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

C. Consider Approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract to Cycle Construction Company, LLC in the Amount of \$2,209,635 for the Terminal Road Construction New Rail Configuration Project.

Mr. Kocur presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Commissioner Berger moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Carter seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

D. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to Amend the Agreement with McCord Tie and Timber, Inc., for the As-Needed Purchase and Delivery of Cross Ties and Switch Ties, to Increase the Not-to-Exceed Cost to \$2,480,417 for the Full Contract Term.

Mr. Kocur presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Murphy seconded.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VII. Chairman & Commissioners' Comments

Chairman Toomy asked for Commissioners comments but there were none.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chairman Toomy called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Carter moved and Commissioner Leger seconded.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY and Chairman Toomy adjourned the meeting at 1:47p.m.