

**THE NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC BELT RAILROAD COMMISSION
FOR THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023**

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 CHARLES H. PONSTEIN AT 3:22 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles H. Ponstein, Chairman
Joseph F. Toomy, Vice-Chairman
Walter J. Leger, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer
William H. Langenstein, III, Member
Sharonda R. Williams, Member

MEMBER ABSENT: James J. Carter, Jr., Member

STAFF: B. Christian, Chief Executive Officer
T. Bryant, General Manager
I. McPherson, Director Operation Planning
A. Ferrand-Rodgers, Director, Organization Development
T. Banks, Director Maintenance
G. Harris, Manager Operations Support
J. Thurston, Manager, Operating Practices

GUESTS: R. Wendel, Port of New Orleans
J. Escudier, Port of New Orleans
L. Mellem, Port of New Orleans
M. Stolzman, Port of New Orleans
A. Evett, Port of New Orleans
C. Gilmore, Port of New Orleans
G. Brown, Port of New Orleans
C. Coats, Port of New Orleans
J. Mansour, Port of New Orleans
R. Aragon Dolese, Port of New Orleans
C. Labat, Port of New Orleans
M. Scelson, Port of New Orleans
A. Coates, Port of New Orleans
S. Gauthier, Port of New Orleans
Chief M. Montroll, Harbor Police Department
A. Lopez-Salazar, Port of New Orleans
E. Johnsen, Port of New Orleans
A. Randolph, Port of New Orleans
K. Mills, Port of New Orleans

K. Curth, Port of New Orleans
C. Gibson, Port of New Orleans
A. Taylor, Port of New Orleans
M. Singley, Port of New Orleans
J. Fields, Port of New Orleans
A. Johnson, Port of New Orleans
R. Glapion, The Beta Group

I. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

Following a roll call, Chairman Ponstein confirmed a quorum and called the meeting to order at 3:22 p.m.

II. Report of the General Manager

Ms. Bryant presented the General Manager’s Report. She reported on December volumes and productivity statistics. She also announced that the Commission’s Roadway Department had completed the Iris Avenue bridge rail panel replacement last month, which will allow for additional traffic.

III. Public Comment

Chairman Ponstein called for any agenda-related or general public comments, but there were none.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes for December 2022

Chairman Ponstein called for a motion to approve the public meeting minutes for December 2022, as previously circulated.

Commissioner Langenstein moved to approve the minutes and Commissioner Williams seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

V. Acceptance of the Financial Statement for December 2022

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

VI. Chairman & Commissioners’ Comments

Chairman Ponstein opened the floor for Commissioners’ comments but there were none.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chairman Ponstein called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Leger moved and Commissioner Toomy seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and Chairman Ponstein adjourned the meeting at 3:27 p.m.