

**THE NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC BELT RAILROAD COMMISSION
FOR THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 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
Sharonda R. Williams, Member
Jeanne E. Ferrer, Member
Todd P. Murphy, Member

MEMBERS James J. Carter, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer
ABSENT: Darryl D. Berger, Member

STAFF: B. Christian, Chief Executive Officer
T. Bryant, General Manager
C. Kocur, Vice-President, Engineering
A. Ferrand-Rodgers, Director, Organizational Development

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
Chief M. Montroll, Harbor Police Department
M. Gresham, Port of New Orleans
K. Gilmore, Port of New Orleans
C. Labat, Port of New Orleans
A. Dawson, Port of New Orleans
K. Barnes, Port of New Orleans
A. McKnight, Port of New Orleans
C. Rollins, Port of New Orleans
A. Taylor, Port of New Orleans
A. Romanov, Port of New Orleans
J. Bruner, Port of New Orleans
C. Gibson, 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
A. Johnson, Port of New Orleans
A. Naves, NOSHIP
A. Peacock
C. Farah, NOSHIP
S. Borne, FRSO
I. Heller, NOSHIP
S. Dickey
F. Allen
A. Blackshaw, NOSHIP
K. Deroche, NOSHIP
S. Moushabak
M. Sanchez
S. Vasndevan, NOSHIP
G. Treffinger, NOSHIP
I. Ahmed
A. Joudet
J. Terrenbaum, JVP-NOLA
Neg, NOSHIP
Joseph
M. Hbos, NOSHIP
A. Ebabe, NOSHIP
H. Haytham, NOSHIP
L. Judeh, NOSHIP
M. Judeh, NOSHIP
A. Taber
Ferial
Taha
Krystal
Zora
A. Jodeh, NOSHIP
Josie
J.R. Sweeney, New Orleans DSA
Y. Hinnami, NOSHIP
N. Gonzalez, NOSHIP
A. Smith
V. Embers, NOSHIP
T. Billeaud
M. Joduh
R. Billiot, Jr., Terracon
J. Stuckey, Phelps Dunbar, LLP
H. Rosenberg, Phelps Dunbar, LLP
W. Moon
K. Auzerne, GHC

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 Ferrer to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Report of the General Manager

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

IV. Agenda-Related Public Comment

Chairman Toomy called for any agenda-related or general public comments. Ms. Singley announced that one request had been submitted but noted that it was relating to a Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans' ("Board") Agenda item and would consequently be presented at the appropriate time during the ensuing Board meeting.

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes for December 2023

Chairman Toomy called for a motion to approve the public meeting minutes for December 2023, as previously circulated.

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

VI. Actions Items:

In the absence of Secretary-Treasurer Carter at the meeting and in accordance with the Commission's bylaws, Chairman Toomy appointed Vice-Chairman Leger to temporary perform the duties of the Secretary. Vice-Chairman Leger accepted the appointment.

A. Acceptance of the Financial Statement for December 2023.

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 Ferrer moved to accept the financial statement and Commissioner Leger seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

B. Consider Approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract to Pointer Smith Contracting Corporation in the Amount of \$1,495,325 for the Claiborne Yard Construction New Rail Configuration Project.

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

- C. Consider Approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract to A&K Railroad Materials, Inc. in the Amount of \$325,780 for the Rail for the Claiborne Yard Construction New Rail Configuration Project.**

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

- D. Consider Approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract to NARSTCO, LLC in the Amount of \$929,142 for Steel Ties for the Claiborne Yard Construction New Rail Configuration Project.**

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

- E. Consider Approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract to A&K Railroad Materials, Inc. in the Amount of \$190,313 for Turnouts for the Claiborne Yard Construction New Rail Configuration Project.**

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

- F. Consider Approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract to NARSTCO, LLC in the Amount of \$191,890 for the Steel Ties and Clips for the Terminal Road Project.**

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

- G. Consider Approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract to Siarc, LLC for the As-Needed Purchase and Delivery of Diesel Fuel, for a Period of One Year, with Two One-Year Renewal Options, at a Cost Not-to-Exceed \$5,400,000 for the Full Contract Term.**

Mr. Kocur presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Chairman Toomy inquired about the location of the fuel storage. Commissioner Leger moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Williams seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

H. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Contract with Quality Diesel Service for the Locomotive Engine Overhaul at a Cost Not-to-Exceed \$174,343.85.

Mr. Kocur presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Commissioner Murphy moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Williams 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 Leger moved and Commissioner Ferrer seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and Chairman Toomy adjourned the meeting at 1:52 p.m.