

**THE NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC BELT RAILROAD COMMISSION  
FOR THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2023**

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**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 3:19 P.M.**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joseph F. Toomy, Chairman  
Walter J. Leger, Jr., Vice-Chairman  
James J. Carter, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer  
Sharonda R. Williams, Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jeanne E. Ferrer, Member  
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  
T. Banks, Director Maintenance  
G. Harris, Manager Operations Support  
L. Hensley, Superintendent, Transportation  
I. McPherson, Director Operation Planning

**GUESTS:** R. Wendel, Port of New Orleans  
J. Escudier, Port of New Orleans  
L. Mellem, Port of New Orleans  
A. Evett, Port of New Orleans  
C. Gilmore, Port of New Orleans  
R. Aragon Dolese, Port of New Orleans  
A. Dawson, Port of New Orleans  
M. Scelson, Port of New Orleans  
T. Black, Port of New Orleans  
K. Gilmore, Port of New Orleans  
C. Labat, Port of New Orleans  
Lieut. C. Smith, Harbor Police Department  
A. Lopez-Salazar, Port of New Orleans  
C. Gibson, Port of New Orleans  
M. Sulser, Port of New Orleans  
K. Mills, Port of New Orleans  
M. Singley, Port of New Orleans  
A. Johnson, Port of New Orleans  
C. Ponstein, Former NOPB Commissioner

T. Matherne, Renaissance Publishing  
W. Evans, Jr., GIS  
P. Truxillo, GIS  
T. Murphy  
K. Murphy, Irwin Fritchie, Urquhart & Moore, LLC  
O. Murphy  
M. Murphy  
K. Murphy  
T. Wells, Waldemar S. Nelson  
R. Guidry, PEEC Inc.  
K. Calkins, New Orleans Terminal  
C. Renard, Riaid Constructors  
J. Allen, QSL  
B. Rousselle, PEEC, Inc.  
A. Dow, QSL Empire  
J. Sensetil, Ardurra  
T. Dupre, Meyer Engineering  
C. Jensen, TCI  
J. Jensen, Jr., TCI

#### **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 3:19 p.m.

#### **II. Pledge of Allegiance**

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

#### **III. Report of the General Manager**

Ms. Bryant reported on the June volumes and productivity statistics. She concluded her report by recognizing the Commission's Employee of the Quarter, Mr. Errol Flint.

#### **IV. Public Comment**

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

#### **V. Approval of Meeting Minutes for June 2023**

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

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

**VI. Action Items:**

**A. Acceptance of the Financial Statement for June 2023.**

Mr. Wendel presented the Commission's financial statement for the month of June, 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 Confirming to Auditors the Commission's Compliance with Applicable Laws and Accounting Principles as Set Out in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Compliance Questionnaire.**

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

**C. Consider Approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract to Pontchartrain Materials Corporation, LLC for the As-Needed Purchase and Delivery of Crushed Concrete for a Period of One Year, with Two One-Year Renewal Options, at a Cost Not-to-Exceed \$2,000,000 for the Full Contract Term.**

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

**D. Consider Approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract to Pontchartrain Materials Corporation, LLC for the As-Needed Purchase and Delivery of Granite Ballast for a Period of One Year, with Two One-Year Renewal Options, at a Cost Not-to-Exceed \$828,000 for the Full Contract Term.**

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

**E. Consider Approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract to Pontchartrain Materials Corporation, LLC for the As-Needed Purchase and Delivery of Limestone Ballast for a Period of One Year, with Two One-Year Renewal Options, at a Cost Not-to-Exceed \$2,150,000 for the Full Contract Term.**

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

**F. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to Amend the Agreement with Modjeski and Masters, Inc. for As-Needed Engineering and Inspection Services to Increase the Not-to-Exceed Cost by \$950,000 for a Total Not-to-Exceed Cost of \$2,150,000 for the Full Contract Term.**

Mr. Kocur presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Following a brief discussion including a question from Chairman Toomy on the cause of the price increase, Commissioner Williams moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Leger seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**G. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to Amend the Lease Agreement with GATX Rail Locomotive Group, L.L.C. to Extend the Term of the Lease for an Additional Two Years and Increase the Total Not-to-Exceed Amount to \$3,551,450 for the Full Contract Term.**

Ms. Bryant presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Commissioner Carter moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Williams seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**VII. Chairman & Commissioners' Comments**

Chairman Toomy opened the floor 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 Carter seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and Chairman Toomy adjourned the meeting at 3:36 p.m.