

**THE NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC BELT RAILROAD COMMISSION
FOR THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 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 JOSEPH F. TOOMY AT 1:43 P.M.

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

MEMBER ABSENT: Darryl D. Berger, Member

STAFF: C. Kocur, Vice-President, Engineering
G. Harris, Manager, Operations Support

GUESTS: R. Wendel, Port of New Orleans
J. Escudier, Port of New Orleans
L. Mellem, 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
M. Scelson, Port of New Orleans
C. Labat, Port of New Orleans
Chief M. Montroll, Harbor Police Department
J. Guidry, Port of New Orleans
A. Lopez-Salazar, Port of New Orleans
C. Rollins, Port of New Orleans
A. Coates, Port of New Orleans
A. Villarrubia, Port of New Orleans
C. Gibson, Port of New Orleans
D. Serio, Port of New Orleans
H. Leumas, Port of New Orleans
D. Finnegan, Port of New Orleans
M. Sulser, Port of New Orleans
P. Noble, Port of New Orleans
B. Skaggs, Port of New Orleans
L. Lofton, Port of New Orleans

P. Herring, 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
S. Anato, Evans-Graves Engineers
B. Smith, Pivotal
E. Horton, NOSHIP
I. Guzman
C. Beauchamp, NOSHIP
I. Abdeljazer
L. Sarsour
G. Sarsour
H. Russell
N. Saad
X. Adams
H. Hamdan
E. Feyisa
J. Thompson
S. Morel
H. Afaneh
B. Barton
J. Finley
H. Sarsour
D. Sarsour
N. Romero
S. Meyer
N. Mofe
R. Talley
K. Deroche FRSO/NOSHIP
D. Pin, UNO
S. Masudera
J. Gibson
I. Guidry
B. Furey
C. Chenevert
H. Afaneh
E. Lee
M. Baker
J. Finkaly-Perrier

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 1:43 p.m.

II. Report of the General Manager

In Ms. Bryant's absence Laura Mellem, Chief of Staff, reported on the October volumes and productivity statistics.

III. Public Comment

Chairman Toomy called for any agenda-related or general public comments. Ms. Singley responded that there were none at that time.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes for October 2023

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

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

V. Action Items:

A. Acceptance of the Financial Statement for October 2023.

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

B. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Contract with Stella Jones Corporation for As-Needed Bridge Timber Wood Treatment Services, for a Period of One Year, with Two One-Year Renewal Options, at a Cost Not-to-Exceed \$2,100,000 for the Full Contract Term.

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

C. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Contract with Cedar AI, Inc. for Cedar AI Rail Management System and Related Applications, for a Period of Thirty-Six Months, at a Cost Not-to-Exceed \$1,974,370.95.

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

D. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to Revise the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad Commission for the Port of New Orleans' Freight Tariff 9000-B.

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

VI. Chairman & Commissioners' Comments

Chairman Toomy opened the floor for Commissioners' comments, but there were none.

VII. 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 1:50 p.m.