

**THE NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC BELT RAILROAD COMMISSION
FOR THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 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 VICE-CHAIRMAN WALTER J. LEGER, JR. AT 1:31 P.M.

MEMBERS 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

MEMBER ABSENT: Joseph F. Toomy, Chairman

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

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
C. Gilmore, Port of New Orleans
R. Aragon Dolese, Port of New Orleans
G. Brown, Port of New Orleans
T. Black, Port of New Orleans
S. Gauthier, Port of New Orleans
A. Dawson, Port of New Orleans
K. Gilmore, Port of New Orleans
C. Labat, Port of New Orleans
Chief M. Montroll, Harbor Police Department
C. Rollins, Port of New Orleans,
E. Federer, Port of New Orleans
A. Villarrubia, Port of New Orleans
A. Madere, Port of New Orleans
R. Carter, Port of New Orleans
K. Reed, Port of New Orleans

A. Taylor, Port of New Orleans
J. Ragusa-Nunes, 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
A. Johnson, Port of New Orleans
B. Smith, Pivotal Engineering
R. Billiot, Sr., Terracon
T. Henneman, Hub International
L. Arcana, Hub International
B. Richards, N-Y Associates
N. Ransome, Ocean Conservancy
Y. Cedeno, HDR
R. Chauvin, Infinity Engineering

I. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-Chairman Leger invited all attendees to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Report of the General Manager

Ms. Bryant reported on the September volumes and productivity statistics. She also congratulated Ms. Ferrand-Rogers who received an honorable mention from the *Railway Age's 2023 Women in Rail Awards*, and Mr. Lymuel for his upcoming retirement after 23 years of service.

IV. Public Comment

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

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes for September 2023

Vice-Chairman Leger called for a motion to approve the public meeting minutes for September 2023, as previously circulated.

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

VI. Acceptance of the Financial Statement for September 2023.

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

VII. Vice-Chairman & Commissioners' Comments

Vice-Chairman Leger opened the floor for Commissioners' comments, but there were none.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Vice-Chairman Leger called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Carter moved and Commissioner Ferrer seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and Vice-Chairman Leger adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.