

**THE NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC BELT RAILROAD COMMISSION  
FOR THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 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 11:46 P.M.**

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**MEMBERS**

Joseph F. Toomy, Chairman

**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

**STAFF:**

B. Christian, Chief Executive Officer

T. Bryant, General Manager

C. Kocur, Vice-President, Engineering

L. Hensley, Superintendent, Transportation

I. McPherson, Director Operation Planning

G. Harris, Manager, Operations Support

A. Ferrand-Rodgers, Director Organizational Development

**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

R. Aragon Dolese, Port of New Orleans

G. Brown, Port of New Orleans

M. Scelson, Port of New Orleans

T. Black, Port of New Orleans

S. Gauthier, Port of New Orleans

K. Gilmore, Port of New Orleans

C. Labat, Port of New Orleans

Chief M. Montroll, Harbor Police Department

A. Lopez-Salazar, Port of New Orleans

J. Volion, Port of New Orleans

L. Lofton, Port of New Orleans

P. Herring, Port of New Orleans

C. Rollins, Port of New Orleans,

L. Sawatsky, Port of New Orleans

S. Abu Naser, Port of New Orleans

M. Torres, Port of New Orleans

K. Smith, Port of New Orleans  
S. Acheson, Port of New Orleans  
A. Brandenburg, Port of New Orleans  
R. Rick, Port of New Orleans  
J. Donald, Port of New Orleans  
P. Scott, Port of New Orleans  
D. Serio, 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  
J. Fields, Port of New Orleans  
F. McCormack, Waterways Journal  
T. Carter, WBEC South  
C. Ponstein, Former Commissioner  
R. Dow, Empire Stevedoring  
J. Welton, St. Bernard Voice

#### **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 11:46 a.m.

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

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

#### **III. Public Comment**

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

#### **IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes for August 2023**

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

Commissioner Leger moved to approve the minutes and Commissioner Carter seconded.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **V. Action Items:**

##### **A. Acceptance of the Financial Statement for August 2023.**

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

**B. Consider Approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract to Republic Services, Inc. for Trash Disposal Services, for a Period of One Year, with Two One-Year Renewal Options, at a Cost Not-to-Exceed \$210,000 for the Full Contract Term.**

Mr. Kocur presented and recommended approval of a resolution. Commissioner Berger moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Williams 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 Ferrer moved and Commissioner Carter seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and Chairman Toomy adjourned the meeting at 11:53a.m.