

**THE NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC BELT RAILROAD COMMISSION
FOR THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 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 1:31 P.M.

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

MEMBER ABSENT: Sharonda R. Williams, Member

STAFF: B. Christian, Chief Executive Officer
T. Bryant, General Manager
C. Kocur, Vice-President, Engineering
G. Harris, Manager, Operations Support
I. McPherson, Director, Operation Planning
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
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
S. Gauthier, Port of New Orleans
K. Gilmore, Port of New Orleans
T. Black, Port of New Orleans
A. Winters, Port of New Orleans
A. Dawson, Port of New Orleans
A. Romanov, Port of New Orleans
J. Bruner, Port of New Orleans
T. Williams, Port of New Orleans
C. Nguyen, Port of New Orleans
B. Boughrara, Port of New Orleans

A. Villarrubia, 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
T. Jarquin, Evans & Graves
T. Wells, Waldemar Nelson
F. Shaw, Leger & Shaw
C. Hill, CRC
O. Freingold, The Free Press
M. Horowitz, The Free Press
J. Fager, The Free Press
Katrina
S. Carminati
G. Treffinger
P. Zarala
Y. Hinnani
T. Neg, NOSHIP
E. Horton, NOSHIP
Mohammad
D. Autry, NOSHIP
F. Allen
Aiden
S. Khan
D. McFarlane, NOSHIP
C. Tresca, IWW
C. Beauchamp
S. Borne
K. Deroche, NOSHIP
I. Heller, NOSHIP
C. Gallagher
L. Caron
S. Dickey
A. Rodriguez
J. Govea, NOSHIP
M. Sanchez
R. Macdonald
Z. Kopkin
K. Eriksen, Interfaith
F. Khan
K. Belhadjali
C. Perez
I. Ahmed

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 Carter to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Report of the General Manager

Ms. Bryant reported on the November volumes and productivity statistics. She also recognized NOPB's Employee of the Year Mr. Michael Synakiewicz.

IV. Agenda-Related Public Comment

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

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes for November 2023

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

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

VI. Acceptance of the Financial Statement for November 2023.

Mr. Wendel presented the Commission's financial statement for the month of November 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**

VII. Chairman & Commissioners' Comments

Chairman Toomy congratulated the Commission's team for a very successful and productive year and wished everyone a happy holiday season.

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 1:42 p.m.