
COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Arnold B. Baker, Committee Chairman

PRESENT:
Arnold B. Baker, Committee Chairman
Laney J. Chouest, Member
Tara C. Hernandez, Member
Darryl D. Berger, Member
William H. Langenstein III, Member
Charles H. Ponstein, Member

STAFF:
B. Christian, Chief Executive Officer
L. Colletta, Executive Counsel
D. Campbell, General Manager
D. Lafont, Chief Financial Officer
A. von Dobeneck, Director, External Relations
C. Simmons, Office Manager

GUESTS:
A. Fant, Port of New Orleans
M. Ganon, Port of New Orleans
B. Landry, Port of New Orleans
R. Wendel, Port of New Orleans
R. Aragon Dolese, Port of New Orleans
T. Carter, Port of New Orleans
C. Coats, Port of New Orleans
A. Evett, Port of New Orleans
E. Pansano, Port of New Orleans
M. Verderame, Port of New Orleans
M. Scelson, Port of New Orleans
M. Gresham, Port of New Orleans
D. Jackson, Port of New Orleans
M. Smith, Port of New Orleans
I. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

Committee Chairman Baker determined the existence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 2:25 P.M.

II. Briefing and Discussion Items:

A. Recommend to the Board at its Regular Monthly Meeting a Resolution Authorizing the Chief Executive Office to Enter into a Professional Services Contract with Traffic Solutions, Inc. to Provide As-Needed Traffic Control Services, at a Cost Not to Exceed $325,000.00.

Mr. Campbell presented the terms of the agreement to the Board. Director Berger motioned to recommend the item for approval at the Directors’ meeting. Director Chouest seconded. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Recommend to the Board at its Regular Monthly Meeting a Resolution Awarding a Contract to Crescent Crown Distributing, L.L.C., at a Cost Not to Exceed $200,000.00 for the Annual Purchase of Bottled Water.

Mr. Campbell presented the terms of the contract to the Board, and responded to questions. Director Ponstein motioned to recommend the item for approval at the Directors’ meeting. Director Chouest seconded. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. Public Comment

Committee Chairman Baker called for public comment, but there was none.

IV. Report of the General Manager

Mr. Campbell presented the Board with a brief summary of car shop operations, railcar storage, and switched car volumes, and answered questions thereafter. He noted that anticipated seasonal fluctuations could impact business during the holiday season. He also congratulated the NOPB team on the improved safety culture and positive safety record that were achieved in 2018.
V. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, Committee Chairman Baker called for a motion to adjourn. Director Langenstein so moved, and Director Chouest seconded. The motion carried unanimously, and Committee Chairman Baker adjourned the meeting at 2:40 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Charles H. Ponstein, Committee Chairman
William H. Langenstein, III, Member

BOARD MEMBERS
Laney J. Chouest
Arnold B. Baker
Tara C. Hernandez
Darryl D. Berger

STAFF:
B. Christian, Chief Executive Officer
L. Colletta, Executive Counsel
D. Campbell, General Manager
D. Lafont, Chief Financial Officer
A. von Dobeneck, Director, External Relations

GUESTS:
A. Fant, Port of New Orleans
M. Ganon, Port of New Orleans
B. Landry, Port of New Orleans
R. Wendel, Port of New Orleans
R. Aragon Dolese, Port of New Orleans
T. Carter, Port of New Orleans
C. Coats, Port of New Orleans
A. Evett, Port of New Orleans
E. Pansano, Port of New Orleans
M. Verderame, Port of New Orleans
M. Scelson, Port of New Orleans
M. Gresham, Port of New Orleans
D. Jackson, Port of New Orleans
I. **Determination of Quorum and Call to Order**

Committee Chairman Ponstein determined the existence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 2:41 P.M.

II. **Briefing and Discussion Item:**

A. **Discussion of Officer Nominations for the Board of Directors of the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad Corporation, to Serve December 2018, through September, 2019.**

Committee Chairman Ponstein presented the Nominating Committee’s report to the Board. He recommended that Director Baker become the Board’s new Chairman, Director Hernandez the Vice-Chair, and Director Berger the Secretary-Treasurer.

Director Langenstein moved to recommend the officer selections for approval at the Directors’ meeting, and Committee Chairman Ponstein seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

III. **Public Comment**

Director Ponstein called for public comment but there was none.

IV. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the committee, Committee Chairman Ponstein called for a motion to adjourn. Director Langenstein so moved, and the motion carried unanimously. Committee Chairman Ponstein adjourned the meeting at 2:43 P.M.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Laney J. Chouest, Chairman
Arnold B. Baker, Vice-Chairman
Tara C. Hernandez, Secretary-Treasurer
Darryl D. Berger, Member
William H. Langenstein, III, Member
Charles H. Ponstein, Member

STAFF: B. Christian, Chief Executive Officer
L. Colletta, Executive Counsel
D. Campbell, General Manager
D. Lafont, Chief Financial Officer
A. von Dobeneck, Director, External Affairs

GUESTS: A. Fant, Port of New Orleans
M. Ganon, Port of New Orleans
B. Landry, Port of New Orleans
R. Wendel, Port of New Orleans
M. Verderame, Port of New Orleans
A. Evett, Port of New Orleans
M. Scelson, Port of New Orleans
B. Naghavi, Hardesty & Hanover
J. Guidry, Port of New Orleans
M. Melancon, Intelligent Transportation Systems
K. Palmisano, Ports America
I. **Determination of Quorum and Call to Order**

Chairman Chouest determined the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:38 P.M.

II. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Director Baker led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. **Approval of November, 2018 Public Meeting Minutes**

On a motion made by Director Ponstein and seconded by Director Langenstein, the Directors approved the minutes of their public meetings for November of 2018, as previously circulated.

IV. **Acceptance of November, 2018 Financial Statement**

After a brief financial summary presentation by Mr. Lafont, Director Ponstein made a motion to accept the financial statement, and Director Berger seconded. The Directors unanimously accepted the financial statement for November of 2018, as previously circulated.

V. **General Public Comment**

Chairman Chouest called for public comment, but there was none.
VI. Actions Required:

A. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Professional Services Contract with Traffic Solutions, Inc. to Provide As-Needed Traffic Control Services, at a Cost Not to Exceed $325,000.00.

Mr. Campbell presented, answered questions, and recommended approval of the resolution. Director Hernandez moved for the resolution’s approval. Director Baker seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Consider Approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract to Crescent Crown Distributing, L.L.C., at a Cost Not to Exceed $200,000.00 for the Annual Purchase of Bottled Water.

Mr. Campbell presented, answered questions, and recommended approval of the resolution. Director Baker moved for the resolution’s approval. Director Langenstein seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VII. Report by the General Manager

Mr. Campbell reported to the Board that local and Class 1 car volumes were healthy for the month. Mr. Campbell also noted the consistency of car shop performance, and anticipated seasonal fluctuations. He also congratulated the NOPB team for the impressive safety record and practices achieved in 2018.

VIII. Report of the Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee Chairman Ponstein announced that the Nominating Committee had met on December 17, 2018, and voted to recommend candidates for the changing of officers for the Board of Directors. The new election of officers is to be effective on this day, through September, 2019, and recommendations are as follows: Mr. Arnold B. Baker as Chairman, Ms. Tara C. Hernandez as Vice-Chair, and Mr. Darryl D. Berger as Secretary-Treasurer.

Director Langenstein moved to elect the above-listed Directors, and Nominating Committee Chairman Ponstein seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

On behalf of the Board and staff, newly-elected Board Chairman Baker presented former Chairman Chouest with a plaque as a token of appreciation for his service as chairman. Chairman Baker thanked Director Chouest for his service, leadership, and on-going commitment to the community and the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad Corporation.
IX. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Baker called for a motion to adjourn. Director Langenstein so moved, and Director Ponstein seconded. The motion carried unanimously, and Chairman Baker adjourned the meeting at 1:50 P.M.