

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. BERNARD PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING – JANUARY 14, 2020

The Board of Commissioners of the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District met in regular session on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at 12:00 noon in the boardroom of its office located at 100 Port Boulevard, Chalmette, Louisiana.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Roll was called.

Members present were: Rev. Henry Ballard, Jr., President; Mr. William T. Bergeron, Vice President; Mr. Larry M. Aisola, Jr., Secretary and Ms. Rachel L. Nunez, Treasurer. Absent was: Mr. Harold J. Anderson, Commissioner. Also, present was Mr. Drew Heaphy, Executive Director; Ms. Denise Kraesig, Executive Assistant; Mr. Ross Gonzales, Director of Administration; Mr. Ted Roche, Director of Operations; Mr. Sal Cusimano, Research and Administrative Assistant; Mr. Todd Fuller, Associated Terminals; Mr. Mark Melancon, Intelligent Transportation Systems; Mr. Mike Thornton, SEMS, Inc and Rep. Ray Garofalo, State of Louisiana.

President Ballard announced that the floor was open for nominations for the office of President.

Mr. Aisola nominated Mr. Bergeron for the office of President. Ms. Nunez seconded the nomination. President Ballard closed nominations and after asking for public comment, called for the vote.

The Board voted three (3) yeas and one (1) abstaining to elect Mr. Bergeron President by acclamation.

President Ballard announced that the floor was open for nominations for the office of Vice President.

Ms. Nunez nominated Mr. Aisola for the position of Vice President. Mr. Bergeron seconded the nomination. President Ballard closed nominations and after asking for public comment, called for the vote.

The Board voted three (3) yeas and one (1) abstaining to elect Mr. Aisola Vice President by acclamation.

President Ballard announced that the floor was open for nominations for the office of Secretary.

Mr. Aisola nominated Ms. Nunez for the position of Secretary. Mr. Bergeron seconded the nomination. President Ballard closed nominations and after asking for public comment, called for the vote.

The Board voted three (3) yeas and (1) abstaining to elect Ms. Nunez Secretary by acclamation.

President Ballard announced that the floor was open for nominations for the office of Treasurer.

Mr. Aisola nominated Mr. Anderson for the position of Treasurer. Mr. Bergeron seconded the nomination. President Ballard closed nominations and after asking for public comment, called for the vote.

The Board voted three (3) yeas and one (1) abstaining to elect Mr. Anderson Treasurer by acclamation.

Next, Mr. Heaphy presented Rev. Ballard with the President's Plaque for 2019.

President Bergeron asked if there were any public comments in accordance with R.S. 42:14(D). Not hearing from anyone, he continued with the meeting.

On motion of Rev. Ballard, seconded by Mr. Aisola, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 18, 2019.

On motion of Ms. Nunez, seconded by Rev. Ballard, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved a new lease with Ray Garofalo, State Representative District 103, for approximately 630 sq. ft. of office space, located at 100 Port Boulevard, Administration Building, 2nd Floor, Chalmette Terminal.

On motion of Rev. Ballard, seconded by Ms. Nunez, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved a new lease with Sharon Hewitt, State Senator District 1, for approximately 630 sq. ft. of office space, located at 100 Port Boulevard, Administration Building, 2nd Floor, Chalmette Terminal.

On motion of Rev. Ballard, seconded by Ms. Nunez, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved a new lease with All Service Machine Shop for approximately 12,684 sq. ft. of manufacturing space, building 55 and 76,000 sq. ft. of laydown area located at 630 Bonita Drive, Chalmette Terminal.

On motion of Rev. Ballard, seconded by Mr. Aisola, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 for SEMS INC relating to the Emergency Equipment and Operation Building: Phase 1 Demolition and Material Mitigation project. An overrun of \$12,385.50.

President Bergeron recognized Mr. Gonzales who gave the Finance Report. Mr. Gonzales reported on the operating and capital budgets, professional services and Lessees Arrears. The Board discussed the Finance Report. President Ballard thanked Mr. Gonzales for his report.

President Bergeron then recognized Mr. Heaphy who gave the Executive Director's Report. Mr. Heaphy discussed Personal Disclosure forms required by the Louisiana Board of Ethics that are due by May 15th and the Christmas Open House. Mr. Heaphy also informed the Board that nominations for the Bertel Award are due by the end of January and negotiations for the Boasso lease amendment are ongoing and a motion for the Boasso amendment will be on next month's agenda. Mr. Heaphy then recognized Mr. Roche who updated the Board on current and proposed construction projects. President Bergeron thanked Mr. Heaphy for his report.

On motion of Ms. Nunez, seconded by Rev. Ballard, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved authorization for the Executive Director to accept the renewal of the Commercial Auto policy ending January 29, 2020, upon the recommendation of the Agent of Record (McGriff, Seibels & Williams, Inc).

On motion of Rev. Ballard, seconded by Ms. Nunez, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved to enter Executive Session at 12:37 p.m. to discuss the expropriation of the Violet Dock Port, 34th Judicial District Court, Case #116-860 and United States District Court Case #2:19-cv-11586-ILRL-DMD.

On motion of Rev. Ballard, seconded by Ms. Nunez, the Board unanimously approved to reconvene Regular Session at 1:37 p.m.

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On motion of Ms. Nunez, seconded by Rev. Ballard, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Rachel L. Nunez, Secretary