

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ERNEST N. MORIAL NEW ORLEANS EXHIBITION HALL AUTHORITY**

A Meeting of the Ernest N. Morial New Orleans Exhibition Hall Authority was held on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 in the Board Room at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center – New Orleans, 900 Convention Center Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana.

President Rodrigue called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and asked for a roll call. The results were as follows:

Dottie Belletto	Present
Ryan F. Berni	Absent
Robert Bray	Present
Alfred L. Groos	Present
Ronald Guidry	Absent
Robert Hammond	Present
Eddie Jacobs	Absent
Darren G. Mire	Present
Steve Pettus	Present
Bonita Robertson	Present
Melvin J. Rodrigue	Present
Michael Smith	Absent

The total number present at roll call was eight (8).

President Rodrigue requested a motion to approve the ENMNOEHA Board Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2018. Commissioner Hammond moved approval, seconded by Commissioner Robertson. **Motion approved** with no additions, corrections, deletions or changes noted.

President Rodrigue asked the audience for public comment of agenda items. There were none.

Mr. Eric Bosch with LaPorte, APAC presented the 2017 audit reports. Treasurer Pettus moved approval of the reports. Motion seconded by Commissioner Robertson. **Motion approved.**

Treasurer Pettus moved approval of the Board Resolution – Ratification of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Ernest N. Morial New Orleans Exhibition Authority, New Orleans Convention and Visitors Bureau, Board of Commissioners for the Port of New Orleans and Audubon Commission for Cooperative Funding for the development of the Governor Nicholls and Esplanade Wharves and Riparian Land. Motion seconded by Vice President Bray. **Motion approved.**

Treasurer Pettus moved approval to procure Exhibit Hall Chairs, Transport Dollies and Storage Units with Virco, Inc. Motion seconded by Secretary Groos. **Motion approved.**

Treasurer Pettus moved approval to ratify the contract with T3 Motion, Inc. for Two (2) Patrollers. Motion seconded by Commissioner Robertson. **Motion approved.**

Treasurer Pettus moved approval of the budgets as presented for: (a) Convention Center Boulevard - Linear Park project and (b) Infrastructure and Site Development project. Motion seconded by Secretary Groos. **Motion approved.**

Ms. Alita Caparotta, Vice President of Finance & Administration reviewed the January 2018 Financial Statements, and the Tax Statements. Commissioner Hammond moved approval, seconded by Vice President Bray. **Motion approved.**

Vice President Bray moved for the Board to go into Executive Session for discussion and consideration of prospective litigation pursuant to La. R.S: 42:17(A)(2) concerning Landis Construction Co., L.L.C.'s Linear Park bid protest. Motion seconded by Treasurer Pettus. **Motion unanimously approved.** Executive session began at 2:52 p.m.

Treasurer Pettus motioned for the Board to return to the regular board meeting at 3:21 p.m. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hammond. **Motion approved.**

Treasurer Pettus moved approval to contract with Landis Construction Co., L.L.C. for the Linear Park Project base bid and alternate no. 1. Motion seconded by Vice President Bray. **Motion unanimously approved.**

President Rodrigue provided an update to the Hotel RFP process and the other development components.

With no other business to come before the Board, President Rodrigue asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Robertson moved adjournment, seconded by Commissioner Belletto. **Motion approved** and the meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
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