

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

A Meeting of Ernest N. Morial New Orleans Exhibition Hall Authority was held on Wednesday, April 25, 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 2:42 p.m. and asked for a roll call. The results were as follows:

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

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

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

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

Treasurer Pettus moved approval to contract with Beuerman Miller Fitzgerald, Inc. for Communication Consulting Services. Motion seconded by Commissioner Berni. **Motion approved.**

Commissioner Guidry moved approval to procure Servers with Dell Marketing, L.P. Motion seconded by Commissioner Berni. **Motion approved.**

Commissioner Berni moved approval to procure Tennant 800G Rider Sweeper with Tennant Sales and Service Company. Motion seconded by Treasurer Pettus. **Motion approved.**

Commissioner Guidry moved approval to procure 150KW Generator with ARCCO Company Services, Inc. Motion seconded by Treasurer Pettus. **Motion approved.**

Commissioner Berni moved approval to procure Switches with Global Data Systems, Inc. Motion seconded by Vice President Bray. **Motion approved.**

Commissioner Berni moved approval to ratify the contract with Douglas Food Stores, Inc. d/b/a Douglas Equipment for Cooler Shelving. Motion seconded by Secretary Groos. **Motion approved.** Commissioner Berni moved approval to ratify the contract with Southern Construction of Metairie, LLC for Installation of Ceiling Tiles. Motion seconded by Treasurer Pettus. **Motion approved.** Commissioner Berni moved approval to ratify the contract with Southern Construction of Metairie, LLC for Parking Lot I Improvements. Motion seconded by Treasurer Pettus. **Motion approved.**

Ms. Alita Caparotta, Vice President of Finance & Administration reviewed the Surplus Report and the February 2018 Financial Reports. Commissioner Berni moved approval, seconded by Vice President Bray. **Motion approved.**

Ms. Caparotta reported that the Authority is participating in eight (8) Cooperative Endeavor Agreements with local partners. The total commitment is approximately seventy-six million dollars.

Treasurer Pettus moved for the Board to go into Executive Session for discussion of the following pending litigation pursuant to La. R.S: 42:17(A)(2): J. Caldarera & Co., Inc. versus Ernest N. Morial Exhibition Hall Authority and Melvin J. Rodrigue in His Official Capacity as President of the Ernest N. Morial Exhibition Hall Authority Board: Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans; Case No.: 18-3204; Division "M-13". Motion seconded by Commissioner Hammond. **Motion unanimously approved.** Executive session began at 2:55 p.m.

Treasurer Pettus motioned for the Board to return to the regular board meeting at 3:35 p.m. Motion seconded by Commissioner Guidry. **Motion approved.**

President Rodrigue stated that he will form an Ad Hoc Committee to review outsourcing management of the Convention Center. Vice President Bray will chair the committee.

With no other business to come before the Board, President Rodrigue asked for a motion to adjourn. Treasurer Pettus moved adjournment, seconded by Commissioner Guidry. **Motion approved** and the meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
AL GROOS, SECRETARY

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