

**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, May 23, 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 2:20 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	Present
Robert Hammond	Present
Eddie Jacobs	Present
Darren G. Mire	Absent
Steve Pettus	Absent
Bonita Robertson	Absent
Melvin J. Rodrigue	Present
Michael Smith	Absent

The total number present at roll call was seven (7).

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 April 25, 2018. Vice President Bray moved approval, seconded by Commissioner Guidry. **Motion approved** with no additions, corrections, deletions or changes noted.

Commissioner Guidry moved approval of the Board Resolution – Execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of New Orleans and the Ernest N. Morial New Orleans Exhibition Hall Authority for Public Safety and Homeland Security Enhancements. Motion seconded by Commissioner Belletto. **Motion approved.**

Commissioner Jacobs moved approval of the Board Resolution – Authorization to Negotiate and Execute All Preliminary Agreements to Move Forward with Hotel Component of the Convention Center District Development Project. Motion seconded by Commissioner Guidry. **Motion approved.**

Commissioner Belletto moved approval to contract with Alack Refrigeration Company, Inc. to Furnish and Install Food and Beverage Equipment for Kitchen. Motion seconded by Vice President Bray. **Motion approved.**

Vice President Bray moved approval to contract with Chaffe McCall, L.L.P. for Labor and Employment Legal Services. Motion seconded by Secretary Groos. **Motion approved.**

Vice President Bray moved approval to contract with Roedel Parsons Koch Blanche Balhoff & McCollister for General Counsel Legal Services. Motion seconded by Secretary Groos. **Motion approved.**

Vice President Bray moved approval to procure Rigging Equipment with Barber Marketing, Inc. dba BMI Supply. Motion seconded by Treasurer Pettus. **Motion approved.**

Commissioner Belletto moved approval to procure Tables with Mity-Lite, Inc. Motion seconded by Commissioner Guidry. **Motion approved.**

Commissioner Belletto moved approval to procure 80' Boom Lift with OER Services, LLC. Motion seconded by Secretary Groos. **Motion approved.**

Commissioner Guidry moved approval to ratify the contract with W.W, Grainger, Inc. for Tilt Carts and to ratify the contract with Projector SuperStore, LLC for Projectors. Motion seconded by Vice President Bray. **Motion approved.**

Executive Vice President Michael Sawaya presented the Five Year Capital Plan to the Exhibition Hall Authority.

Commissioner Robertson entered the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Commissioner Guidry moved approval for the Five Year Capital Plan. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hammond. **Motion approved.**

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

Ms. Caparotta presented the Worker's Compensation Program.

Commissioner Robertson 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. Calderera & 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 Vice President Bray. **Motion unanimously approved.** Executive session began at 3:08 p.m.

Vice President Bray motioned for the Board to return to the regular board meeting at 3:25 p.m. Motion seconded by Commissioner Guidry. **Motion approved.**

Commissioner Robertson stated that the Good Work Network Equity Ally Award was presented to the Convention Center on May 22nd.

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

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