

**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, August 22, 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 2:35 p.m. and asked for a roll call. The results were as follows:

Dottie Belletto	Present
Ryan F. Berni	Present
Robert Bray	Absent
Alfred L. Groos	Present
Ronald Guidry	Absent
Robert Hammond	Present
Eddie Jacobs	Present
Darren G. Mire	Absent
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 asked the audience for public comment of agenda items. There were no public comments.

President Rodrigue requested a motion to approve the ENMNOEHA Board Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2018. Commissioner Robertson moved approval, seconded by Treasurer Pettus. **Motion approved** with no additions, corrections, deletions or changes noted.

HVS Managing Director, Thomas Hazinski, presented the Hotel Proposal Analysis and Market Economic Impact Study.

**Secretary Al Groos exited the meeting at 3:35 p.m.**

Commissioner Berni moved approval of the Board Resolution to consent to Chaffe McCall, L.L.P.’s representation of Matthews Southwest Hospitality, L.L.C. and Matthews Holdings Southwest, Inc.—the entity selected by the Authority to negotiate to develop and construct the Hotel component of the Convention Center District Development Project—in connection with the Hotel Project while concurrently representing the Authority on labor and employment issues unrelated to the Hotel Project, and to waive any potential conflict of interest posed by such concurrent representation by Chaffe McCall. Motion seconded by Commissioner Robertson. **Motion approved.**

Commissioner Berni moved approval to contract with The Beta Group Engineering and Construction Services, LLC for Testing and Inspection Services. Motion seconded by Commissioner Robertson. **Motion approved.**

Commissioner Jacobs moved approval to procure Heated Banquet Cabinets with Alack Refrigeration Co., Inc. Motion seconded by Commissioner Belletto. **Motion approved.**

Commissioner Belletto moved approval to procure Exhibit Hall Chairs and Storage Units with Virco, Inc. Motion seconded by Commissioner Berni. **Motion approved.**

Commissioner Berni moved approval to ratify the contract with Manning Architects/EDR for Architectural & Engineering Services. Motion seconded by Treasurer Pettus. **Motion approved.**

Commissioner Belletto moved approval to ratify the contract with Magnolia River for Food and Beverage Equipment and City of New Orleans for Linear Park Permit. Motion seconded by Treasurer Pettus. **Motion approved.**

Ms. Alita Caparotta, Vice President of Finance & Administration reviewed the June 2018 Financial Reports. Treasurer Pettus moved approval, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. **Motion approved.**

Commissioner Robertson gave an update for the SEB Committee.

With no other business to come before the Board, President Rodrigue asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Berni moved adjournment, seconded by Commissioner Robertson. **Motion approved** and the meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**AL GROOS, SECRETARY**

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