

**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, December 18, 2019 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 2:15 p.m. and asked for a roll call. The results were as follows:

Dottie Belletto	Present
Ryan F. Berni	Present
Stephen Caputo	Present
Alfred L. Groos	Absent
Ronald Guidry	Present
Robert Hammond	Present
Eddie Jacobs	Present
Freddie King, III	Present
Steve Pettus	Present
Bonita Robertson	Present
Melvin J. Rodrigue	Present
Michael Smith	Absent
Camille Whitworth	Present

The total number present at roll call was eleven (11).

President Rodrigue asked the audience for public comment of agenda items. Public comments were made by Stephen Kennedy and Lonnie Hewitt.

President Rodrigue requested a motion to approve the ENMNOEHA Board Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2019. Treasurer Belletto moved approval, seconded by Commissioner Whitworth. **Motion approved.**

Treasurer Pettus moved approval on consent agenda items: (1) Roedel Parsons Koch Blache & McCollister, A Law Corporation for Governmental Relations Services, (2) Larry L. Murray dba The Capitol Group for Governmental Relations Services, (3) The UPS Store, Inc. for Onsite Business Center, (4) Moses Engineers, Inc. for Engineering and Design Services for HVAC Replacement, (5) Surplus Ratification for November 2019. Motion seconded by Commissioner Berni. **Motion approved.**

The following items were pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion:

Commissioner Berni moved approval for JCML L.L.C., dba Landis Construction Co., L.L.C. for Linear Park Change Order No. 10. Motion seconded by Treasurer Pettus. **Motion approved.**

Treasurer Pettus moved approval for Corporate Realty for Marketing and Consulting for Development Parcels. Motion seconded by Commissioner Berni. **Motion approved.**

Commissioner Jacobs moved approval of the 2019.12 Resolution approving Negotiations of all Definitive Agreements Necessary to Allow the Authority to move forward with the Hotel Component of the Convention Center District Development Project Subject to Board approval. Motion seconded by Commissioner Berni. **Motion approved.**

Populous Architects, P.C. dba Populous Group, L.L.C. for Executive Architect Services for the Capital Improvement Plan was presented. After discussion the Board asked for this to be reviewed at the next Board Meeting.

**Commissioner Berni exited the meeting at 3:28 p.m.**

Ms. Alita Caparotta, Vice President of Finance & Administration, reviewed the October 2019 Financial Reports and the Contract Ratification: Resolution 2019.11. Commissioner Guidry moved approval and motion seconded by Treasurer Pettus. **Motion approved.**

Ms. Alita Caparotta gave the Outreach & Initiative Report from the Small and Emerging Business Committee.

**Treasurer Pettus exited the meeting at 3:37 p.m.**

Commissioner Guidry moved approval to go into executive session at 3:39 p.m. to discuss pending litigation, suit "Scott McKay v. Michael J. Sawaya, Custodian of Records, New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center" No. 19-12884, Div. A, Sec. L6, Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans. Motion seconded by Commissioner Robertson. **Motion unanimously approved.**

Commissioner Guidry moved approval to come out of executive session at 3:55 p.m. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hammond. **Motion unanimously approved.**

**Commissioner King exited the meeting at 3:55 p.m.**

With no other business to come before the Board, President Rodrigue asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Robertson moved adjournment, seconded by Commissioner Whitworth. **Motion approved** and the meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DOTTIE BELLETTTO, SECRETARY**

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