

**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, January 31, 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 2:25 p.m. and asked for a roll call. The results were as follows:

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

The total number present at roll call was nine (9).

President Rodrigue requested a motion to approve the ENMNOEHA Board Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2017. Commissioner Berni moved to approve with correction. He stated he was present at the December ENMNOEHA meeting but was marked absent. Motion seconded by Treasurer Pettus. **Motion approved** with no additions, one correction, no deletions or changes noted.

Commissioner Berni moved approval of the Board Resolution for the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. Motion seconded by Commissioner Belletto. **Motion approved.**

Vice President Bray moved approval to contract with Foley & Judell, LLP for Legal Services. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. **Motion approved.**

Ms. Alita Caparotta, Vice President of Finance & Administration reviewed the November 2017 Financial Statements, and the Tax Statements. Commissioner Hammond moved approval, seconded by Commissioner Berni. **Motion approved.**

Commissioner Robertson moved approval of the Board Resolution for the SEB Committee's Recommendation to Adopt the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program. Motion seconded by Commissioner Berni. Treasurer Pettus read into record his position for not supporting the Board Resolution recommended by the SEB Committee and stated that he will respect the will of the majority but does not believe this expansion, without a Louisiana residency requirement, is in the best interest of the people of Louisiana nor the Authority.

A vote was taken with the following results:

Jay Banks	Yea
Dottie Belletto	Yea
Ryan Berni	Yea
Robert Bray	Yea
Al Groos	Absent
Ronald Guidry	Absent
Tiger Hammond	Yea
Eddie Jacobs	Yea
Steve Pettus	Nay
Bonita Robertson	Yea
Melvin Rodrigue	Yea
Michael Smith	Absent

Motion approved.

Commissioner Robertson motioned and Commissioner Banks seconded that the SEB Committee language for SE/DBE participation adopted by Board Resolution shall be included in the hotel development RFP.

Motion Approved with 8 yea, 1 nay, 3 absent.

Commissioner Hammond asked President Rodrigue for an update regarding the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss the SMG RFP Response. Mr. Rodrigue stated it is his intent to form the committee and he will get back to the Board.

With no other business to come before the Board, President Rodrigue asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Robertson moved adjournment, seconded by Commissioner Hammond. **Motion approved** and the meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
STEVE PETTUS, TREASURER

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