

**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 Monday, September 25, 2017 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 10:25 a.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	Present
Ronald Guidry	Present
Robert Hammond	Present
Eddie Jacobs	Present
Steve Pettus	Present
Bonita Robertson	Present
Melvin J. Rodrigue	Present
Michael Smith	Present

The total number present at roll call was twelve (12).

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

President Rodrigue requested a motion to approve the ENMNOEHA Board Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2017. Vice President Bray moved approval, seconded by Commissioner Robertson. **Motion approved** with no additions, corrections, deletions or changes noted.

Commissioner Berni moved to approve the resolution for Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Department of Treasury and State of Louisiana for \$2 million dollars. Motion seconded by Treasurer Pettus. **Motion approved.**

Vice President Bray moved to approve a resolution for the Interim Management Executive Team. Motion seconded by Commissioner Berni. **Motion approved.**

Commissioner Guidry moved to ratify the resolution for Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with City of New Orleans for Public Safety: Flood and Storm Preparation. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hammond. **Motion approved.**

Treasurer Pettus moved to approve the resolution to Recompense Hotel Occupancy Tax to Louisiana Department of Revenue: Jazz Casino Company, LLC. Motion approved by Secretary Groos. **Motion approved.**

Vice President Bray moved to approve a resolution to designate *The New Orleans Advocate* as Primary Official Newspaper. Motion seconded by Secretary Groos. Chairman Rodrigue stated that his partner is the owner of *The New Orleans Advocate* so he recused from the motion. Commissioner Berni abstained. **Motion approved.**

Treasurer Pettus moved approval to contract with RADA Realty Corp. for Consulting Services for Phase II of the Retail Study. Motion seconded by Secretary Groos. **Motion approved.**

Commissioner Belletto moved approval to contract with Gallagher & Associates for Design and Development Services for Interactive Display. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hammond. **Motion approved.**

Commissioner Berni moved approval to contract with Crown Lift Trucks for Dual Seat Electric Carts and Louisiana Lift and Equipment, Inc. for Dual Seat Electric Carts. Motion seconded by Treasurer Pettus. **Motion approved.**

Vice President Bray moved approval to contract with StageRight Corporation for Performance Stage and Riser Decks. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. **Motion approved.**

Commissioner Belletto moved approval to contract with W.W. Grainger for Ceiling Tiles. Motion seconded by Treasurer Pettus. **Motion approved.**

Ms. Alita Caparotta, Vice President of Finance & Administration reviewed the July 2017 Financial Statements and the 2013-2017 Tax Statements.

Commissioner Berni motioned for the board to seek an opinion from the State of Louisiana Attorney General Office as to the legality of including “living wage” requirements in professional services procurement documents. Motion seconded by Commissioner Robertson. A roll-call vote was requested.

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

Motion failed.

Commissioner Berni motioned for the board to instruct legal counsel to work with staff on permissible “living wage” language allowed by Louisiana law to be included in professional services procurement documents. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hammond. A roll-call vote was requested.

Jay Banks	Yea
Dottie Belletto	Yea
Ryan Berni	Yea
Robert Bray	Nay

Al Groos	Nay
Ronald Guidry	Yea
Tiger Hammond	Yea
Eddie Jacobs	Nay
Steve Pettus	Nay
Bonita Robertson	Yea
Melvin Rodrigue	Nay
Michael Smith	Nay

Motion failed.

Commissioner Berni moved approval to amend the agenda for a motion to discuss a Small and Emerging Business/Disadvantage Program. Motion seconded by Commissioner Robertson. **Motion failed.**

President Rodrigue thanked and acknowledged the retirement of General Manager Bob Johnson.

With no other business to come before the Board, President Rodrigue asked for a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Berni moved adjournment, seconded by Vice President Bray. **Motion approved** and the meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

ATTEST: _____
AL GROOS, SECRETARY

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