



Ethics Review Board for the City of New Orleans

Special Board Meeting of December 1, 2021, at 3:00 P.M.

Conducted via Zoom Teleconference Due to COVID-19 Emergency

Minutes

1. *Call to Order.*
 - 1.1. The chair called the special meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.
 - 1.2. Board members present:
 - 1.2.1. Elizabeth Livingston de Calderon, Chair.
 - 1.2.2. Holly Callia.
 - 1.2.3. Michael A. Cowan.
 - 1.2.4. Monique G. Doucette.
 - 1.2.5. Tyrone G. Jefferson, Jr.
 - 1.2.6. Torin T. Sanders.
 - 1.3. Board members absent:
 - 1.3.1. Wanda A. Brooks.
 - 1.4. Staff member present:
 - 1.4.1. Dane S. Ciolino, Executive Administrator and General Counsel.
 - 1.5. The Chair declared that a quorum of the board was present and commenced the meeting via Zoom videoconference and teleconference.
 - 1.6. The agenda for the meeting is attached.

2. *Ratification of Prior Written Certification of Emergency Need for Video Conference Meeting.* Pursuant to [State of Louisiana Executive Department Proclamation No. JBE 2020-30 Section 4 \(March 16, 2020\)](#) and subsequent orders and legislation addressing the COVID-19 state of emergency, the ERB unanimously agreed to conduct this meeting by video conference and audio conference after certifying that the ERB would not otherwise have been able to operate due to quorum requirements due to the ongoing COVID-19 emergency.
3. *Public Comments on OIG Candidates*
 - 3.1. The board accepted public comments on the finalists.
 - 3.2. Five written comments were received by the board.
 - 3.3. One oral comment was received by the board.
4. *Discussion of Candidates*
 - 4.1. The board discussed the candidates.
 - 4.2. Ms. Doucette thanked Mr. Burg for an excellent slate. All other board members agreed.
 - 4.3. Ms. Calderon discussed the process for recruiting, selecting candidates, and voting on candidates. She also noted that the process has been open and transparent to the public.
5. *Motions to Interview Candidates*
 - 5.1. A motion to move Garry Hendell forward was made and seconded.
 - 5.1.1. After discussion, the board voted 1 in favor of advancing Mr. Hendell to the finalist round (Sanders); 1 abstention (Doucette); and the remaining board members against advancing him to the finalist round.
 - 5.1.2. Mr. Hendell did not advance to the finalist round.
 - 5.2. A motion to move Andrew McFarlane was made and seconded.
 - 5.2.1. After discussion, the board voted unanimously not to advance Mr. McFarlane to the finalist round.
 - 5.2.2. Mr. McFarlane did not advance to the finalist round.
 - 5.3. A motion to move Peter Schleck forward was made and seconded.
 - 5.3.1. After discussion, the board voted 5 in favor of advancing Mr. Schleck to the finalist round and 1 abstention (Sanders).

- 5.3.2. Mr. Schleck advanced to the finalist round.
- 5.4. Olaniyi Sofoluke.
 - 5.4.1. No board member moved to advance Mr. Sofoluke to the finalist round.
 - 5.4.2. Mr. Sofoluke did not advance to the finalist round.
- 5.5. Jeffrey Walsh.
 - 5.5.1. A motion to move Mr. Walsh forward to the finalist round was made and seconded.
 - 5.5.2. After discussion, the board voted 5 in favor of advancing Mr. Walsh, and 1 against (Cowan).
 - 5.5.3. Mr. Walsh advanced to the finalist round.
- 5.6. Ed Michel.
 - 5.6.1. A motion to move Mr. Michel forward to the finalist round was made and seconded.
 - 5.6.2. After discussion, the board voted unanimously in favor of advancing Mr. Michel to the finalist round.
- 6. *Follow-Up Discussion.*
 - 6.1. After selecting the three finalists, the board briefly discussed the procedures going forward.
 - 6.2. The board will conduct a public forum at Dillard University on December 13, 2021.
 - 6.3. The board will select the IG at a Zoom meeting on December 15, 2021.
- 7. *Adjournment.*
 - 7.1. A motion was made to adjourn the board meeting.
 - 7.2. The motion was seconded.
 - 7.3. The board unanimously voted to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

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BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 3:00 P.M. until end of workday.

The board will conduct this meeting via Zoom Video Conference and Telephone Conference

Video Conference Link: <https://loyno.zoom.us/j/5049753263>

Telephone Conference Dial-In Number: 312-626-6799; ID No. 504 975 3263

Certification of Necessity pursuant to [Louisiana Revised Statutes section 42:17.1](#): The board hereby certifies that the Governor of the State of Louisiana has declared a state of emergency or disaster involving the geographic area of the City of New Orleans. The governor's most recent extension of this state of emergency is available here: [204 JBE 2021 State of Emergency.pdf](#).

A live meeting would be detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of the public and the members of the Ethics Review Board. The agenda contains matters that are critical to continuation of the business of the Ethics Review Board and are not able to be postponed to a live meeting due to a legal requirement or other deadline that cannot be postponed or delayed by the Ethics Review Board. The public can attend and participate in the videoconference meeting by joining the conference by telephone or videoconference as described above. In addition, public comment prior to the meeting can be provided via email address erb@nolaerb.gov.

AGENDA

1. Call to order.
2. Ratification of certification of necessity for videoconference/teleconference meeting (Chair).
3. Public comments on applicants for IG position. The board will accept written comments before and during meeting at erb@nolaerb.gov and oral comments during the Zoom meeting (two minutes per comment).
4. Discussion and vote to select finalists for Inspector General position.
5. Adjournment (Chair).