# Proceedings of the Regular Meeting of the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission (GNOEC), Wednesday, August 13, 2025, 10 AM, South Shore conference room, Metairie, Louisiana 70002

## Call to Order

Chairman Tim Coulon called the meeting to order at 10 AM.

#### Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Tim Coulon, Chairman; Ralph Cox, Jr., Vice Chairman; James Tucker, Treasurer; Justin Clinton, Secretary; and Donald Sharp, Assistant Secretary Treasurer. Absent: None. Quorum achieved.

Others Attending: Carlton Dufrechou, Melissa Phillpott, Robert Graham, Thea Andras, Eileen Barthe', Michelle Carlisle, Branden Fos, GNOEC; Cary Bourgeois, GEC; Lloyd Orferndorf, Volkert; Gavin Gillen, All South; Terri Dupre, Donovan/Meyer; Kent Schexnayder, Sisung; Stephanie Ferry and Lee Bressler, Raymond James; Brennan Black, Foley; and Craig Watson, Blue Williams.

### **Minutes**

Mr. Cox moved to accept the minutes of the June GNOEC meeting. Mr. Sharp seconded. Chairman Coulon, Mr. Cox, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Clinton, and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.

# Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Coulon expressed his appreciation to Mr. Cox and Mrs. Phillpott for developing our proposed budget and to Mr. Tucker and financial advisors for the potential bond refunding. Mr. Coulon thanked Mr. Watson and Mr. Graham for their efforts with Verizon noting that Verizon is upgrading its equipment so cell phone service should improve on the Causeway.

## General Manager's report

- Drawbridge, Jun: 9 vessel openings, 0 test opening and 0 incidents
- Drawbridge, Jul: 11 vessel openings, 3 test openings and 0 incidents
- Fog Ops: None
- Bridge Closures: SB bridge closed June 18 to for response to two vehicle crash at 9 MM from 9:00 AM to 9:08 AM. SB bridge closed June 21 for response to two vehicle crash at 18.3 MM 11:18 AM to 12:01 PM. SB Bridge closed for response to truck and trailer jack knife crash at 11 MM from 6:25 AM to 7:13 AM
- Breakdowns: During Jun, we responded to 356 on the CW (237 mechanical and 119 debris) and 19 on the HPL (16 mechanical and 3 debris) for a total of 375 for both bridges.
- Breakdowns: During Jul, we responded to 358 on the CW (248 mechanical and 110 debris) and 12 on the HPL (9 mechanical and 3 debris) for a total of 370 for both bridges.
- Accidents: During Jun, we responded to 15 on the CW (5N, 10S) and 8 at HPL (2 on the HPL).

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- Accidents: During Jul, we responded to 11 on the CW (3N, 8S) and 15 at HPL (3 on the HPL).

#### **Action Items**

Cable Tray Repairs, GNOEC Project No. 438, Plan Change No. 2, GNOEC Resolution No. 2025-16: On a motion by Mr. Clinton, seconded by Mr. Tucker: Proposed Plan Change No. 2 provides for an adjustment from the plan quantities to the actual quantities used in the field. Based upon the recommendation of the staff and Consulting Engineers, the GNOEC authorizes the General Manager to complete the execution of Plan Change No. 2 in an amount of \$773,925.00. Chairman Coulon, Mr. Cox, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Clinton, and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.

Fender Repair, GNOEC Project No. 436, Plan Change No. 1, GNOEC Resolution No. 2025-17: On a motion by Mr. Sharp, seconded by Mr. Cox: Additional damage was discovered at the North Channel Fender, Proposed Plan Change No. 1 provides for the addition of Item 818-03-00300 unreinforced Plastic Composite Marine Timber (10' X 10') with a quantity of 479 linear feet at the cost of \$495 per linear foot. Proposed Plan Change No. 1 will result in a net increase of \$228,690.00 to the cost of the project. Based upon the recommendation of the staff and Consulting Engineers, the GNOEC authorizes the General Manager to complete the execution of Plan Change No. 1. Chairman Coulon, Mr. Cox, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Clinton, and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.

Replace Pavement Markers & Striping, GNOEC Project No. 439, GNOEC Resolution No. 2025-18: On a motion by Mr. Sharp, seconded by Mr. Cox: Based on the recommendation of the staff, the General Manager is hereby authorized to execute the Project Memorandum for the project titled Replace Pavement Markers & Striping on the Bridge and the Consulting Engineers are authorized to design and advertise the project. Chairman Coulon, Mr. Cox, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Clinton, and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.

Budget, GNOEC Resolution No. 2025-19: On a motion by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Sharp: The GNOEC accepts and approves the Amended Budget for fiscal year November 1, 2024 – October 31, 2025, and the Proposed Budget for the fiscal year November 1, 2025 – October 31, 2026, as amended and attached to the minutes of this meeting. The GNOEC also accepts and approves the Toll Covenant calculations made of the net worth requirements in accordance with Section 6.15 of the Bond Indenture. Chairman Coulon, Mr. Cox, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Clinton, and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.

Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2025, GNOEC Resolution No. 2025-20: On a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Clinton: In connection with the refunding of the GNOEC's Series 2017 Bonds and upon advice of staff, consultants, and legal counsel, the GNOEC hereby adopts a resolution

authorizing the issuance of the GNOEC's Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series, 2025. Chairman Coulon, Mr. Cox, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Clinton, and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.

Sisung and Raymond James updated the outlook for refunding and anticipated timeline. Gross saving of at least \$8 million is expected.

Closing/Next Meeting

Chairman Coulon asked if there was any further business or comments. There being none, Mr. Tucker moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sharp seconded. All concurred and the meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM. The next GNOEC meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 10, 2025, in the North Shore conference room.

Tim Coulon Chairman

Justin Clinton