

MEMORANDUM

To: All Councilmembers

From: CURO By: Jared Reese

CC: Justyn Hawkins and Anita Curran

Date: January 27, 2025

RE: The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans Meeting 01/27/2025

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans (SWBNO) Board of Directors (the Board) met on Wednesday, January 27, 2025. In addition, the Board received updates on the general standing of the SWBNO. The complete packet for the meeting may be found [here](#).

A. Drainage Consolidation (Act 763)

SWBNO made progress with the consolidation process. SWBNO worked with DPW to take possession of five vacuum trucks to enhance operational capabilities. Also, SWBNO's assessed the Superbowl clean zone after rain events to determine priority cleaning areas before Superbowl LIX.

The SWBNO secured \$18 million in funding for 2025 budget from the IMF, Traffic Camera Revenues, and ARPA funds with a goal to clean 15% of the drainage system throughout the year. The company collaborated with ISeeChange and 311 data to develop capital plans for 2026. A short-term objective involved cleaning 4% of the system with the SWBNO internal workforce while engaged in a RFP process for a cleaning and repairs contract. However, the director stressed a stormwater fee as a crucial component for the company moving forward.