

MEMORANDUM

To: All Councilmembers

From: CURO By: Jared Reese

CC: Justyn Hawkins and Anita Curran

Date: July 16, 2025

RE: The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans Meeting 07/16/2025

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans (SWBNO) Board of Directors met on Wednesday, July 16, 2025. The Executive Director provided updates on power complex testing, storm preparedness, and executive leadership transition. The complete packet for the meeting may be found [here](#).

A. Power Complex Testing and Commissioning

SWBNO progressed through testing and commissioning phases for the power complex replacement system. The organization scheduled Static Frequency Converter No. 1 to come online in mid-to-late August, marking a critical step in replacing outdated power generation infrastructure. SWBNO planned to energize the 60 Hz substation in August alongside SFC1, which generates 25 hertz power. The organization scheduled SFC 2 and SFC 3 for October and Turbine 7 for November. SWBNO achieved a major milestone by energizing a critical feeder connecting the Entergy substation to Power Distribution Center 2 on Friday, July 11th. The organization passed all equipment testing, enabling sequential testing phases leading to the August energization target. SWBNO completed thousands of linear feet of underground conduit work associated with the power complex infrastructure.

B. Storm Center

SWBNO followed standing storm protocols including lowering canal levels, positioning equipment on standby, and preparing flush structures and water purification systems.

SWBNO completed repairs on Turbine 6 with GE technicians on site and scheduled testing for the afternoon of July 17th. The organization brought available power capacity to 67.5 MW with Turbines 4, 5, and 6 operational alongside electromotive diesels and frequency changers, exceeding the 44 MW peak capacity requirement. SWBNO maintained 86 of 93 pumps available across pump stations, with operations personnel positioned on site at pump stations and Carrollton Water Plant for 24/7 coverage throughout the weather event.

The company deployed internal crews and CES contractors to clean catch basins and laterals across the city. SWBNO informed the public that the system capacity handles one inch in the

first hour and half an inch thereafter, warning that three to four inches in the first hour would cause localized flooding.

C. Executive Director Randy Hayman

SWBNO announced Randy Hayman as the permanent Executive Director with a start date of Monday, July 28th. The organization highlighted Hayman's 24 years of experience in water utility operations. SWBNO scheduled campus visits to begin on July 28th following Mr. Hayman's arrival.