



NEW ORLEANS
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
NOWDB Executive Committee Meeting Summary
November 18, 2025 | 11:00 AM | Virtual

Attendance

Board Member

Gregory Curtis – Committee Chair
Missy Hopson
Allen Square
Arlanda Williams-Smith
Claire Jecklin
Thelma French

Staff

Tammie Washington
Sabrina Johnson
Neia Limar

I. Call to Order

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Curtis at 11:07 AM.

II. Roll Call

Roll call was completed by Board Manager Neia Limar.

III. Staff Updates

Deputy Director Tammie Washington reported that the Office of Workforce Development (OWD) went before the City Council on November 5th as part of the City’s budget hearing proceedings. She noted that there are no anticipated challenges related WIOA funded programs however, programs supported by the City’s general fund may be vulnerable to budget cuts. She also advised the group that all unclassified City employees, including OWD staff, are required to re-apply for their current work positions as part of the change in administration. Outcomes of the re-application process are still pending. She also stated that several OWD staff members will be attending the summit hosted by GNO Inc. on November 19th.

Mr. Curtis inquired about registration for the Executive Committee to attend the GNO Inc. summit. Ms. Washington advised that neither the OWD nor the NOWDB received an invitation to participate in this year’s summit. Mr. Curtis advised that in previous years arrangements for board member participation had been initiated and arranged by the former OWD director. A discussion was had to clarify the appropriate approach for accommodating NOWDB members to attend GNO Inc. summits. Ms. Washington concluded her report informing the group that the City’s Law Department is reviewing the lease renewal agreement for the office building located at 1307 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd. in preparation for signing. The current lease agreement is set to end on December 31, 2025.

IV. Upcoming Events

Board Manager Neia Limar reported that the NOWDB will be in an election year for new officers in 2026. According the NOWDB Bylaws, a nominating committee is to be appointed by the Chairperson no later



than March 2026 to poll Board members for prospective nominees for the positions of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Parliamentarian and Secretary. Mr. Curtis advised that forward movement on changes to Board members and/or Board officers should be paused as a courtesy to the incoming administration who may also have recommendations to offer. He also noted that there is ample time to address the topic as officer elections aren't scheduled to happen until July 2026. Ms. French endorsed the recommendation. Mr. Curtis confirmed the date of the Executive Committee's Annual Luncheon as December 18th.

V. Open Discussion

Ms. French posed a question to Ms. Washington inquiring if the operator contract had been executed. Ms. Washington confirmed that the contract had been executed and received by OWD on yesterday, November 18th. Ms. French requested Ms. Limar schedule a meeting for the Programs & Services Committee to then address the matter of LWC's ADA compliance area of concern. Ms. Limar confirmed that she would coordinate a meeting.

Mr. Curtis reiterated the objective of supporting local vendors and mandated partners. Ms. Washington confirmed that she will confer with Equus regarding providing updates to the Board on the RFP process.

VI. Action Items

Ms. Limar, announced that the next scheduled Executive Committee meeting is set for Tuesday, February 3, 2026.

No additional concerns and/or discussions were made.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:3AM.

