

MOTION

NO. M-26-71

CITY HALL: February 12, 2026

BY: COUNCILMEMBERS MORRELL, MCCARRON AND HARRIS (BY REQUEST)

BE IT MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, That Stephen Nelson, be and hereby is confirmed as the Director of the Department of Public Works, in accordance with Section 4-106 of the Home Rule Charter.

BE IT FURTHER MOVED, That the Clerk of Council shall forward copies of this motion to Stephen Nelson and Chief Administrative Officer Joseph Giarrusso.

THE FOREGOING MOTION WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF, AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

AND THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED.



EXECUTIVE BRANCH APPOINTMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF: Orleans

Nominees for the appointments to head any executive branch department/office/unit/agency established under Article IV of the Home Rule Charter must complete this form and submit it and a current resume or curriculum vitae to the City Council Research Office to be considered for appointment.

Please answer **ALL** questions and **submit the notarized original document**; copies will not be accepted.

References: Home Rule Charter sections [2-476](#) and [4-106](#); and [City Council Rule 56](#).

Executive branch department to which nominated: Chief Administrators Office (Public Works)

Job title to which nominated: Deputy CAO of Infrastructure/Director of Public Works

Name of nominee: Stephen Nelson

Domicile address (street name and zip code only): State St 70118
Street Name Zip Code

Do you claim a homestead exemption at this address? Yes: No:

Month and year of birth: January 1981

Are you registered to vote in Orleans Parish? Yes: No:

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Education: List institutions, dates attended, degree(s) received, and date(s) granted:

Washington State University - Bachelors of Science - Civil Engineering (June 2004)

Washington State University - Masters of Science - Environmental Engineering (July 2006)

Employment: List all employment during the past two years, including name of employer, location, job title(s), job description(s) and dates of employment:

Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans (SWBNO). General Superintendent

As General Superintendent nominee was responsible for the operations and maintenance of water, sewer, and drainage infrastructure within the City of

New Orleans.

Government Experience: List any experience in or association with federal, state, or local governments, including paid and unpaid employment, advisory, honorary, volunteer, or other service or positions (answer "see resume" if this information is included in your resume/curriculum vitae):

From 2023-2025 Nominee served as an engineer with the SWBNO. Prior to that

the Nominee served as a private consultant serving public municipalities and

utility providers as an engineer of record designing and overseeing various

public works projects related to streets, roads, sewer, water, and drainage.

Do you, any member of your immediate family, or your employer have any interest in any matter that is presently, or that you have reason to believe may come before the department, office, unit, or agency to which you are nominated? If yes, please explain:

No.

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During the last five years have you, any member of your immediate family, or your employer engaged in any lobbying, or other business activities that fall under the regulation of the department, office, unit, or agency to which you are nominated? If yes, please explain:

No.

Do you, any member of your immediate family, or your employer have a contract with, or have any financial interest in any contract or transaction with the department, office, unit, or agency to which you are nominated, or any other department, board, commission, or agency of the City of New Orleans, the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, or the City Council? If yes, please explain:

No.

Do you hold an elected office? If yes, please identify the office and your title:

No.

Are you currently a candidate for any elective office? If yes, please identify the office:

No.

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Have you previously held public office? If yes, please identify the office and dates held:

No.

Do you serve on any government board, commission, committee or authority? If yes, please identify the board, commission, committee or public body, the nature of its authority, and amounts of any compensation received, if any. (Note: [Home Rule Charter sec. 9-106](#) prohibits any board/commission member from public employment compensated by the City of New Orleans.)

No.

Memberships: List all memberships, including offices, held in professional, fraternal, scholarly, civic, charitable, or other organizations

Nominee is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)

Do you agree to adhere to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for the City of New Orleans (Chapter 2, Article VII, Division 3 of the Code of the City of New Orleans), a copy of which is available at https://library.municode.com/la/new_orleans/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICO_CH2A_D_ARTVIIET?

Yes:

No:

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Have you ever been convicted, pled guilty, or pled nolo contendere to any local, state, or federal crime other than a traffic violation? If yes, please explain:

No.

Have you ever received a final judgment for any violation of City of New Orleans or Louisiana ethics laws, professional license regulations, or a final judgment for administrative adjudication proceedings, other than for parking violations? If yes, please explain:

No.

Do you, any member of your immediate family, or your employer have any financial interest in any claim or pending lawsuit against the City of New Orleans, or any of its boards, commissions or public bodies? If yes, please explain:

No.

Are you delinquent in the payment of any taxes, fees, fines (other than traffic or parking violations), or judgments to the City of New Orleans? If yes, please explain:

No.

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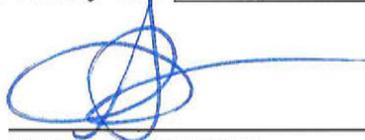
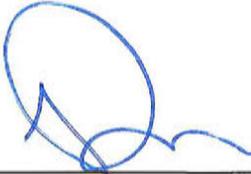
Are you willing to appear before City Council or a Council committee to answer questions from councilmembers, in accordance with Council Rule 56? Yes No

You are permitted to make a brief statement at the beginning of the City Council/Council committee hearing; any and all statements made during the hearing are governed by [Council Rule 49 \(Candor to Council\)](#).

NOTE:

- Prior to your appointment you are under a continuing obligation to inform the City Council Governmental Affairs Committee, or its successor, should any of the information submitted in this questionnaire or the attached resume/curriculum vitae change for any reason; and
- Material misrepresentation of any information provided in this questionnaire or the attached resume/curriculum vitae shall constitute cause for dismissal from the position appointed in accordance with [section 4-106 of the Home Rule Charter](#).

Sworn to and subscribed before the undersigned Notary this 26th day of December, 2025



Nominee Signature

Notary Public

Name: Freeman Matthews

Commission Expires: with life



FREEMAN MATTHEWS
Notary Public
Notary ID No. 26082
Jefferson Parish, Louisiana

Steve Nelson, P.E. (Civil)

Louisiana License No. 0036344

EDUCATION:

- BS Civil Engineering, Washington State University, 2004
- MS Environmental Engineering, Washington State University, 2006

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE/ACTIVITIES:

PE Active – Louisiana License No 0036344

ASCE - Active Member

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT/FUNDING EXPERIENCE:

- FEMA - \$200 Million plus (Public Assistance, HMGP, HMA)
- NRCS - \$30 Million plus
- WIFIA - \$250 Million plus Sewer loan (SSERP program)
- Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) (over a dozen projects)
- Fair Share, DWSRF, USDA-RD, etc.

WORK HISTORY:

SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD, NEW ORLEANS, LA JAN 2023-PRESENT

Highly complicated municipal utility provider for water, sewer, storm drainage, and associated power generation for the City of New Orleans.

General Superintendent (Jan 2024-Present)

Deputy General Superintendent – Engineering and Services (Jan 2023-Jan2024)

- Responsible for all divisions of the General Superintendents office (Engineering, JIRR (FEMA), Networks, Water Purification, Facility Maintenance, Meter Reading, Plumbing, Pumping/Power, Central Control, Meter Shop, et. al.).
- Leads 1,100+ employees in the operation, maintenance, and capital upgrades necessary to maintain reliable sewer, water, and storm drainage services. Responsible for managing hundreds of Millions in FEMA and internal projects.
- Developed and oversaw introduction of multiple communication tools including Maintenance Escalations tool/team and regular City Council, DPW, and internal cross departmental coordination, a public facing pumping/power dashboard, and a work order dashboard.
- Supported the development of a transition of small diameter drainage operations from the Department of Public Works to the SWBNO
- Responsible for multiple major initiatives including the successful launch and implementation of the Smart Meter installation program, construction of the Power Complex, the largest and most complex phase of the WIFIA funded SSERP (Sewer Rehab) program.

CENTURY WEST ENGINEERING, SPOKANE, WA

2016-2022

Civil Engineering firm specializing in providing municipal Engineer services including grants pursuit and management, Civil and aviation design, construction management and planning.

Office Supervisor

- On Call Engineer for 13 separate municipalities in Eastern Washington.
- Responsible for project funding development and project delivery with oversight of projects and grant pursuits including FEMA, CDBG, USDA-RD, Economic Development Agency etc.
- Supported local communities in obtaining Multiple Million plus dollar projects and programs through funding support and legislative coordination.
- Lead employee recruitment, training, and retention efforts for Spokane regional office operations including development and implementation of project delivery tools and interoffice coordination across the organization.

STUART CONSULTING GROUP, INC., METAIRIE, LA

2010-2016

Civil Engineering and Program Management firm specializing in Construction Management, Wastewater, Transportation, Site Development, Traffic Planning, Environmental Disaster Recovery for both private and public entities.

Vice President

- Program Manager on a \$95 Million recovery for the Orleans Levee District – Non Flood Protection Asset Management Authority including over \$50 Million at Lakefront Airport.
- Program Manager for the City of Slidell's \$120 Million recovery program and assisted the City in obtaining over \$80 Million in infrastructure and other previously unidentified damages
- Responsible for business development and client service with oversight of FEMA programs and design production activities.

GOTECH CONSULTING ENGINEERS, BATON ROUGE, LA

2008-2010

Professional engineering and consulting firm with experience in both private and public projects including local, state and federal government agencies.

Project Manager

- Handled up to 31 consecutive projects (all fire stations damaged by Katrina).
- Negotiated and managed 40 plus contracts with local architects and engineers.
- Oversaw generation of bid packages and repairs to facilities including temporary housing, complete reconstruction, and architectural repairs.
- Gained valuable experience and understanding of FEMA Public Assistance policies as well as multiple program and project management tools.

EFCA Crisis Response, Covington, LA

2006-2008

Non-profit organization responsible for organizing several thousand volunteers in Hurricane Katrina response efforts.

Tool and Supply Coordinator

- Conducted training and oversight of nearly 10,000 volunteers of varying experience in gutting homes, re-construction, and community development.

Calendar No. (Rev)
(Exp)

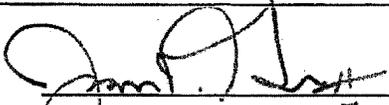
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Person responsible for routing

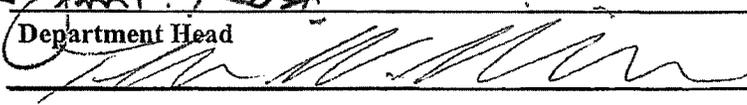
**CHECK SHEET TO BE USED FOR
CLEARING ORDINANCES, MOTIONS, AND RESOLUTIONS
BEFORE SUBMISSION TO COUNCIL CLERK**

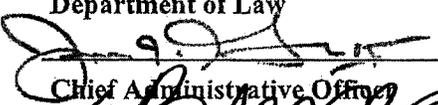
The originating agency shall attach a copy of each proposed ordinance, motion, or resolution to the check sheet for processing in the sequence indicated after preparing a synopsis. The detailed memorandum of explanation shall also be attached to this check sheet.

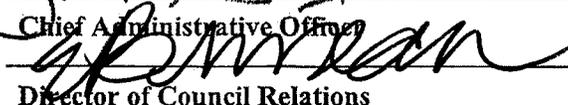
SYNOPSIS OF DOCUMENT: _____

Motion to appoint Stephen Nelson as Director of Public Works.

1. 
Department Head

2. 
Department of Law

3. 
Chief Administrative Officer

4. 
Director of Council Relations

5. _____
Initials of Sponsoring Council Member

COUNCIL ACTION

Council Members Present: _____

Absent: _____

AMENDMENTS:

FINAL ADOPTION:

MOVED:

2ND:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

RECUSED:

7. _____

Reviewed by the Chief Administrative Officer after adoption by the City Council and prior to the Mayor's signature.



LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

TO ACCOMPANY MOTIONS

BEFORE SUBMISSION TO CLERK OF COUNCIL

Requesting Department or Agency: Office of the Mayor

Name of Contact Person: Chuck Toney

Telephone Number: (504) 931-4363

Email Address: Charles.Toney@nola.gov

Initials of Sponsoring Councilmember(s): _____

DETAILED SYNOPSIS OF THE MOTION

Please generally describe the purpose, intent, and effect of the proposed motion.

Motion to approve the appointment of Stephen Nelson as the Director of
Public Works

If the Motion is to appoint an individual to a City Board or Commission, please follow the procedures set forth in Rule 15 of the Council Rules and Regulations.

REQUESTED ADOPTION DATE: 1/27/2026

Reference: Council Rule 41 & City Code Section 2-813