

MOTION

NO. M-26-311

CITY HALL: August 6, 2026

BY: COUNCILMEMBERS MORRELL, HUGHES AND MCCARRON

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Home Rule Charter of the City of New Orleans, the Council of the City of New Orleans (“Council”) is the governmental body with the power of supervision, regulation, and control over utilities, including the water utility, providing service within the City of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:4159.2, as amended by Act No. 938, the Council may exercise regulatory authority and oversight over the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans (“SWBNO”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:4073 and 33:4075, the SWBNO board of directors is responsible for identifying an executive director and general superintendent as well as setting their salaries and job duties; and

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2026, Mayor Moreno signed Executive Order HM-26-04 establishing the Infrastructure Coordination Council Advisory Committee, which is responsible for “aligning and coordinating planning, operations, and project delivery” between the city and SWBNO; and

WHEREAS, the Council agrees that it is important that SWBNO and the City’s priorities and responsibilities are aligned; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes it is in the public interest that the SWBNO board of directors develop revised bylaws to reflect this alignment; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, That no later than December 31, 2026, the SWBNO board of directors shall submit new bylaws for the utility to the Council. The bylaws shall include 1-) provisions related to the responsibilities of the executive director and general superintendent, including the potential combination of these positions, and 2-) provisions related to the utility's procurement policies to ensure compliance with all applicable laws and the city's commitment to fairness and equity. As part of its review of the bylaws, the board of directors shall consider whether the board should meet in the Council's chamber periodically.

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.