

**ORLEANS PARISH COMMUNICATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, November 12, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

**Warren E. McDaniels Communications Center Boardroom
118 City Park Avenue
New Orleans, LA**

MEETING MINUTES

I. ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Michael “Beau” Tidwell called the meeting to order. Chelsea Porche called the roll with the following members present:

Chairman Michael “Beau” Tidwell, Ross Bourgeois (proxy for Chairman Arnold), NOFD Assist. Supt. Roman Nelson (proxy for Supt. Timothy McConnell), NOPD Supt. Shaun Ferguson, Dr. Emily Nichols, and Sarah Babcock (proxy for Dr. Jennifer Avegno) were present.

Capt. Donovan Archote (LSP), Mr. Danny Hardman (UMC), Maj. General Glenn Curtis (LA National Guard), CAO Gilbert Montaña (CNO), and Dr. Brobson Lutz (OPMS) were absent.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (SEPTEMBER 17, 2019)

Board Chairman Tidwell called for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2019 regular meeting. There was motion by Dr. Emily Nichols and seconded by Ross Bourgeois. Board members unanimously approved the minutes.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

A. 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

Josiah Morgan, Director of Support Services, gave a brief overview of where finances stood at the end of 2019. Mr. Morgan stated revenues are down by \$600,000 but he is expecting that amount to be collected with the remittance of third quarter revenue from our major carriers, which is due November 30, 2019. OPCD is also waiting for one outstanding CEA payment from the city.

Mr. Morgan reported a \$76,000 savings in salaries due to vacancies throughout the year. Contractual services are slightly over budget due to necessary building repairs, but overall OPCD is in line with its inflow and outflow for the year. Mr. Morgan stated he projects OPCD will be in line for fiscal year 2019.

The deployment of the Rave Panic Button application was also announced this quarter. OPCD is working with partners in the school district and the LA State Police to get all information needed that first responders will be using. Director Morris stated 75 schools have opted into the program, but none have submitted records to OPCD yet. He stated OPCD has reached out to its school district partners to get started with that process.

Radio encryption begins December 1, 2019. Communication was received from the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) clarifying who will be allowed access to the emergency radio system. Director Morris stated the agency would send a press release to announce that on December 1st at 7 a.m., law enforcement radio traffic will be cut off to anybody who is not an approved governmental entity.

Premier One CAD mobile data terminal (MDT'S) deployment has begun for the New Orleans Fire Department. A review of response times proves that units are getting to the scene much faster. Now, when units have been dispatched and move 100 ft., their status is automatically changed to "en route," and when they are within 500 ft. of their destination, their status is changed to "on scene." EMS, then NOPD, is next to receive the Premiere One CAD. Director Morris stated that last year, OPCD spent half a million dollars on CAD software licenses for the entire public safety enterprise and now it's a matter of deploying the technology out in the field.

The agency is also querying NCIC records automatically, which means whenever a dispatcher runs information and something comes up in the system, the dispatcher will let the officer know. Director Morris stated that floor plans would soon be imported in CAD for apartments. OPCD is also working with Safety and Permits to get building numbers and security door codes for apartment complexes. This will help first responders know the exact location of the call for service. Director Morris also stated that OPCD is in the process of getting school floor plans from NOHSEP for CAD.

The new systems are allowing agencies to do a lot of self-managing without having to contact OPCD staff at all. It allows responders to do many things, from clearing themselves from a scene to running a check on someone who was pulled over. All of these features are provided under one platform. This also allows dispatchers to track what's happening in real time and receive alerts that they can immediately get over to the first responder.

NOFD Chief Nelson stated he would like to help get OPCD training on the Rave application with their educators, who travel to schools every year to teach how to use the application. Chief Nelson said he believes they could help us get floor plans and basics handled. Director Morris stated OPCD's Public Engagement team has been in touch with Rave's team, who will provide PR material for everyone.

motion to adopt the resolution. There was motion made and seconded by Chief Ferguson. The motion was approved unanimously. Roll was called for each board member or proxy to give their response to the motion individually and all were in favor.

D. Resolution 19-08 – Move the PSAP expansion project into schematic design

The resolution allows Director Morris to move forward with VergesRome on the contract negotiations for the PSAP expansion project and create a schematic design. Director Morris stated this phase will help bring stakeholders closer to making decisions and get OPCD down to a final price. He stated CAO Montaño wanted OPCD to do financing and OPCD bond representatives said there is compacity to pay for the expansion. Director Morris also stated he believes the pricing will go down a bit. The Mayor did send OPCD a letter in support of the expansion. The resolution was pulled off the agenda of the last board meeting due to Chief Ferguson's absence. Director Morris did not want the resolution back on the table until he spoke with Chief Ferguson. Board Chairman Tidwell called for a motion to approve the resolution. There was motion by Dr. Nichols and seconded by Chief Ferguson. The motion was approved unanimously.

V. Old Business

There is no old business to discuss.

VI. New Business

There is no new business to discuss.

VII. Announcements

Director Morris announced that OPCD Children's Day would be held on-site on November 22, 2019, and that he will provide everyone information about the event. He also discussed inviting the Board members to OPCD's holiday party and to the awards luncheon for OPCD's 9-1-1 Poster Contest Winners.

VIII. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded by Sarah Babcock. The motion was approved unanimously.

Submitted by,



Tyrell Morris
Executive Director