

Mid City Security District Minutes  
Board Meeting of **February 20, 2025**, 6:00 P.M.  
The Cannery, 3803 Toulouse Street, New Orleans LA

Chairman Wendy Laker called the meeting to order at 6:00pm with a roll call of participants which established a quorum.

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members present: Wendy Laker; Alvin Williams, Jr.; Corbett Scott; Charley Richard; Robert Rivard; Darby Shields; and Jon Fox.

Presenters: Sgt. Alfred Russell, MCSD/NOPD Full Time Coordinator; and Sudie Joint, CPA, MCSD accountant.

Guests: None present.

➤ BOARD MINUTES

- W. Laker moved and J. Fox seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2024 meeting as presented. The motion passed without objection with Robert Rivard and Darby Shields abstaining since they were not present for the January meeting.

➤ FINANCIAL REPORT

- The January 2025 Bank Statement was approved and initialed by all Board members present.
- S. Joint noted that the City of New Orleans sent almost all of the 2024 invoices with the last date being November 30, 2024 for patrol services. There also was one unsigned invoice in August and another in September.
- S. Joint requested Board approval of February monthly bills: OPSE – 1/5-16/25 = \$1,080.00; Pinnacle Security 1/5-/25 to 2/8/25 = \$21,651.11; Bourgeois Bennett LLC = \$5,000.00; Adams and Reese LLP = \$45; Mark’s Mid City Auto (Vehicle #B22077) = \$980.27; Graphix Matter, February 17, 2025 Invoice = \$852.50; Sudie S. Joint CPA February 19 invoice = \$779.08; and nine invoices from City of New Orleans (6/30/24 to 7/13/24 for \$22,201.32, 7/14/24 to 7/27/24 for \$22,190.27, 7/28/24 to 8/10/24 for \$34,186.00, 8/25/24 to 9/7/24 for \$28,320.01, 9/22/24 to 10/5/24 for \$30,760.85, 10/6/24 to 10/19/24 for \$29,683.86, 10/20/24 to 11/2/24 for \$28,951.97, 11/3/24 to 11/16/24 for \$35,957.05, 11/17/24 to 11/30/24 for \$27,953.41). All payments were approved with a motion by W. Laker which was seconded by J. Fox and approved unanimously.
- S. Joint presented the Financial Statements. Presented were the Profit and Loss for January 2025, versus same period 2024; Balance Sheet as of January 31, 2025, versus same period 2024; Profit and Loss, Budget vs. Actual for January 2025; and the Disputed MCSD Millage.
- There were questions concerning the “Proof Positive” charges but it was noted that additional information was required before the board could make any decisions.

➤ CRIME REPORTS

- C. Perez, Pinnacle Security, was unable to attend due to an emergency. Monthly information will be provided at a later date.
- Sgt Russell provided detailed reports of crime activities for each week since the January meeting. A chart comparing crimes from 2024 and 2025 was presented and will be made available through the MCSD website. It was noted that while overall crime is down from 2023 and 2024, there has been an increase in shoplifting and porch pirates.

➤ COMMITTEE REPORTS

- W. Laker asked if additional committees were needed within the Board. R. Rivard and W. Laker asked if such a committee might look into other companies that had originally made proposals for additional security might be looked at since Pinnacle was being merged with Allied. J. Fox volunteered to look deeper into the Pinnacle report information. D. Shields indicated that the Camera committee needs to meet with Allied to see what changes might happen regarding camera issues. W. Laker suggested that the Board look into other committees that could make reports to the Board on additional items.
  - Camera Committee. D. Shields reported on installation costs and options for cameras. Other action items were noted concerning the camera program but that Allied Security would have to be brought into the conversation.
- OLD BUSINESS
- The notification of an increase in hourly rates for the legal counsel was briefly discussed. R. Rivard moved that a draft RFQ to present to the board at the next meeting. The motion was seconded by W. Laker and approved without objection.
  - Board elections were tabled for the next meeting.
  - It was noted that the Personal Financial Disclosure Statements for board members is due by May 15, 2025.
- There was no other business brought forward.
- No guests were present so there were no public comments.
- At 7:28pm, R. Rivard offered a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by W. Laker. There was no opposition.

CERTIFICATE As Secretary of the Mid-City Security District, I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes duly and legally adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Mid-City Security District, after due notice, and that said minutes have not been rescinded. WITNESS, my signature, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025.




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Charley Richard, Secretary