

Mid City Security District Minutes
Board Meeting of December 4, 2025 6 P.M.
Pel Hughes 3801 Toulouse Street, New Orleans LA

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

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members present: Wendy Laker; Darby Shields; Jonathan Fox; Corbett Scott, Charley Richard, Alvin Williams, Jr.

Absent Board Members: Robert Rivard

Presenters: Sudie Joint, CPA, MCSD accountant
Santiago St. Clair, Allied Universal Security Services (AUS)
Sgt Alfred Russell, MCSD/NOPD Full Time Coordinator

Guests: Troy and Caroline Miller

1. BOARD MINUTES

- The Board Minutes from the September 18, 2025 meeting and from the October 16, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Modifications were proposed by two board members to a section in each of the minutes reviewed. The modifications were written into the documents by the Secretary.
- The Secretary read to the board the modified section of the minutes for the September 18 meeting. The Secretary, Darby Shields, moved that the modified minutes for September 18, 2025 be approved. The motion was seconded by Jon Fox. The minutes were approved by 5 board members with an abstention from Al Williams who did not attend the September 18 meeting.
- The Secretary read to the board the modified section of the minutes for the October 16 meeting. The Secretary, Darby Shields, moved that the modified minutes of October 16 be approved. The motion was seconded by Jon Fox. The motion was approved by all board members.

2. ACCOUNTANT FINANCIAL REPORT

- Sudie Joint requested Board approval of checks to pay the monthly bills. Wendy Laker moved to approve the checks and the motion was seconded by Charley Richard. The motion was approved by all board members.
- The city has invoiced for police services through November 1, 2025. The invoices paid totaled \$154,527.11 for NOPD police services and totaled \$27,060.66 for Allied Universal patrols. The invoices from NOPD included the millage surcharge which was not included in the payments. The millage amount has been added to accounts payable pending the resolution of the charges with the city.
- Sudie Joint presented the Financial Statements and a detailed General Ledger report through November 2025. Presented were the Profit and Loss Sheet and the Balance Sheet, compared with the same period in 2024; The checking account balance is \$999,135.13 and the net income through November is a loss of

\$60,185.75. The disputed millage expense totals \$436,313.37, which is held in accounts payable. Income through November is \$1,180,292.36, which is \$54,926.65 below the budget for the year (4.4% below).

- Wendy Laker moved and Charley Richard seconded the motion to accept the November Financial Report. The motion was unanimously passed.
- Sudie Joint presented an amended budget for 2025 which is necessary to meet state financial reporting requirements. The amended budget decreased total revenue to \$1,184,058 and increased total expenditures to \$1,359,922, which is \$181,132 over the previous budget. This resulted in a budgeted loss of \$175,864 for the year.
- The increased expenditures in the amended budget were mainly driven by City Police expenditures which were \$194,602 over the previous budget.
- Jon Fox moved and Corbett Scott seconded the motion to accept the amended 2025 Budget. The motion was unanimously passed.

3. ALLIED UNIVERSAL SECURITY SERVICES (AUS)

- Allied Universal representative Santiago St. Clair attended the meeting. He had emailed a detailed Monthly Activity Report to the Private Patrol Oversight Committee on December 4, prior to the meeting, and the report was distributed to the board. Santiago St. Clair was asked to send the detailed report to the board one week prior to the board meeting for review.
- Questions were asked about the number of calls that have been received on the MCSD Escort Number. Resident calls are noted in the narrative but there is no count summary.
- The issue regarding unanswered calls to the Escort number brought up at last meeting has been addressed. Any unanswered calls roll over to the supervisor's phone and are managed by the supervisor.
- Wendy Laker asked for a list of categories identified in the reports.
- Jon Fox and Scott Corbett invited the board members to send them any questions or requests for AUS. They will organize a group text thread with AUS.

4. SGT ALFRED RUSSELL CRIME REPORTS

- Sgt Russell provided crime reports for each week in the last month. He noted that shoplifting is still occurring at a rate 3 times more than last year which contributes to an overall increase of 13% for incidents this year over last year. However, violent crimes are down by 5%.
- Sexual Assaults continue to show an increase over last year's numbers: 26 to 24 incidents.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Task Force App – Wendy Laker reports that Bob Simms says that he is releasing an update to support Android phones next week.
- b. Camera Committee
 - Darby Shields provided an Executive Summary of the committee discussions regarding the camera system. Key points addressed include site selection,

installation and homeowner agreement, operation with Allied Universal, and a public records policy.

- The committee has not yet agreed on what sites would be best to provide alerts to the ASU patrols regarding suspected criminal activity. Darby Shields has had two meetings with Sgt Russell to discuss the best locations to install the cameras.
- c. Vehicle Committee - The air conditioner on one car has been repaired. The new Durango has been delivered and is in the process of having special equipment installed at the city garage.
- d. Outreach Committee – Wendy Laker has addressed the attendees at November’s CPNA and MCNO meetings. She encourages other board members to attend the meetings when they can.

6. DISPUTED MILLAGE ISSUE

Discussion with the city regarding the disputed millage issue will be followed up in 2026.

7. HOUSEKEEPING ISSUES

- a. Wendy Laker brought up the issue of allocating some funds to purchase signs to notify about MCSD meetings. Darby Shields proposed that the board set up a discretionary fund that could be used by the board chair to purchase items for the MCSD in order to avoid voting on small purchases or waiting until the next meeting to approve such purchases. Darby Shields made a motion to establish a \$500 fund that could be spent on MCSD promotional items at the discretion of the Board Chair. Al Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- b. Wendy Laker proposed that the board consider holding a board meeting at the Volunteers of America (VOA) building at 3901 Tulane Avenue. This could serve as an effort to reach out to the neighbors in the area.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The meeting was attended by guests Troy Miller and his wife Caroline Miller. Mr. Miller addressed the board about the problem of homeless encampments in his neighborhood. Mr. Miller would like to make the board aware of the problem and find out what actions the Mid City Security District patrols can take to remove the tents.

Sgt Russell responded to Mr. Miller issues and advised Mr. Miller to contact the Quality of Life Officer for the 1st District Kristie Neveaux.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Wendy Laker read the board an email from a resident that lives in a large housing compound on Orleans Avenue. The resident asked if a rent increase was attributed to the MCSD security district fee. It was decided that the board chair would provide the resident with the security district fee schedule passed in November 2025.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Wendy Laker made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Jon Fox. The motion passed.

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 15th day of January 2026.



Darby Shields, Secretary