

Mid City Security District Minutes
Board Meeting of **February 19, 2026**, 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; and Robert Rivard.
- Excused absent: Darby Shields and Jon Fox.
- Presenters: Sgt. Alfred Russell, MCSD/NOPD Full Time Coordinator; and Santiago St. Clair, Allied Universal.
- Guests: None present.

➤ BOARD MINUTES

- C. Richard moved to amend and then accept the minutes of the January 15, 2026 meeting by removing the 4th bullet of the Accountant's report which dealt with the disputed millage. The motions were seconded by R. Rivard and approved with A. Williams, Jr. abstaining as he was not present at that meeting.

➤ FINANCIAL REPORT

- The January 2026 Bank Statement was approved and initialed by all Board members present.
- CPA Sudie Joint was not able to attend the meeting and Treasurer C. Richard presented the Financial Report for her. The first report were the financials for January 1 through December 31, 2025 (P&L, Balance Sheet and P&L Budget vs. Actual) which were updated from the prior meeting to include additional NOPD invoices that had been received. After review, R. Rivard moved that the 2025 report be accepted. W. Laker seconded the motion which was unanimously approved. The second report consisted of the P&L for January 2026, Balance Sheet as of January 31, 2026, P&L Budget vs. Actual for January 2026, and the Disputed Millage Total as of January 24, 2026. After careful review, noting that these documents included only the January totals, R. Rivard moved that the 2026 report be accepted. W. Laker seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- The list of checks for the month were then read out to the Board: Allied Universal \$20,325.27; Graphix Matter \$440.00; three checks to OPSE (12/25/2025 through 1/31/2026) for \$1,371.96, \$1,080.00, and \$1,260.00; two checks to City of New Orleans for \$28,908.26 and \$32,192.78 (the latter was a previously unsigned invoice from 3/9/2025 through 3/22/2025); and Sudie S. Joint, CPA for \$1,056.66. W. Laker moved that the checks be approved and signed. C. Scott seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

➤ CRIME REPORTS

- Santiago St. Clair apologized for the tardiness of the reports (due partly to Mardi Gras) which were presented at the meeting. He noted that AUS was one person short of their full staff but were evaluating candidates. He pointed out a particular property of concern which was marked as 605 S. Genois although Sgt Russell thought it might be 505 which the city is currently taking action on. Other incidents were briefly discussed. He noted that red and green colors were used to separate categories.

- Sgt Russell presented the NOPD crime maps and crime reports for all weeks since the last meeting. During one week, perpetrators tried to steal Hyundais and Kias but were unsuccessful except for one. There were two weeks with no personal crimes. The past week was not good with 3 personal crimes with more to be added. There have been no homicides so far this year. All of the presented information can be found on MCSD's website. Crime maps can also be found on the social media accounts of MCSD with a link to the MDSD website.
- A discussion on Sgt. Henry Burke, the NOPD officer that WVUE-TV News reports has been accused of falsifying department records, was held. He has worked details for the MCSD in the past. There is little to note at this time other than that the Public Integrity Bureau is continuing to investigate the matter. A reply to WVUE-TV was made stating that the board is allowing the investigation to conclude before making any further comments or taking any action.

➤ APP UPGRADE DEMO

- Bob Simms discussed the newest version of the SDT Crime Force App which will have more detail and audio alerts. Resources is a new part of the app which could be meeting minutes, crime dashboard, etc. Also, notifications could go out like for BOLO or various road issues. There is an administrative version which has even more detail for things like tracking, digital trip sheets, etc.

➤ COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Camera Committee. R. Rivard and A. Williams distributed an informational sheet soliciting locations/individuals interested in having a crime camera. The information could also be put on social media. R. Rivard moved that the following notice, or similar, be posted on our website and other social media sources that we use, after adding contact information for MCSD:

We're looking for a few good locations.

The MID-CITY SECURITY DISTRICT (MCSD) is considering sites for placement of security cameras to provide alerts to MCSD security officers when possible suspicious activity is recorded. Our camera program will begin with 30 cameras placed at 15 sites. The initial placements will be in areas where there are higher occurrences of burglaries and auto thefts. MCSD will cover the cost of camera installations and maintenance, but property owners will need to provide an internet connection with sufficient bandwidth to support the cameras and MCSD access.

Property owners who are interested in providing camera locations should contact MCSD at Final decisions about placement of the initial 15 sites will be made by the MCSD Board, but MCSD will maintain records of all those interested for consideration as the camera program expands to more locations.. C. Scott seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

- Private Patrol Oversight Committee. No report this month.
- APP Committee. Previously presented by Bob Simms.
- Vehicle committee. C. Richard indicated that the newly purchased vehicle was still not in service but should be ready next week.
- Outreach Committee. No report this month.

➤ NEW BUSINESS

- There was a discussion about the roles of the various officers and committees of the MCSD. It was noted that a review of the bylaws of the organization need to be undertaken and potential changes evaluated. R. Rivard moved that an ad-hoc committee be formed to look at board

change recommendations. A. Williams seconded the motion which was unanimously approved. W. Laker, R. Rivard, and A. Williams agreed to serve on this committee.

- There was a brief discussion on how to provide guardrails to ensure the accuracy of NOPD time sheets and trip sheets. The Board was encouraged to email any suggestions and responses to the chair so that these might be considered at the next meeting.
- R. Rivard offered a motion to ask MCSD attorney Marshall Hevron to advise the Board if there is potential for legal action against the city in the event it is proven that the city invoiced MCSD for services that were not actually provided. A. Williams seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

➤ ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

- W. Laker noted that Board Financial Reports were due by May 15, 2026.
- It was noted that the Board will have one open position by August, 2026. It was suggested that MCNO be urged to provide board member nominations.

➤ PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Since there were no guests, there was no public comment.

➤ ADJOURNMENT

- W. Laker moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm which was seconded by R. Rivard and approved unanimously.

CERTIFICATE As Acting 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 19th day of March 2026.



Charley Richard, Acting Secretary