

Mid City Security District Minutes
Board Meeting of March 19, 2026 6 P.M.
The Cannery 3803 Toulouse Street, New Orleans LA

Final

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; Charley Richard, Robert Rivard Alvin Williams, Jr.

Absent Board Members: Jonathan Fox; Corbett Scott

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

Guests: Captain Kendrick Allen, NOPD
Mary Mysing-Gubala, MCNO Board Member
Michelle Schlafly, MCNO Secretary
Miss Jasmine

1. BOARD MINUTES

Wendy Laker moved to accept the Board Minutes from February 19, 2026. meeting. The motion was seconded by Charley Richard and the minutes were approved. Darby Shields abstained from voting because he was absent from the meeting.

2. CAPTAIN KENDRICK ALLAN

Captain Allan addressed the board regarding Sgt Burke and his arrest for payroll fraud and tampering with public records. Captain Allan explained how the Public Integrity Bureau (PIB) has managed the investigation thus far. Sgt Burke is suspended for 90 days and if found guilty he will be dismissed from the force. Captain Allan emphasized that Sgt Russell is not under investigation. Captain Allan said that the biometric clock used to check in and out overtime was broken for months but has been repaired and is now operating. Sgt Russell had sent multiple emails notifying the department that the biometric clock was not functioning.

Captain Allan said he expected that the result of the investigation would be made public, although he has no direct control of the process. In the event of fraud, MCSD could initiate action to receive restitution.

Sgt Russell addressed questions from guests Mary Mysing-Gubala and Michelle Schlafly about the procedure used for scheduling and reviewing the timesheets of officers who are working overtime for the MCSD.

3. ACCOUNTANT FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. Sudie Joint reviewed the checks for monthly bills that she presented to the Board for approval.
 - The checks paid for NOPD Police services totaled \$71,045.73. This amount is exclusive of the disputed millage charges. The disputed millage amount has been added to accounts payable and now totals \$450,984.63.
 - Invoices paid for Allied Universal patrols totaled \$29,697.87.
 - Wendy Laker moved to approve the checks and the motion was seconded by Charley Richard. The motion was approved by all board members.
- b. Sudie Joint presented the Financial Statements, including a Profit & Loss Statement, a Balance Statement, a Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Statement, and a detailed General Ledger report through February 28, 2026.
 - On the Balance Sheet the checking account balance is \$945,927.57
 - On the Profit and Loss Sheet the net income through February is \$373,715.71. The city has made payments on the assessment fee much earlier than last year.
- c. Wendy Laker moved and Charley Richard seconded the motion to accept the February Financial Report. The motion was unanimously passed.

4. ALLIED UNIVERSAL SECURITY SERVICES (AUS)

- Allied Universal representative Santiago St. Clair attended the meeting. He had emailed a detailed Monthly Activity Report to the Board Members on Monday, March 16.
- Mr. St. Clair reviewed the incidents documented in the report. He noted that there were several calls to South Genois Street. Sgt Russell said that the building owner had been contacted and gave permission to enter the building and remove people.
- Mary Mysing-Gubala raised the issue of homeless people at the WWII Memorial on Norman C Francis Parkway near Tulane Avenue. It was acknowledged that the city has a problem coordinating the removal of homeless encampments. It was suggested to contact the First District Quality-of-Life Officer Kristie Neveaux and the Mayors Office of Neighborhood Engagement.
- Mary Mysing-Gubala also said that there was a complaint made to her that the MCSD phone was not answered. Wendy Laker made it clear that the Board and Allied Universal are intent on insuring that the phone is always answered. The board requests that any problems be reported via the website and they will be acted on quickly.
- Miss Jasmine was present to complain that an Allied Universal Security patrolman chased her on foot. She privately spoke with Sgt Russell about the incident.

5. SGT ALFRED RUSSELL CRIME REPORTS

- Sgt Russell provided crime reports for each week in the last month. He noted that crime has escalated on the Tulane corridor during the end of 2025 and the beginning of 2026. Auto thefts are rising.
- He said that the area around the WWII memorial on Norman C Francis Parkway had been cleaned up by the city.
- Shoplifting continues to dominate the crime statistics.

- Carjackings are up. Police have arrested the perpetrator of the carjacking at Canal and City Park.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Task Force App

- Wendy Laker reports that Bob Simms indicates that the new app will be rolled out in two more weeks.
- It was stated that the police patrols use the app to document all patrols, which provides the MCSD with a record of activities.

b. Camera Committee

- As reflected by the minutes of Feb. 19, 2026, Bob Rivard crafted an announcement about the camera program inviting residents to apply for one of 15 installation sites, and the announcement was approved by the Board at that meeting.
- Darby Shields was tasked with providing the announcement to staff for posting on the MCSD web site. It will also be provided to MCNO and CPNA for posting on their websites.

c. Vehicle Committee - The new Durango is still in the city garage, having special equipment installed. It has not been deployed on active duty.

d. Ad Hoc Committee reviewing Board Organization

An Ad Hoc Committee was formed at last meeting to review the Board Organization with members Wendy Laker, Bob Rivard, and Al Williams. Wendy Laker stated that one of the issues to be reviewed was rotating the chair position on a regular basis.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- Wendy Laker announced that Board Financial Disclosure Forms that are the responsibility of Board Members as required by the state are due by 5/15/26.
- Board members were encouraged to begin an outreach for a new board member to fill a board seat coming open in August.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

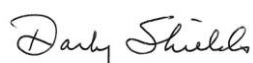
Wendy Laker asked for any additional public comments. There were none.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Wendy Laker made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Al Williams. 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 16th day of April, 2026.



Darby Shields, Secretary