

**Mid City Security District Minutes**  
**Board Meeting of May 21, 2026 6 P.M.**  
The Cannery 3803 Toulouse Street, New Orleans LA

**Distributed: June 18, 2026**

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; Robert Rivard;  
Alvin Williams, Jr.; Corbett Scott; Jonathan Fox

Absent Board Members: Charley Richard

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

Guests: Miss Jasmine  
Kevin Centanni

**1. BOARD MINUTES**

Wendy Laker moved to accept the Board Minutes for the Board Meeting on April 16, 2026. Bob Rivard seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**2. REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2025**

Paul Pechon, from Bourgeois Bennet Certified Public Accountants, presented the board with a draft of the Financial Report for the Mid-City Security District, December 31, 2025. Mr. Pechon explained that the MCSD accounts are reviewed and tested every two years to meet state auditing requirements.

Mr. Pechon noted that in 2025 MCSD generated fees and revenues totaling \$1,204,230, that was \$162,652 less than total expenses of \$1,366,882. This resulted in a decrease in current assets from \$1,222,425 to \$834,869.

Mr. Pechon also noted that the original budget for 2025 was amended to decrease revenues by \$54,947 and increase expenses by \$181,132 which approximated the actual revenues and expenses. The budget for 2026 was presented with budgeted Revenue at \$1,238,969 and expenses at \$113,5200, resulting in a surplus of \$103,769.

Mr. Pechon stated that the bank balance of \$968,053 was fully collateralized in accordance with state law. A major portion, \$718,053, is collateralized by securities held by unaffiliated banks.

Accounts payable of approximately \$560,000 included \$395,000 of the disputed millage tax from the city. It was affirmed by accountant Sudie Joint that the total disputed accounts payable was actually \$436,313 at 2025 year end. Mr. Pechon agreed to make the correction in the final report.

Wendy Laker made motion to accept the Financial Report, with the amended amount of the disputed accounts payable millage value. The motion was seconded by Al Williams and was approved by the board.

### 3. ACCOUNTANT FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. Sudie Joint presented checks for the monthly bills to the Board for approval.
  - The checks paid for NOPD Police services totaled \$108,527.96 for patrols and \$3,240 for OPSE.
  - Invoices paid for Allied Universal patrols totaled \$20,151.31.
  - It was noted that Wendy Laker purchased 5 signs for \$126.16 and cards for approximately \$50.
  - Wendy Laker moved to approve the checks and the motion was seconded by Al Williams. 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 April 30, 2026.
  - On the Balance Sheet the checking account balance is \$1,515,223.80.
  - On the Profit and Loss Sheet, the net income through March is \$692,204.07.
  - The disputed millage amount was reported to be \$450,984.63 as of April 4, 2026.
- c. Darby Shields moved and Bob Rivard seconded the motion to accept the April Financial Report. The motion was unanimously passed.
- d. AUS Payment Schedule – The payment cycle for getting checks approved is a problem for AUS. It was suggested that faster payment could be arranged with ACH bank transfers. Sudie Joint was instructed to notify AUS when a check is mailed to them.
- e. The preliminary budget is scheduled to be presented at the June meeting with final approval at the August meeting.

### 4. ALLIED UNIVERSAL SECURITY SERVICES (AUS)

- Allied Universal representative Santiago St. Clair emailed a detailed Monthly Activity Report to the Board Members on May 20, 2026 which covered the period from April 20 to May 19, 2026.
- Mr. St. Clair noted that there were a number of calls from S. Genois Street involving vagrants at vacant houses.
- One patrolman reported a low impact collision with a parked vehicle. There were no injuries and the slight damage was identified in a report.
- A meeting will be arranged with the camera committee to review the AUS support for the camera alerts.

### 5. SGT ALFRED RUSSELL CRIME REPORTS

- Sgt Russell provided crime reports for each week in the last month and reviewed particular incidents of note.

- Sgt Russell commented on the vacant house issue at S. Genois. He said the councilwoman has been notified about the problem in the area.
- On May 10 the Horizon Bank, at Pierce and Canal, was robbed. The perpetrator has been arrested.
- Auto theft is down for the year but four auto attempted thefts were reported during the period.
- Sgt Russell noted that MCSD officers call for a patrol officer outside of MCSD patrols to sit at hospitals when an individual is taken there.
- Bob Rivard requested that the crime reports indicate where MCSD patrols are involved in the crime. Sgt Russell said that that information would only be contained in the comments of the MCSD patrols but he would review them.

## 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### a. Task Force App

- The new app has been released and is operating. This version will support phones running Android as well as iPhones.

### b. Camera Committee

- Darby Shields presented a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement that will be signed by the owner of homes where the cameras are mounted. The CEA has been approved by the MCSD lawyers. A motion was made by Al Williams to approve the CEA. Bob Rivard seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- Darby Shields presented a MCSD Public Records Request Policy. It was noted that the policy needs to identify how long archived video footage will be retained. MCSD lawyers indicated that the Louisiana State Archive department must approve the storage plan for the archived video records.

### c. Vehicle Committee – No report.

### d. Ad Hoc Committee reviewing Board Organization

Bob Rivard has reviewed two sets of Bylaws, one which was provided to the state and a second one that was revised and is on the MCSD website. Bob Rivard provided a new proposed Bylaws to be reviewed for recommended amendments, and to be submitted for a vote at the next board meeting.

- ### e. Outreach Committee – Bob Rivard provided a review of the Mid City Neighborhood Organization Town Hall Meeting on May 11. He and Darby Shields addressed the meeting and manned a table for the MCSD. A number of MCNO attendees signed up for the camera program.

## 7. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Board members were encouraged to begin an outreach for a new board member to fill a board seat coming open in August. The position is to be filled by MCNO.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Kevin Centanni expressed an interest in being nominated to the MCSD board. He was directed to contact the MCNO chair to be nominated as their representative.

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 18th day of June, 2026.



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Darby Shields, Secretary