

Mid City Security District Minutes
Board Meeting of June 18, 2026 6 P.M.
The Cannery 3803 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; Alvin Williams, Jr.; Corbett Scott

Absent Board Members: Charley Richard; Robert Rivard; Jonathan Fox

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

Guests: Miss Jasmine

1. BOARD MINUTES

Wendy Laker moved to accept the Board Minutes for the Board Meeting on May 21, 2026, distributed on June 18, 2026. Al Williams seconded the motion and the motion carried.

2. ACCOUNTANT FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. Sudie Joint was unable to attend the meeting. Wendy Laker presented the accounting information.
- b. The checks for the monthly bills were presented by Wendy Laker to the Board for approval.
 - The checks paid for NOPD Police services totaled \$58,767.60 for patrols and \$1440.00 for OPSE.
 - Invoices paid for Allied Universal patrols totaled \$21,131.20.
 - It was noted that the last check written to OPSE has not been cashed, and neither has the \$2000 check written to Loyola for Camera Program Support.
 - Darby Shields moved to approve the checks and the motion was seconded by Corbett Scott. The motion was approved by all board members.
- c. Wendy Laker made a motion to authorize Secretary Darby Shields to sign checks on the Mid City Security District checking account at Hancock Whitney Bank. Al Williams seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- d. Wendy Laker 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 May 26, 2026.
 - On the Balance Sheet the checking account balance is \$1,397,738.48.
 - On the Profit and Loss Sheet, the net income through May 26 is \$603,884.97.
 - The disputed millage amount was reported to be \$450,984.63 as of May 2, 2026.

- e. Wendy Laker moved and Darby Shields seconded the motion to accept the May Financial Report. The motion was unanimously passed.
 - f. Wendy Laker distributed copies of the final Financial Report from Paul Pechon, Bourgeois Bennet Certified Public Accountants. The report was accepted by the board at the May 21, 2026 meeting with the stipulation that a correction would be made to the reported disputed millage tax. It was verified that the final report included the correction to the year end total of the disputed millage tax from the city, identifying it as approximately \$425,000.
3. ALLIED UNIVERSAL SECURITY SERVICES (AUS)
- Allied Universal representative Santiago St. Clair emailed a detailed Monthly Activity Report to the Board Members on June 18, 2026 which covered the period from May 19, 2026 to June 17, 2026.
 - Mr. St. Clair noted that there were 18 calls received on the MCSD phone. The majority of them appear to be noise complaints but one was for an escort to the streetcar.
 - A meeting will be arranged with Lumana and AUS to walk through how Alerts will be received and managed by patrols.
4. SGT ALFRED RUSSELL CRIME REPORTS
- Sgt Russell provided crime reports for each week in the last month and reviewed particular incidents of note.
 - The crime report through the week of June 13, 2026 indicates that both personal and property crimes are down from last year. However, there have been 2 attempted carjackings and 5 armed robberies this year. The Auto theft total number is the same as last year, including 3 auto thefts last week.
 - There was an incident at 3200 block of Bank Street in which a neighbor shot a squatter living across the street.
 - Chick-fil-A on Carrollton was robbed of \$800.
 - St. Michaels Senior Housing, 3323 Tulane, and Comiskey Park nearby have been hot spots for increased vagrant activity.
 - Sgt Russell commented on two vacant houses at S. Genois. There is still a problem with vagrants using the facilities. At one location, a relative of the owner who passed away is using the house. Sgt Russell suspects drug use is involved.
 - In response to a request from Bob Rivard, Sgt Russell is reviewing the police patrol reports to identify incidents in which the patrolman is involved with an incident included in the crime reports summary (based on the Uniform Crime Reporting program). Al Williams would also like to have a summary of how many times the patrolmen are responding to dispatch police calls.
5. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- a. Task Force App
 - The new app has been released and is operating. Neither Wendy Laker nor Darby Shields have had the time to monitor and report on the daily operation.

b. Camera Committee

- Darby Shields presented a list of the first six camera locations identified by the camera committee. A motion was made by Corbett Scott to approve the list and the motion was seconded by Al Williams. The board voted to approve the list of locations. See Attachment A.
- Darby Shields presented a revised MCSD Public Records Request Policy which defines MCSD's policy for public access to archived video footage from the camera program. Video recordings from the cameras will only be retained for a legitimate public safety purpose based on a request to archive the footage from the MCSD security patrol organization or the New Orleans Police Department. Archived video footage will be retained for one year on the data center maintained by the camera system operator Lumana. Following one year, the video footage will be deleted. See Attachment B.

The Louisiana Archive office is responsible for approving only the storage plan for archived documents, but not the Public Request Policy. Darby Shields made a motion to have the board approve the MCSD Public Records Request Policy, pending approval of the Records Retention Schedule by the Louisiana Archive Department. Corbett Scott seconded the motion and the motion passed.

- Darby Shields made a motion to approve the MCSD accountant to pay invoices from Garcia Construction Services for six camera installations for an amount not to exceed \$1,600 for each camera installation. Invoices with labor and material costs will be reviewed and approved by two members of the camera committee for submittal to the MCSD accountant. Al Williams seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- c. Private Patrol Committee – Corbett Scott mentioned that a meeting with AUS will be held in the future to integrate the patrolman with the camera alert system once it is operational.
- d. Vehicle Committee – No report.
- e. Outreach Committee – No activity to report.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- a. Darby Shields presented a memo dated June 15, 2026 from City Park Neighborhood Association president Suzi Cobb confirming that Darby Shields was elected as the representative to the Mid City Security District board for the next three years.
- b. Proposed New Bylaws – There was a request to discuss the new bylaws before voting on them. It was decided to postpone voting on the new bylaws until the next board meeting. Board members were encouraged to send questions and items needing discussion to the Ad Hoc Committee reviewing Board Organization via email prior to the board meeting in July.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Miss Jasmine was present at the meeting location but she did not enter the building during the meeting and did not participate in the meeting or provide any comments.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Wendy Laker made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Corbett Scott. 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 20th day of August, 2026.



Darby Shields, Secretary

ATTACHMENT A. Initial Camera Sites for MCSD Camera Program

	Address	Owner	Phone	Email	NOTES
1	3823 Iberville	Thomas Ecker	504 606 4765	teckerhch@gmail.com>	MCNO President
2	935 Pouchloup	Eddie Gonzales		egonzales@lasc.org	from CPNA
3	3323 Baudin	Troy Miller			MCSD Meeting
4	3997-99 Dumaine St	Jerry Lenaz	504 296 3959	jerlenaz@gmail.com	CPNA
5	537 Genois Street	Greg Morris	908 578 3430	gregmorris82@yahoo.com	MCNO
6	139 Cortez	Espiritu Restaurant	504 920 8433	espiritunola@gmail.com	Grant Carpy and Haley Saucier

ATTACHMENT B. Mid City Security District Public Records Request Policy

- A. The Mid City Security District is operating a video camera system that will not be monitored continuously by the security patrols. The camera system will have the ability to generate alerts to the patrols when suspicious activity is detected.
- B. After thirty days, video recordings that are not archived are deleted. Video recordings can only be archived for a legitimate public safety purpose based on an alert generated by the camera system and subsequently deemed of interest by the security patrols. Video recordings that are archived will be stored for one year before deletion.
- C. Video recording that is archived can be subject to public requests for access. The MCSD strives to promptly review requests and release archived public records.
- D. Records related to pending criminal investigations or those that infringe on privacy (e.g., juvenile records, victim identities) may not be released.
- E. To submit a Public Records Request email **Commissioners@midcitysecuritydistrict.org** noting the SUBJECT: PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST. The board will contact the requestor regarding applicable fees to process the request. Payment must be received prior to release of records.
- F. Per La. R.S. 44:32(A) and La. Atty. Gen Op. No. 17-0056 proof of identification, such as a driver's license, to verify the age and identification of the person making the public records request is required.