Mid City Security District Minutes
Board Meeting of August 20, 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; Jonathan Fox; Robert Rivard

Absent Board Members: Charley Richard

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

Guests: Molly Marker, Board Member beginning in September, 2026
Greg Morris, Camera program participant

1. BOARD MINUTES

Wendy Laker moved to accept the minutes for the Board Meeting on June 18, 2026, distributed on August 20, 2026. Al Williams seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Board Minutes for the Board Meeting on July 16, 2026 were discussed. Wendy Laker requested that the minutes include reference to the discussion comparing the current financial statements to the 2026 Budget. Wendy Laker moved to accept the minutes for the Board Meeting on June 18, 2026 with the change referencing the comparison with the 2026 Budget. Jon Fox seconded the motion and the motion carried.

2. 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 $1,440 for OPSE. It was noted that OPSE has moved offices and has not cashed the latest checks.
   - Invoices paid for Allied Universal patrols totaled $31,175.33.
   - Wendy Laker moved to approve the checks and the motion was seconded by Al Williams. The motion was approved by all board members.
   - Sudie Joint presented an additional check for camera installation expenses for $2,158.94 that was not on the transaction list. Wendy Laker moved to approve the check and the motion was seconded by Corbett Scott. 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 July 31, 2026.
   - On the Balance Sheet the checking account balance is $1,306,156.76.
   - On the Profit and Loss Sheet, the net income through July is $467,800.31.
   - The disputed millage amount as of 5/16/26 was reported to be $485,877.27.
   - It was noted that NOPD has not generated an invoice since May 16, 2026 and that expenses have been estimated for the period and entered into accounts payable.

c. Wendy Laker moved and Darby Shields seconded the motion to accept the July Financial reports. The motion passed.

3. BUDGET FOR 2027

The 2027 Budget was sent by Sudie Joint to all board members for review on Wednesday, August 19. The budget maintains the same projected income as the 2026 Budget but expenses were increased by $93,505. This results in lowering the Excess Revenue over Expenses projection to +$10.3K in the 2027 budget, down from +$103.8K in the original 2026 Budget. The actual 2026 Excess Revenue is now projected to be +28.7K.

The 2027 Budget increased the following major expenses over the 2026 Budget:

NOPD	+$68,000
OPSE	+$ 7,000
AUS	+$10,000
Camera Program	+$ 5,280
Legal	+$ 3,000

The budget was reduced $3000 for accounting and $4,500 for Newsletter/Outreach.

A resolution was presented that sets the parcel fees in 2027 which finance the MCSD. The fees are set within a range that was approved by the voters last year. The resolution included the 2027 budget. Bob Rivard made a motion to pass the resolution and accept the budget. The motion was seconded by Jon Fox and unanimously approved by the board.

4. ALLIED UNIVERSAL SECURITY SERVICES (AUS)
   - Allied Universal representative Santiago St. Clair emailed a detailed Monthly Activity Report to the Board Members on Thursday, August 20, 2026 at 2 pm which covered the period from July 21, 2026 to August 19, 2026. Mr. Santiago said that future reports will be sent out on the 15th of the month.
   - There were many calls received on the MCSD phone, mostly dealing with vagrants, which Mr. St. Clair says have been picking up. There were a few escort calls. One call was made following a car accident at Norman C Francis and Canal. The patrol officer went to the scene, called the police, and waited at the scene until they arrived.
   - It was noted in a number of patrol reports that the GPS tracking function was not working. The system was replaced but there is no explanation for the failure.

- Wendy Laker asked that she be put back on copy for text messages. She has recently stopped receiving them.
- Mr. St. Clair said they have begun drafting a statement of work as a basis of a long term agreement with MCSD. The Statement of Work would include supporting the escort services and the camera program.

5. SGT ALFRED RUSSELL CRIME REPORTS

a. Greg Morris, guest and crime camera program participant, asked about the homeless issue on Norman C. Francis Avenue. Sgt. Russell responded that the city is coordinating an effort with Homeless Assistance agencies, the police, and the Sanitation Department to clear the area. Sgt. Russell also commented on the drug issue in the Genois Street area where Greg Morris lives and mentioned that the police no longer have a vice squad or a special task force to target the problem.

b. Crime Reports
- Sgt Russell provided crime reports for each week in the last month and reviewed particular incidents of note.
- There were two armed robberies on August 15 with the same M.O. in which people were robbed getting out of their car. One robbery was on Bienville.
- During the period from July 18 through August 15, there were 10 auto thefts, and 11 property thefts. There were 17 Shopliftings reported which keeps the total count the same as last year's pace.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Task Force App
- The new app 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 provided a summary of the Camera Committee Activity. Cameras are operating at 935 Picheloup and 537 Genois Street. Two other sites have been contacted of the 5 sites agreed on by the committee.
- New requests for installations have been received on the MCSD website which the committee will review.
- Next steps are to set up the Alert Criteria at the locations and work with AUS patrols to ensure that they receive the alerts and are able to act on them.

c. Private Patrol Committee – Corbett Scott provided a report on the AUS interface. His report noted that the next steps include receiving the camera alerts, determining if MCSD needs to provide a mobile device, and updating a contract agreement.

d. Vehicle Committee – All vehicles are operational.

e. Outreach Committee – Social media stats will be provided at the next meeting.

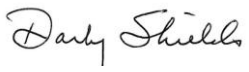
7. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS
   a. A retreat for all board members has been mentioned. The purpose would be to review the MCSD operation, define objectives, and suggest improvements. The state ethics committee has been contacted to clarify the requirements for such a meeting involving a state agency board, such as MCSD. It appears that with a quorum, the meeting would be considered an open meeting to which the public needs to be notified and invited.
   b. Wendy Laker made a motion that there will be no meeting held in September. The motion was seconded by Bob Rivard. The motion passed with a vote of 5 aye and 1 nay. The next board meeting will be on October 15, 2026.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS
Craig Morris' comments were included in Section 5. Sgt Russell's Crime Reports

9. 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 15th day of October, 2026.



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Darby Shields, Secretary