



## Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Monday 30 March 2026

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**Commissioners Present:** David Bilbe, Glade Bilby, Christine Bondio, Steve Caputo, Jane Cooper, Joey DiFatta, Alex Fein, Mamie Gasperecz, Sue Klein, Christian Pendleton

**Commissioners Absent:** Heidi Raines, Frank Zumbo

**Executive Director:** Michelle Courseault

**Coordinator:** Shelby Ursu

**Guests:** Erin Holmes, Sayde Finkel, JD Carrere, Jessica Dietz, Sharonda Williams, Justin Brown, Chris Lsang, Linda Gallagher, Tim Laughlin, Sophie Kasakove, Alex Dunkinberger, Ellie Rand, Cpt. Sam Palumbo, NOPD Superintendent Anne Kirkpatrick, Sonni Mun, Winston Fiore, Jenna Losh, Alex Jaouicue, Josh Rosenberg, M. Jade Kaiser, Edith Romero, Matthew Nelson, Jen Goma, Tay Giarnella, Osa Adm, Anisah Sahibul, Maddie Charleston, Reggie Ford, Robert Simms, Steven Queyrouze

- I. **CALL TO ORDER: ROLL CALL: INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES** – Chair Ms. Bondio called the French Quarter Management District (FQMD) March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026 regular meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Ms. Klein called the roll.
  
- II. **BOARD CHAIR COMMENTS & GUEST INTRODUCTIONS** – Ms. Bondio  
Ms. Bondio welcomed the Commissioners and guests. She reminded the Board to complete their conflict of interest form and to return them to Ms. Ursu and Ms. Klein for recordkeeping, if they have not already done so. Ms. Bondio noted that, due to the full agenda this afternoon, the review of the FQMD Project Manager’s report will be deferred to the April Board meeting.  
  
Sharonda Williams, FQMD’s legal counsel, stated that she is leaving law practice and will no longer be representing the FQMD. She noted that she has drafted a Request for Qualifications with Ms. Courseault for selecting new legal counsel. Ms. Williams thanked the Commissioners, stating that it has been a pleasure working with the FQMD over the years. The Board of Commissioners thanked Ms. Williams for her hard work, dedication, and support.
  
- III. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – The Public Comment Policy can be found at <https://www.fqmd.org/publiccomment-policy>. Written public comment may be submitted electronically via email to [publiccomments@fqmd.org](mailto:publiccomments@fqmd.org).

*All submitted written and verbal public comments were in regard to agenda item number 4, the NOPD 8<sup>th</sup> District Drone Program, and are listed under the corresponding agenda item. All submitted public comments are attached following the meeting minutes.*

IV. DISCUSSION – NOPD 8th DISTRICT DRONE PROGRAM, Presented by Captain Sam Palumbo

Public comment was received regarding the proposed funding of an additional drone for the NOPD 8th District’s Drone Program. All timely submitted public comments are included in the meeting record as **Annex I**. The Board received input reflecting a range of perspectives related to public safety, operational use, and community considerations. Ms. Klein shared resident feedback indicating support for the Drone Program.

A presentation was provided by NOPD regarding the scope of the request, including operational parameters, funding structure, and intended use of the equipment. Clarifications were provided regarding deployment protocols, applicable limitations, and program oversight. It was noted that, if approved, the request would require a budget amendment to the 2026 French Quarter Economic Development District budget for City Council consideration.

Commissioners asked questions and discussed considerations related to the proposal prior to taking action.

V. MOTIONS

- a. FEBRUARY 2026 MEETING MINUTES – Mr. DiFatta motioned (**M1**) to “approve the February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 Board meeting minutes...”, Mr. Pendleton seconded the motion, and it was approved.
- b. FEBRUARY 2026 TREASURER’S REPORTS – Mr. Fein reviewed the February Treasurer’s report with the Commissioners, stating that financials are in good standing. Mr. Pendleton made a motion (**M2**) to “approve the February Treasurer’s report...”, seconded by Mr. DiFatta, and it was approved. **ANNEX II**.
- c. CONSIDER A MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A 2026 FRENCH QUARTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BUDGET AMENDMENT BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE NOPD 8<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT DRONE PROGRAM – Mr. Pendleton motioned (**M3**) to “recommend approval of the 2026 FQEDD budget amendment for the NOPD 8th District Drone Program”..., seconded by Mr. G. Bilby and it was approved. **ANNEX III**.
- d. CONSIDER A MOTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF 2025 BODY ARMOR UPGRADE FUNDS FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF A GOLF CART FOR THE UPPER QUARTER PATROL, WITH NOTIFICATION TO THE FRENCH QUARTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT CITY COUNCIL – The Board considered the use of previously approved 2025 Body Armor Upgrade funds for reimbursement of a golf cart for the Upper Quarter Patrol, with notification to the FQEDD City Council. The Board also discussed the potential development of an internal process for similar future budget adjustments. Mr. Caputo motioned (**M4**) to “approve the use of 2025 Body Armor Upgrade funds for reimbursement of a golf cart for the Upper Quarter Patrol, with notification to the FQEDD City Council...”, Mr. G. Bilby seconded the motion, and it was approved. **ANNEX IV**.
- e. CONSIDER A MOTION TO ADOPT THE REVISED FQMD PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY AS PRESENTED – The revised FQMD Public Comment Policy was presented, including updates to time limits and submission procedures. It was noted that the policy was reviewed for alignment with applicable legal

requirements. Mr. Fein motioned **(M5)** to “adopt the revised FQMD Public Comment Policy as presented...”, Mr. G. Bilby seconded the motion, and it was approved. **ANNEX V.**

f. **CONSIDER A MOTION TO ADOPT THE FQMD COMMISSIONER LIAISON POLICY AS PRESENTED** – The FQMD Board Liaison Policy was presented. Mr. G. Bilby motioned **(M6)** to “adopt the FQMD Board Liaison Policy as presented...”, Mr. DiFatta seconded the motion, and it was approved. **ANNEX VI.**

g. **MOTION TO APPROVE THE NOMINATION OF KC GUIDRY TO THE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE** – Mr. G. Bilby made a motion **(M7)** to “approve the nomination of KC Guidry to the Government Affairs Committee...”, seconded by Mr. Pendleton, and it was approved.

**VI. FRENCH QUARTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AGREEMENT MONITORS MEETING REPORT** – Ms. Bondio

Ms. Bondio provided an update on recent FQEDD Agreement Monitors discussions, including the NOPD 8th District Drone Program proposal and ongoing review of unhoused services recommendations, with KPIs under development. Updates were also provided regarding City coordination, including the FQEDD CAO liaison, Ms. Sayde Finkel, upcoming City Council reporting, and continued discussions related to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement. Ms. Finkle is coordinating with the French Quarter Task Force app vendor regarding next steps.

**VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Ms. Courseault provided the Executive Director’s update on organizational activities, including coordination with the City’s administration, engagement related to potential inclusion in the 2026–27 State appropriations, ongoing improvements to monthly data transparency, and coordination of the organization’s audit.

**VIII. FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT** – Mr. Fein

Mr. Fein reported that the Finance & Development Committee is continuing to work on streamlining the financial reports so that the information is easier to digest for all Committee and Board members. Ms. Bondio asked if anyone has recommendations for stats that they want to see reported on monthly, to send their requests to Mr. Fein and Ms. Courseault.

**IX. GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT** – Mr. G. Bilby

Mr. G. Bilby continues his engagement with the State legislature and the Save our Soul (SOS) coalition regarding the Armstrong Park and Municipal Auditorium rehabilitation. He also reported that Dr. Jim Richardson provided the final French Quarter Economic Impact Study and it will be reviewed by the Government Affairs Committee. A Board presentation will follow the Committee review.

**X. LIVABILITY COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT** – Ms. Gasperecz

Ms. Gasperecz provided an update on Livability Committee activities, including ongoing review of unhoused services recommendations, upcoming discussion of next phases of the street markings project, and development of KPIs for youth outreach services. A Committee resignation by Katie Koltoff was also noted.

**XI. SECURITY & ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT** – Mr. Pendleton

Mr. Pendleton provided an update on Security & Enforcement Committee activities, including a delay in finalizing the 2026 Work Plan pending completion of KPIs and prior Committee review of the NOPD Drone Program. Mr. Pendleton shared feedback indicating support for the Drone Program from members of the business community. Ongoing issues with the Task Force application and efforts to address and

expedite its functionality were discussed. Public communications related to the drone proposal were also noted.

MOTION – Mr. DiFatta motioned (**M8**) to “adjourn to Executive Session at 3:28 p.m. pursuant to R.S. 42:17 A. (3) to discuss the development of the course of action regarding security matters of the FQMD...”, seconded by Ms. Gasperez, and unanimously approved.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – LEGAL COUNSEL UPDATES

- a. Antoinette Kilma, et al. vs. The City of New Orleans et al. (Case#2025-00770)
- b. Amanda M. Comeaux vs. The City of New Orleans et al. (Docket #2025-01101)
- c. William DiMaio & Tracy DiMaio vs. Mott MacDonald, LLC et al (Case #2025-02935)
- Dauphin, Gerald, et al. vs. Mott MacDonald, LLC et al (NO#2025-04257)

RETURN TO OPEN MEETING MOTION TO RECONVENE: Mr. DiFatta motioned (**M9**) to “reconvene the March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026 FQMD Regular Board Meeting at 3:35 p.m. ....”, seconded by Ms. Gasperez, and approved.

*No action was taken in the FQMD Executive Session.*

XIII. NEW BUSINESS: To consider and take action upon any other matters that may properly come before the French Quarter Management District Board of Commissioners.

XIV. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: 27 April 2026 at the Historic New Orleans Collection

XV. ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Caputo motioned (**M10**) to “adjourn the March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Board of Commissioners meeting...”, Mr. DiFatta seconded the motion to unanimous approval, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Signed original available)  
Susan Klein, Secretary

- ANNEX I – Submitted public comments
- ANNEX II – February Treasurer’s report
- ANNEX III – NOPD 8<sup>th</sup> District Drone Program Proposal
- ANNEX IV – Upper Quarter Patrol Reimbursement Memorandum
- ANNEX V – Revised FQMD Public Comment Policy and Resolution
- ANNEX VI – FQMD Commissioner Liaison Policy Resolution

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**Date** Fri 3/27/2026 1:16 PM

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**Date** Mon 3/30/2026 11:15 AM  
**To** Shelby Ursu <coordinator@fqmd.org>

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**From** Michelle Courseault <executivedirector@fqmd.org>

**Date** Mon 3/30/2026 11:29 AM

**To** Shelby Ursu <coordinator@fqmd.org>

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**No Drones!**

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**From** Michelle Courseault <executivedirector@fqmd.org>  
**Date** Mon 3/30/2026 11:28 AM  
**To** Shelby Ursu <coordinator@fqmd.org>

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**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2026 11:27 AM

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From jess pinkham <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Date Thu 3/26/2026 4:16 PM

To Michelle Courseault <executivedirector@fqmd.org>

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How many of you voting on this live in or even frequent the Quarter? And why is this circumventing City Council? Doesn't not letting citizens weigh in on city budgeting seem anti-democratic to you?

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From Jenna Losh <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Date Mon 3/30/2026 10:26 AM

To Michelle Courseault <executivedirector@fqmd.org>

FQMD Officer FQMD,

I do not want these things watching me whenever I'm strolling around the quarter. It's sick and weird and so much worse for anyone they might be dispatched against. No drones, period. They're tools of war used by for-profit warlords to surveil people in occupied territory. It's disgusting there and just embarrassing we'd even consider inviting it here. Don't hate your city!! Help your city!! I am reaching out to demand that the proposed FQMD/NOPD \$740,000 police drone program item be pulled from any agenda, including the March 30th FQMD Board of Commissioners meeting agenda, and NOPD, FQMD, and city council further commits to voting NO on any "Drone as First Responder" or similar drone-policing proposal.

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Exijo que se proteja a Nueva Orleans de las peligrosas tecnologías de vigilancia que ponen en riesgo nuestras libertades civiles, nuestra privacidad, nuestra libertad de expresión y nuestros medios de vida. Les insto a comprometerse a retirar de la agenda cualquier punto relacionado con programas de drones policiales y a votar en CONTRA de cualquier iniciativa de vigilancia policial mediante drones.

Gracias,

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**From** Jen Goma <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

**Date** Mon 3/30/2026 12:51 PM

**To** Michelle Courseault <executivedirector@fqmd.org>

FQMD Officer FQMD,

I don't consent to police drones in the French Quarter. It feels like an absolute violation of our civil liberties. The proposition doesn't make me feel safer, it actively makes me feel unsafe.

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Thank you,

/// ESPAÑOL

Me dirijo a ustedes para exigir que el punto propuesto en la agenda sobre el programa de drones policiales de FQMD/NOPD, valorado en 740.000 dólares, sea retirado de cualquier orden del día —incluida la agenda de la reunión de la Junta de Comisionados de FQMD del 30 de marzo—; asimismo, exijo que el NOPD, el FQMD y el Concejo Municipal se comprometan formalmente a votar en CONTRA de cualquier propuesta de "Drones como Primeros Intervinientes" o cualquier iniciativa similar de vigilancia policial mediante drones.

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**From** Michelle Courseault <executivedirector@fqmd.org>  
**Date** Mon 3/30/2026 11:24 AM  
**To** Shelby Ursu <coordinator@fqmd.org>

Thank You,

Michelle Courseault  
Executive Director  
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**From:** Jade K <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2026 12:12 PM

**To:** Michelle Courseault <executivedirector@fqmd.org>

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**FW: Drones and surveillance kill community**

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**From** FQMD Chair <chair@fqmd.org>  
**Date** Tue 3/24/2026 5:52 PM  
**To** Michelle Courseault <executivedirector@fqmd.org>

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**From:** Maggie Mahoney <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2026 9:09 AM  
**To:** FQMD Chair <chair@fqmd.org>  
**Subject:** Drones and surveillance kill community

FQMD Chair FQMD,

I am, and I know that most new orleans communities are against the FQMD/NOPD \$740,000 police drone program and city council members must commit to voting NO on any "Drone as First Responder" or similar drone-policing proposal.

This is not only a bad investment when our programs to support communities and underlying social and economic causes of crimes have been severely impacted by budget cuts. This is not technology that benefits people, and we have already experienced the grave errors of facial recognition. We are not guinea pigs and our leaders must protect the communities they represent by pulling any agenda item regarding drone programs and voting NO on any drone-policing program.

Thank you,  
Maggie Mahoney

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**From** FQMD Chair <chair@fqmd.org>  
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**To** Michelle Courseault <executivedirector@fqmd.org>

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**From:** Stuart Hurt <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2026 11:11 AM  
**To:** FQMD Chair <chair@fqmd.org>  
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Thank you,

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**From** FQMD Chair <chair@fqmd.org>  
**Date** Tue 3/24/2026 5:54 PM  
**To** Michelle Courseault <executivedirector@fqmd.org>

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**From:** Katina Petrou <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 21, 2026 1:27 PM  
**To:** FQMD Chair <chair@fqmd.org>  
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**Date** Tue 3/24/2026 5:56 PM

**To** Michelle Courseault <executivedirector@fqmd.org>

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**From:** Christopher Berntsen <Chris@chrisberntsen.com>

**Sent:** Saturday, March 21, 2026 1:34 PM

**To:** FQMD Chair <chair@fqmd.org>

**Subject:** PLEASE NO POLICE DRONES IN OUR CITY: NO TO THE FQMD/NOPD \$740,000 DRONE PROGRAM

FQMD Chair FQMD,

I am a resident of the city of New Orleans and I am writing you to express my concern about the direction the city is heading regarding surveillance. I'm asking you to consider efforts to add drones and surveillance that is being funded by a group of business owners rather than by a majority of citizens of the city. We have seen how surveillance data can be easily used for punitive purposes beyond even the ones that this program or any other high tech program of surveillance can be used for and misused for. I love this city, I have been vesting my heart and souls in this place through community efforts such as building and fundraising and even weekly cleaning up of New Orleans' first and only public skatepark named Paradise Skatepark on Paris Avenue. I want to believe this city recognizes that it's the workers, residents, and people power that make New Orleans so unique and that invasive municipal efforts to surveil its residents will hurt the city psychically and in its long term reputation as a welcoming place that prioritizes the experience and rather than a tech-carceral approach to crime reduction.

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Thank you,

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**To** Michelle Courseault <executivedirector@fqmd.org>

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**From:** Susan Sakash <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** FQMD Chair <chair@fqmd.org>  
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FQMD Chair FQMD,

I am vehemently opposed to the proposed FQMD/NOPD \$740,000 police drone program item and request that it be pulled from any agenda, including the March 23rd FQMD Finance and Development meeting agenda, I also request that NOPD, FQMD, and city council commits to voting NO on any "Drone as First Responder" or similar drone-policing proposal. Why amidst a budget crisis are we talking about a major investment in technology that will harm residents? Especially technology created by a state that is actively being investigated for war crimes and genocide? Why are all of your agencies aligning with such draconian genocidal technology?

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**To** Michelle Courseault <executivedirector@fqmd.org>

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**From:** Xaymara Rivera <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To** Michelle Courseault <executivedirector@fqmd.org>

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**To** Michelle Courseault <executivedirector@fqmd.org>

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**From:** Sydney Cooke <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 22, 2026 6:21 PM  
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**Date** Tue 3/24/2026 6:05 PM  
**To** Michelle Courseault <executivedirector@fqmd.org>

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**From:** Piper Zuke <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
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**From** FQMD Chair <chair@fqmd.org>  
**Date** Tue 3/24/2026 6:06 PM  
**To** Michelle Courseault <executivedirector@fqmd.org>

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**From:** Sam Bass <sam@artcamp504.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2026 11:26 AM  
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**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2026 2:38 PM  
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City Council members,

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**FW: Your police drone project is a terrible idea**

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**Date** Tue 3/24/2026 6:08 PM  
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FQMD Chair FQMD,

As someone who loves to visit New Orleans, I can say with certainty I will not be visiting your city if drones are being used to surveil people without their consent. What a dystopian idea!

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**To** Michelle Courseault <executivedirector@fqmd.org>

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**From:** Saiya Miller <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2026 1:22 PM  
**To:** FQMD Chair <chair@fqmd.org>  
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Date Thu 3/26/2026 11:15 AM

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## Drone Program

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Date Mon 3/30/2026 12:19 PM

To Michelle Courseault <executivedirector@fqmd.org>

Hello,

My name is Emily Walsh, 4222 Freret St. I am begging you not to pass this drone proposal. If you're not worried about dangerous AI facial recognition because you're white, and therefore significantly less likely to be misidentified as a crime suspect, let me remind you of Angela Lipps. Angela is a WHITE 50 year old grandmother from Tennessee who was wrongly arrested at gunpoint, in front of her grandkids, after AI facial recognition erroneously linked her to a crime in North Dakota. Because she was classified as a fugitive, she was held without bail for over FOUR MONTHS before her case was dismissed, when she finally had her day in court and was able to prove she was in Tennessee, not North Dakota, during the alleged crime. By this time, she had lost her home, her car, and her dog. She was left stranded in Fargo in the middle of winter, with only her summer clothes, and local defense attorneys and non-profits had to assist her with food, shelter, and travel home. A single algorithmic match can have life-altering consequences. Yes, brown and black people are about 10x more likely to be affected, but you are NOT safe because you're white.

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Thanks,  
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**To** Shelby Ursu <coordinator@fqmd.org>

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From Elizabeth LeCorgne <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Date Thu 3/26/2026 10:50 AM

To Michelle Courseault <executivedirector@fqmd.org>

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**Date** Sat 3/21/2026 4:06 PM

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**PLEASE NO POLICE DRONES IN OUR CITY: NO TO THE FQMD/NOPD \$740,000 DRONE PROGRAM**

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**From** Christopher Berntsen <Chris@chrisberntsen.com>  
via email.actionnetwork.org

**Date** Sat 3/21/2026 1:34 PM

**To** Michelle Courseault <executivedirector@fqmd.org>

FQMD Officer FQMD,

I am a resident of the city of New Orleans and I am writing you to express my concern about the direction the city is heading regarding surveillance. I'm asking you to consider efforts to add drones and surveillance that is being funded by a group of business owners rather than by a majority of citizens of the city. We have seen how surveillance data can be easily used for punitive purposes beyond even the ones that this program or any other high tech program of surveillance can be used for and misused for. I love this city, I have been vesting my heart and souls in this place through community efforts such as building and fundraising and even weekly cleaning up of New Orleans' first and only public skatepark named Parisite Skatepark on Paris Avenue. I want to believe this city recognizes that it's the workers, residents, and people power that make New Orleans so unique and that invasive municipal efforts to surveil its residents will hurt the city psychically and in its long term reputation as a welcoming place that prioritizes the experience and rather than a tech-carceral approach to crime reduction.

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**From** Chris Dier <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

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**Date** Sun 3/22/2026 8:57 PM

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**From** Caroline Sindere <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

**Date** Thu 3/26/2026 10:59 AM

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From Carey Lamprecht <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Date Sun 3/29/2026 12:02 PM

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**From** calang@ucsc.edu <calang@ucsc.edu>  
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**Date** Mon 3/23/2026 8:24 AM

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**From** Caitlin Christian-Lamb <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

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From Brenna Landis <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Date Thu 3/26/2026 1:29 PM

To Michelle Courseault <executivedirector@fqmd.org>

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**From** Azad Safavi <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

**Date** Sun 3/29/2026 11:05 AM

**To** Michelle Courseault <executivedirector@fqmd.org>

FQMD Officer FQMD,

I work in the French Quarter every day, and i am outraged at the idea that the city would spend any money on police drones when the streets are still torn apart! Frankly, there isn't a problem that needs solving here. The french quarter is a safe place. I'd rather money was spent on things that would make it smell better, like better public sanitation.

The last thing we need is obnoxious and dangerous drones flying around! If I call 911 I want an actual officer to come handle the situation! What a terrible idea.

Thank you,  
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**From** Avery Smith <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

**Date** Mon 3/30/2026 10:39 AM

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**From** Anya Klepacki <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Date** Sun 3/22/2026 2:58 PM  
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**From** Anna Mahaffey <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

**Date** Wed 3/18/2026 8:01 AM

**To** Michelle Courseault <executivedirector@fqmd.org>

FQMD Officer FQMD,

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From Anisah Sahibul <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Date Sun 3/29/2026 10:41 AM

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**From** Andrea Monterosso <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

**Date** Sun 3/22/2026 9:36 PM

**To** Michelle Courseault <executivedirector@fqmd.org>

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**From** Andie Marczewski <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

**Date** Thu 3/19/2026 11:29 AM

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Date Sun 3/29/2026 10:28 AM

To Michelle Courseault <executivedirector@fqmd.org>

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Thank you,

/// ESPAÑOL

Me dirijo a ustedes para exigir que el punto propuesto en la agenda sobre el programa de drones policiales de FQMD/NOPD, valorado en 740.000 dólares, sea retirado de cualquier orden del día —incluida la agenda de la reunión de la Junta de Comisionados de FQMD del 30 de marzo—; asimismo, exijo que el NOPD, el FQMD y el Concejo Municipal se comprometan formalmente a votar en CONTRA de cualquier propuesta de "Drones como Primeros Intervinientes" o cualquier iniciativa similar de vigilancia policial mediante drones.

Los drones policiales constituyen una peligrosa tecnología de vigilancia, tristemente célebre por su uso en la comisión de violaciones de los derechos humanos en contextos de guerra y por sus características invasivas de grado militar, tales como sensores térmicos y transmisiones de

video en alta definición en tiempo real. Organizaciones como la Electronic Frontier Foundation han concluido que los drones representan un grave peligro para nuestra privacidad y nuestras libertades civiles. Ya existen casos documentados del uso de drones para ejercer violencia contra inmigrantes y para vigilar a manifestantes; de aprobarse, este programa del DHS no haría más que poner a disposición del ICE, la CBP y otras agencias del gobierno federal nuevas y peligrosas armas que utilizarían para vulnerar nuestros derechos más fundamentales: la privacidad y la libertad de expresión.

Además, los drones policiales y las tecnologías de vigilancia peligrosas representan una pésima inversión para una ciudad que ya se enfrenta a un déficit presupuestario. No deseo que Nueva Orleans quede atada a un programa de gran envergadura que desviará recursos y atención de las verdaderas soluciones para la seguridad de la comunidad.

Según el informe *\*Police Violence\** de 2025, "la policía desplegó drones o robots contra al menos 37 personas a las que posteriormente dieron muerte en el año 2025", creando así una peligrosa correlación entre el despliegue de drones y las muertes perpetradas por agentes del Estado. Como visitante, turista o trabajador en el Barrio Francés, me siento menos seguro —y percibo que mis libertades civiles y mi privacidad corren peligro— ante la posibilidad de que la policía local despliegue drones de vigilancia a demanda.

Tal como hemos observado anteriormente con programas como el de las escuelas chárter, Nueva Orleans ha servido a menudo como campo de pruebas para iniciativas que desvían recursos de nuestras comunidades y despojan de poder a nuestros sectores más vulnerables; sabemos que, de aprobarse, este programa sería replicado en el resto de la ciudad y en todo el país.

Exijo que se proteja a Nueva Orleans de las peligrosas tecnologías de vigilancia que ponen en riesgo nuestras libertades civiles, nuestra privacidad, nuestra libertad de expresión y nuestros medios de vida. Les insto a comprometerse a retirar de la agenda cualquier punto relacionado con programas de drones policiales y a votar en CONTRA de cualquier iniciativa de vigilancia policial mediante drones.

Gracias,

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**NO POLICE DRONES IN OUR CITY: NO TO THE FQMD/NOPD \$740,000 DRONE PROGRAM**

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**From** Aliya Quinlan <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

**Date** Wed 3/18/2026 7:24 PM

**To** Michelle Courseault <executivedirector@fqmd.org>

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**3/30 - Meeting Public Comment**

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**From** Alex Jaouiche <ajaouiche@gmail.com>

**Date** Sun 3/29/2026 11:15 PM

**To** Michelle Courseault <executivedirector@fqmd.org>

**Name:** Alex Jaouiche

**Address:** 915 N Rocheblave St, New Orleans

I am not being paid for my comment.

**Against:** Agenda item c - NOPD Drone Program

I am against this agenda item. As someone who has worked, lived, and experienced sexual and physical assault in the French Quarter - I do not want a drone program. The FQMD was able to raise half a million private dollars for safety. Imagine if that money was used to fix the 4 playgrounds in the FQ with deadly lead levels instead. If your vision of safety requires putting all of us under surveillance, I don't want it.

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**NO POLICE DRONES IN OUR CITY: NO TO THE FQMD/NOPD \$740,000 DRONE PROGRAM**

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**From** Abigail Nixon <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

**Date** Sat 3/21/2026 1:41 PM

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**From** Aaron Zagory <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

**Date** Mon 3/23/2026 6:13 AM

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# Treasurer's Report

French Quarter Management District  
For the period ended February 28, 2026

Prepared on  
**March 9, 2026**

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# Balance Sheet

As of February 28, 2026

		Total
	As of Feb 28, 2026	As of Jan 31, 2026 (PP)
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Bank Accounts</b>		
Appropriations	79,100.77	79,442.90
FQMA	47,719.28	55,221.97
FQMD general operating account	158,490.24	178,250.82
FQMD Patrol	463,046.75	350,514.80
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>748,357.04</b>	<b>663,430.49</b>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>		
Contract Receivable	682,794.55	601,317.72
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>682,794.55</b>	<b>601,317.72</b>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>		
Prepaid Expenses	30,861.91	37,235.14
Undeposited Funds	2,000.00	2,000.00
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>32,861.91</b>	<b>39,235.14</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>1,464,013.50</b>	<b>1,303,983.35</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$1,464,013.50</b>	<b>\$1,303,983.35</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
<b>Accounts Payable</b>		
Accounts Payable (A/P)	268,988.75	198,847.33
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<b>268,988.75</b>	<b>198,847.33</b>
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>		
Accrued payroll & payroll related	0.00	0.00
Retirement	1,331.48	447.32
<b>Total Accrued payroll &amp; payroll related</b>	<b>1,331.48</b>	<b>447.32</b>
CEA Membership Dues	66,143.49	66,143.49
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>67,474.97</b>	<b>66,590.81</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>336,463.72</b>	<b>265,438.14</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>336,463.72</b>	<b>265,438.14</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Retained Earnings	369,218.06	369,218.06
Net Income	758,331.72	669,327.15
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>1,127,549.78</b>	<b>1,038,545.21</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$1,464,013.50</b>	<b>\$1,303,983.35</b>

# A/R Aging Summary

As of February 28, 2026

	Current	1 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	91 and over	Total
City of New Orleans	14,272.00	54,522.55				68,794.55
Herman-Grima Gallier Historic Houses		2,000.00				2,000.00
New Orleans & Co		300,000.00	300,000.00			600,000.00
Nous Foundation*		2,000.00				2,000.00
Preservation Hall Foundation		4,000.00				4,000.00
The Louisiana State Museum (FQMA)		4,000.00				4,000.00
The Ursuline Convent Museum		2,000.00				2,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,272.00</b>	<b>\$368,522.55</b>	<b>\$300,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$682,794.55</b>

## Notes:

Highlighted reflect FQMA, Accounting Consult rebuilding system so these are removed in the future.

# A/P Aging Summary

As of February 28, 2026

	Current	1 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	91 and over	Total
ASE Services, LLC			71,169.20	54,342.00		125,511.20
Bankcard Center	79.34	734.52				813.86
Bankcard Center (0499)	1,506.29	931.82				2,438.11
Front Row Center, LLC		4,900.00				4,900.00
Glass Half Full	8,043.70					8,043.70
James A. Richardson		65,000.00				65,000.00
John Wyatte Foard, LLC		3,425.58				3,425.58
MaintainX	65.04					65.04
New B'Urban Planning LLC		2,400.00				2,400.00
Omni IT Solutions LLC		433.80				433.80
Public Safety Services Corp Expansion		8,410.18				8,410.18
Public Safety Services Corporation		47,547.28				47,547.28
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,694.37</b>	<b>\$133,783.18</b>	<b>\$71,169.20</b>	<b>\$54,342.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$268,988.75</b>

# Profit and Loss

February 2026

	<b>Total</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
Admin. Fees	14,272.00
Contract Revenue	300,000.00
Interest Income	1,311.06
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>315,583.06</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT 315,583.06</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Conference & Meeting Expenses	
Conferences and meetings	323.94
Parking	55.98
Travel	542.38
<b>Total Conference &amp; Meeting Expenses</b>	<b>922.30</b>
Operations Expenses	
Bank Charges & Fees	10.00
Insurance	6,940.41
Interest Paid	72.09
Office Supplies & Software	2,540.71
Rent	2,600.00
Utilities	
Mobile Data Charges (Telephone)	319.89
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>319.89</b>
<b>Total Operations Expenses</b>	<b>12,483.10</b>
Payroll Expenses	3,274.99
Employee Benefits	1,915.95
Payroll	11,461.43
Processing Fees	266.00
Taxes	1,153.35
Worker's Compensation	81.18
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>18,152.90</b>
Professional Fees	
Advertising / Marketing	4,913.07
Consultants	65,000.00
Program / Project Manager	2,400.00
Website	65.20
<b>Total Professional Fees</b>	<b>72,378.27</b>
Services Rendered / Programming	
Patrol Expenses - UQP/E	
Mobile Data Charges	490.22
Police Patrols	100,668.00
Security Administration	13,440.00

	<b>Total</b>
<b>Total Patrol Expenses - UQP/E</b>	<b>114,598.22</b>
Quality of Life	
GHF Recycling	8,043.70
<b>Total Quality of Life</b>	<b>8,043.70</b>
<b>Total Services Rendered / Programming</b>	<b>122,641.92</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>226,578.49</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>89,004.57</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$89,004.57</b>

# Profit and Loss

January - February, 2026

	<b>Total</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
Admin. Fees	143,794.55
Contract Revenue	1,092,702.07
FQMA Fiscal Agent Fee	1,676.06
Interest Income	2,254.65
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,240,427.33</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	
	<b>1,240,427.33</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Conference & Meeting Expenses	
Conferences and meetings	323.94
Parking	103.58
Travel	542.38
<b>Total Conference &amp; Meeting Expenses</b>	<b>969.90</b>
Operations Expenses	
Bank Charges & Fees	55.00
Insurance	10,648.44
Interest Paid	143.80
Office Supplies & Software	5,167.74
Rent	5,200.00
Utilities	
Mobile Data Charges (Telephone)	535.97
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>535.97</b>
<b>Total Operations Expenses</b>	<b>21,750.95</b>
Payroll Expenses	3,274.99
Employee Benefits	3,613.48
Payroll	26,371.71
Processing Fees	372.00
Taxes	2,511.57
Worker's Compensation	154.49
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>36,298.24</b>
Professional Fees	
Accounting Fees	3,145.00
Advertising / Marketing	10,024.21
Consultants	65,000.00
Program / Project Manager	7,375.00
Website	130.40
<b>Total Professional Fees</b>	<b>85,674.61</b>
Services Rendered / Programming	
Patrol Expenses - UQP/E	
Mobile Data Charges	949.91

	<b>Total</b>
Police Patrols	206,372.98
Security Administration	26,880.00
<b>Total Patrol Expenses - UQP/E</b>	<b>234,202.89</b>
Public Safety	9,592.42
Traffic/Ped Safety	77,519.20
<b>Total Public Safety</b>	<b>87,111.62</b>
Quality of Life	
GHF Recycling	16,087.40
<b>Total Quality of Life</b>	<b>16,087.40</b>
<b>Total Services Rendered / Programming</b>	<b>337,401.91</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>482,095.61</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>758,331.72</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$758,331.72</b>

# French Quarter Management District

## Budget vs. Actuals: Budget\_FY26\_P&L - FY26 P&L

January - February, 2026

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
<b>Income</b>				
Admin. Fees	143,794.55	300,000.00	-156,205.45	47.93 %
Contract Revenue	492,702.07	2,458,500.00	-1,965,797.93	20.04 %
FQMA Fiscal Agent Fee	1,676.06	2,000.00	-323.94	83.80 %
Interest Income	2,254.65	50,957.10	-48,702.45	4.42 %
Membership Dues *FQMA*	-14,000.00		-14,000.00	
Sales	-68,794.55		-68,794.55	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$557,632.78</b>	<b>\$2,811,457.10</b>	<b>\$ -2,253,824.32</b>	<b>19.83 %</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$557,632.78</b>	<b>\$2,811,457.10</b>	<b>\$ -2,253,824.32</b>	<b>19.83 %</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Admin Fee *FQMA*	0.00		0.00	
<b>Conference &amp; Meeting Expenses</b>				
Conferences and meetings	72.24	15,000.00	-14,927.76	0.48 %
Parking	114.73	1,000.00	-885.27	11.47 %
Travel	407.91	5,800.00	-5,392.09	7.03 %
<b>Total Conference &amp; Meeting Expenses</b>	<b>594.88</b>	<b>21,800.00</b>	<b>-21,205.12</b>	<b>2.73 %</b>
<b>Operations Expenses</b>				
Bank Charges & Fees	65.00	200.00	-135.00	32.50 %
Insurance	7,416.06	44,441.00	-37,024.94	16.69 %
Interest Paid	153.62		153.62	
Memberships		3,000.00	-3,000.00	
Office Supplies & Software	5,065.62	32,000.00	-26,934.38	15.83 %
Rent	5,200.00	31,200.00	-26,000.00	16.67 %
Utilities		3,000.85	-3,000.85	
Mobile Data Charges (Telephone)	545.90	8,060.00	-7,514.10	6.77 %
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>545.90</b>	<b>11,060.85</b>	<b>-10,514.95</b>	<b>4.94 %</b>
<b>Total Operations Expenses</b>	<b>18,446.20</b>	<b>121,901.85</b>	<b>-103,455.65</b>	<b>15.13 %</b>
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>				
Payroll Expenses	3,274.99		3,274.99	
Employee Benefits	3,613.48	19,660.00	-16,046.52	18.38 %
Payroll	26,371.71	287,000.00	-260,628.29	9.19 %
Processing Fees	372.00	1,312.00	-940.00	28.35 %
Taxes	2,511.57	13,961.25	-11,449.68	17.99 %
Worker's Compensation	154.49	1,722.00	-1,567.51	8.97 %
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>36,298.24</b>	<b>323,655.25</b>	<b>-287,357.01</b>	<b>11.22 %</b>
<b>Professional Fees</b>				
Accounting Fees	2,788.00	41,500.00	-38,712.00	6.72 %
Advertising / Marketing	5,165.61	61,600.00	-56,434.39	8.39 %
Audit Fees		25,000.00	-25,000.00	
Consultants		7,500.00	-7,500.00	
Legal Fees		20,000.00	-20,000.00	
Program / Project Manager	6,925.00		6,925.00	
Website	130.40	5,000.00	-4,869.60	2.61 %

# French Quarter Management District

## Budget vs. Actuals: Budget\_FY26\_P&L - FY26 P&L

January - February, 2026

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
<b>Total Professional Fees</b>	<b>15,009.01</b>	<b>160,600.00</b>	<b>-145,590.99</b>	<b>9.35 %</b>
Services Rendered / Programming				
Patrol Expenses - UQP/E		1,865,000.00	-1,865,000.00	
Mobile Data Charges	459.69		459.69	
Police Patrols	160,827.69		160,827.69	
Security Administration	20,160.00		20,160.00	
<b>Total Patrol Expenses - UQP/E</b>	<b>181,447.38</b>	<b>1,865,000.00</b>	<b>-1,683,552.62</b>	<b>9.73 %</b>
Public Safety	9,592.42	110,000.00	-100,407.58	8.72 %
Traffic/Ped Safety	22,225.00		22,225.00	
<b>Total Public Safety</b>	<b>31,817.42</b>	<b>110,000.00</b>	<b>-78,182.58</b>	<b>28.92 %</b>
Quality of Life				
Bourbon Street Holiday Lights		50,000.00	-50,000.00	
GHF Recycling	8,043.70	158,500.00	-150,456.30	5.07 %
<b>Total Quality of Life</b>	<b>8,043.70</b>	<b>208,500.00</b>	<b>-200,456.30</b>	<b>3.86 %</b>
<b>Total Services Rendered / Programming</b>	<b>221,308.50</b>	<b>2,183,500.00</b>	<b>-1,962,191.50</b>	<b>10.14 %</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$291,656.83</b>	<b>\$2,811,457.10</b>	<b>\$ -2,519,800.27</b>	<b>10.37 %</b>
NET OPERATING INCOME	<b>\$265,975.95</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$265,975.95</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
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**Decision Required:**

**Approve or**  **Deny**

**Specific Ask:**

**Does FQMD vote to approve or deny 2026 FQEDD budget amendment for the NOPD FQ Drone technology update for \$250,000?**

**Top 3 Key Points:**

• Context –

- NOPD currently utilizes drones program approved by City Council 3 years ago, this is a technology upgrade to allow for launch from a docking station
- Approximately ~11,000+ calls annually in the French Quarter with staffing constraints
- NOPD managing ~11,000+ calls annually in the French Quarter with staffing constraints
- Physical environment (density, narrow streets, major events) delays response times

• Impact –

- Drone arrives in under 2 minutes, often before ground units
- Real-time visibility improves response decisions, EMS access, and officer safety
- Acts as a force multiplier for limited staffing

• Constraints –

- \$250K cost (eligible for phased funding)
- Requires City Council budget amendment
- Public perception and privacy considerations

• Key Considerations –

- Risk: Privacy / perception
- Cost: \$250K
- Timeline: ~6 months to deployment

**Discussion:**

**Are there any clarifying questions on the proposal before discussion?**

**Subject Matter Expert:** Captain Sam Palumbo, available for technical / operational questions.

**Reference Materials:**

Drones proposal included in meeting packet

# Memorandum

**To:** Michelle Courseault, Executive Director, French Quarter Management District  
Christine Bondio, Board Chair, French Quarter Management District  
Alex Fein, Treasurer, French Quarter Management District

**From:** Deputy Constable Matthew Pincus, Public Services Safety Corporation

**Date:** March 05, 2026

**Subject:** Reallocation of Funds – Upper Quarter Patrol Equipment

This memorandum is to advise that the funding previously allocated for the purchase of body armor for deputies assigned to the Upper Quarter Patrol (UQP) has instead been used to purchase a patrol golf cart.

Due to the immediate operational need for additional law enforcement vehicles to support patrol activities in the French Quarter, it was determined that acquiring a golf cart would provide greater immediate benefit to the deputies assigned to the patrol. The additional vehicle will assist deputies in covering the patrol area more efficiently and responding more quickly to calls for service.

Additionally, the originally anticipated need for body armor was no longer present, making the reallocation of those funds appropriate and operationally justified.

Please consider this memorandum as formal notification of the expenditure adjustment. Should you have any questions or require additional information, I would be happy to provide further details.

Respectfully,

Deputy Constable Matthew Pincus  
Public Services Safety Corporation



## PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY (PROPOSED REVISION)

### I. Purpose

The French Quarter Management District (“FQMD”) values public participation and encourages community input at its public meetings. This policy is adopted in accordance with Louisiana Open Meetings Law (La. R.S. 42:11–28) to ensure public comment is conducted in a fair, orderly, and efficient manner.

### II. Applicability

This policy applies to all meetings of the FQMD Board of Commissioners and its committees, unless otherwise required by law.

### III. Methods of Public Comment

#### A. In-Person Comment

Individuals may provide comment during designated public comment periods and must follow all meeting procedures as directed by the Chair.

#### B. Written Comment

Written comments may be submitted via the designated FQMD public comment email or other officially designated method. Written comments must:

- Be received no later than three (3) hours prior to the scheduled start time of the meeting to be included in the official record for that meeting; and
- Include the name and address of the submitter; and
- Include agenda date and agenda item number to which public comment relates.

### IV. Single Method of Comment

Each individual may provide either written comment or in-person comment on a given agenda item.

If an individual submits both written and in-person public comment, the Chair shall determine which method will be recognized for purposes of the meeting. Any duplicate submission may be included in the record but will not be read aloud.

### V. Time Limits and Speaker Management

- Individual speakers shall be limited to two (2) minutes per agenda item, unless otherwise adjusted by the Chair.
- Public comment on any single agenda item or topic shall be limited to a maximum of one (1) hour total, unless extended at the discretion of the Chair.



PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY  
(PROPOSED REVISION)

The Chair shall:

- Close public comment once the allotted time has expired. The Chair has the discretion to extend the public comment period if it is determined that more information is required for FQMD's full consideration.

#### VI. Order and Decorum

To maintain a productive meeting environment:

- Comments must be directed to the Board as a whole;
- Comments should be respectful, civil, and relevant to agenda items;
- Comment should not include profanity, threats, or disruptive behavior;
- Disruptive, threatening, or unlawful conduct is prohibited;
- The Chair may rule comments out of order or terminate a speaker's time for failure to comply with this policy.

#### VII. Written Comments – Reading into the Record

Written comments received in accordance with this policy shall be included in the official meeting record. The Chair or designee may read written comments aloud during the meeting.

Duplicate / Form Comments:

When multiple written comments are identical in content:

- The comment may be read aloud once in full;
- The names of all submitters may be read into the record; and
- All submissions shall be retained in full as part of the official record.

#### VIII. Public Record

All written comments accepted under this policy shall be maintained as part of the official public record in accordance with Louisiana Public Records Law.

#### IX. Chair Authority

The Chair (or presiding officer) shall have authority to enforce this policy, maintain order, and interpret these provisions consistent with applicable law.

#### X. Policy Review and Amendment

This policy may be amended by the Board of Commissioners as necessary to ensure compliance with applicable law and best practices.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
FRENCH QUARTER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT -  
ADOPTION OF REVISED PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY**

Board of  
Commissioners

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French Quarter  
Business League*

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Louisiana  
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Association, Inc.*

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French Quarter  
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Vieux Carre  
Commission*

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New Orleans &  
Company*

*Sue Klein,  
N. Rampart Main  
Street, Inc..*

**WHEREAS**, the French Quarter Management District ("FQMD") conducts its meetings in accordance with the Louisiana Open Meetings Law (La. R.S. 42:11–28);

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners has reviewed a revised Public Comment Policy, developed in consultation with legal counsel, to ensure public comment is received in a fair, orderly, and efficient manner;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Revised Public Comment Policy, as presented, to govern public comment procedures for all meetings of the French Quarter Management District;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this policy supersedes all prior versions and shall remain in effect unless amended by future Board action;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chair and Executive Director are authorized to implement and administer this policy in accordance with applicable law.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.

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Christine Bondio, FQMD Board Chair

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Sue Klein, FQMD Board Secretary

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
FRENCH QUARTER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT -  
ADOPTION OF COMMISSIONER LIAISON POLICY**

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**WHEREAS**, the French Quarter Management District ("FQMD") executes its programs and projects under the direction of the Executive Director in alignment with its statutory mission and Board-approved priorities;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners recognizes the value of clear communication and alignment between project implementation and Board awareness;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that each FQMD project shall include an identified Commissioner to serve as a Board Liaison, supporting communication and alignment with the Board regarding the project's goals and scope;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board Liaison shall serve in a collaborative and advisory capacity, maintaining communication with staff, staying informed on project progress, and assisting in communicating project updates to the Board; for projects within a committee's scope, the Board Liaison shall coordinate with the applicable Committee Chair, while project execution and coordination remain the responsibility of the Executive Director and staff.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.

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Christine Bondio, FQMD Board Chair

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Sue Klein, FQMD Board Secretary