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My comments are not directed at all of the board members.

This meeting marks the five year anniversary of the creation of this board as result of Levee Board Reform. Allow me to review some of the reformed board's many accomplishments:

We went from levee commissioners under the pre-reform board, who because they weren't engineers couldn't properly review Corps levee work, to commissioners on this reformed board who, because they <u>are</u> engineers <u>could</u> review the work, but won't because they refuse to.

You gave the citizens of New Orleans the inferior option 1 flood protection system by granting the right of entry for the option supported only by the Corp, instead of the superior option 2 that received support from virtually everyone else.

You made bitter enemies of homeowners along levees by attempting to steal their land, forcing them into a long and costly legal battle to protect their property, a battle that never should have happened. You discredited yourself with the state legislature when your lobbyist and representatives lied to them about the existence of long standing servitudes; and you antagonized the non-flood board by granting right of entry to your friends at the Corps on the non-flood board's property.

Wasteful spending, abusive travel expenses, ignoring laws that regulate the hiring of former state employees, disregarding open meetings law, twisting the use of executive session in order to conceal the truth-litigation or not, blaming your lawyers for your own wrong decisions then digging in, rather than acting to correct them. Two minutes is not enough to describe the results of the reform that brought us out of the pan and into the fire.

One levee board? Maybe, but definitely not this one.