

**LAKEFRONT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
FULL BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025 – 5:30 P.M.**

**6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70126**

PRESENT: Commissioner Anthony Richard (Chair)
Commissioner Carlos Williams (Vice-Chair)
Commissioner Howard Rodgers (Secretary)
Commissioner Stan Brien
Commissioner Philip Clinton
Commissioner Stanley Cohn
Commissioner Brian Egana
Commissioner Wilma Heaton
Commissioner Terry Scott

ABSENT: Commissioner Esmond Carr
Commissioner Robert Drouant
Commissioner Adonis Exposé
Commissioner Monika Gerhart
Commissioner Jennifer Herbert
Commissioner Randolph Odinet
Commissioner Sandra Thomas

STAFF: Louis Capo – Executive Director
Vanessa McKee – Assistant to the Executive Director
Bruce Martin – Director of Aviation
Laith Alshamaileh – Director of Operations and Engineering
Richard Huddle - Harbormaster
Kel Brownfield – HR Director
Kristin Clinard – Finance
Sandie McCarthy-Brown – Grants

**ALSO
PRESENT:** Gerry Metzger – LMA Counsel
Jeff Dye – LMA Counsel
Al Pappalardo – Real Estate Consultant
Cynthia Nicolosi
Chaz McGee – Garver
Craig Spindal
Andrew Kuryluk – USCG
Wayde and Jill Dubroe – Felix's
Matt Yacavone – Resident
Wilhelm – Resident
Jill Gautreaux – Blue Crab

Nick Asprodites – Blue Crab
Michael Hauck – Blue Crab
Paula Felton – Blue Crab
Barbara Walker – Resident
Keith Walker – Resident
John Riulme
Debbi Harris
Mike Sherman
Jordan Brimmer – Schubert's
Scoot – WWL Radio Show

The regular monthly Full Board meeting of the Lakefront Management Authority was held on Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 5:30 pm at the Lakefront Terminal Building, 2nd Floor Conference Center, 6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70126 after due notice of the meeting was sent to each board member, the news media, and posted.

- I. Called to Order at 5:30pm**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance by Chair Richard**
- III. Roll Called by Mr. Capo. (9) members present for a quorum.**
- IV. Opening Comments – Chair Richard thanked everyone in attendance.**
- V. Motion to Adopt Agenda
A motion to adjourn was offered by Commissioner Rodgers and seconded by Commissioner Williams.**

Hearing no questions or comments Chair Richard called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

- VI. Motion to Approve Minutes
1) **Regular Board Meeting – October 23, 2025****

A motion to adjourn was offered by Commissioner Cohn and seconded by Commissioner Egana.

Hearing no questions or comments Chair Richard called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

VII. Public Comments - Limited to (2) Minutes - None

VIII. New Business

- 1. Motion to approve of the DOTD Grant H.016566 Runway Incursion Mitigation Grant in the sum of \$17,945.00**

A motion to adjourn was offered by Commissioner Heaton and seconded by Commissioner Egana.

Commissioner Heaton stated that this item was vetted in the Airport Committee.

Hearing no questions or comments Chair Richard called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

- 2. Motion to approve the DOTD Grant H.016539 Taxiway Bravo Rehabilitation in the sum of \$215,450.00**

A motion to adjourn was offered by Commissioner Heaton and seconded by Commissioner Egana.

Hearing no questions or comments Chair Richard called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

- 3. Motion to approve an amendment to the contract with Del Sol Consulting, Inc. for Disaster Recovery Management Services in support of FEMA Projects for damage caused by Hurricanes Ida and Zeta to extend the term of the contract for one year through November 16, 2026, with an annual budget of \$100,000.00, which fees are eligible for reimbursement by FEMA.**

A motion to adjourn was offered by Commissioner Egana and seconded by Commissioner Rodgers.

Commissioner Egana stated that this was vetted in the Finance Committee.

Hearing no questions or comments Chair Richard called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

4. Motion to approve the purchase of vehicles from the Southeast Flood Protection Authority.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Commissioner Cohn and seconded by Commissioner Scott

Mr. Capo gave a detailed list of the vehicles to be purchased from Flood at a cost of \$65,000. The purchase went to Flood's board earlier today for a approval of the sale by CEA.

Hearing no questions or comments Chair Richard called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

5. Motion to approve the amendment of the lease with Tides, L.L.C., doing business as Felix's Restaurant and Oyster Bar, to expand the permitted uses of the leased premises to include the secondary uses of Live Entertainment and Outdoor Live Entertainment, subject to compliance with the City of New Orleans Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance as it exists or may be amended in the future..

A motion to adjourn was offered by Commissioner Cohn and seconded by Commissioner Rodgers.

Public Comments:

Andrew Kurlie: commented that he was in favor of the music at Blue Crab and Felix.

Debbie Harris: supports music at Blue Crab and Felix.

Craig Spendell: commented on his support for music at Blue Crab and Felix.

Scoot w/WWL Radio Show: commented on his support for music at Blue Crab and Felix.

Commissioner Heaton stated that there was a robust conversation at the Joint Recreation and Commercial Real Estate Committee meeting. It was unanimous to recommend the lease amendment.

Hearing no questions or comments Chair Richard called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

- 6. Motion to approve the amendment of the lease with Lakeview Landings, L.L.C., doing business as The Blue Crab, to expand the permitted uses of the leased premises to include the secondary uses of Live Entertainment and Outdoor Live Entertainment, subject to compliance with the City of New Orleans Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance as it exists or may be amended in the future.**

A motion to adjourn was offered by Commissioner Heaton and seconded by Commissioner Rodgers.

Hearing no questions or comments Chair Richard called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

- 7. Motion to approve rental rates of \$100.00 per meeting for group meetings and of \$150.00 per hour for special events to rent the Upper Hall in the Lake Vista Community Center.**

A motion to adjourn was offered by Commissioner Heaton and seconded by Commissioner Rodgers.

Hearing no questions or comments Chair Richard called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

IX. Director's Report

Mr. Capo reported the following:

- Going to State Court tomorrow on the Tax Accessors tax bill. Attorneys Jeff Dye and James Carter will be representing us. Commissioners are invited to come if available.

X. Committee Reports

Airport Committee – Chair Heaton: thanked the board and staff for their hard work on the items that were approved tonight. She handed out and talked to board about the FEMA Non-Compliance white paper and possible next actions.

Marina Committee – Chair Clinton: DEFERRED

Recreation Committee - Chair Thomas

Commercial Real Estate – Chair Rodgers: we had a joint committee meeting with Recreation committee and discussed the Felix and Blue Crab which passed in this evenings meeting.

Legal Committee – Chair Drouant: DEFERRED

Finance Committee – Chair Egana

Chair Richard announced the next meeting and called for adjournment.

XI. Announcement of the next Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, December 18, 2025, at 5:30 PM

Commissioner Scott informed the board that, as a fund raising mechanism, he reached out to City Park and Audubon Park about the process to purchasing a bench.

Mr. Capo added that Commissioner Odinet works for City Park we can discuss this with him. We are also in need of funds to add play areas back on the lake.

XII. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was offered by **Commissioner Egana** and seconded by **Commissioner Cohn**.

Hearing no further questions or comments, Chair Richard called for a vote. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:11pm.