

LaBIC Cargo Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2015
Alexandria, Louisiana
11:30am – 12:30pm

Members in attendance:

1. Michael Tarantino
2. Benjy Rayburn (representing Mike Strain)
3. Sheba Person-Whitley

Absent members:

1. Brad Terral
2. Gary LaGrange
3. John Fay
4. Joel Chaisson (resigned effective Aug. 1, 2015)
5. Dominik Knoll
6. Sandy Sanders

Due to attendance, there wasn't quorum for the subcommittee meeting.

Sheba Person Whitley, Senior International Trade Manager, International Commerce Division briefly introduced herself. Mrs. Whitley gave an overview of her visits made to 3 of the 6 deep draft ports. She informed the group of the type of data and research being examined thus far including an analysis of: commodities, countries of origin, and companies currently using the 6 deep draft ports. She also mentioned that there is competitive analysis being conducted on the Ports of Mobile and Gulfport.

Mike Tarantino expressed concern that the work focuses on only the deep draft ports, would like to see the scope expanded in the future to include airports and shallow draft ports.

Sheba Person Whitley reiterated that the priority is to focus on what is outlined in the Master Plan.