



Jeff Landry
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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
LOUISIANA PORTS & WATERWAYS INVESTMENT COMMISSION

Marc Hebert
Chairman

Julia Fisher-Cormier
Vice-Chair

LOUISIANA PORTS & WATERWAYS INVESTMENT COMMISSION

October 10th, 2024; 2:00 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order

Marc Hebert, Chairman of the Louisiana Ports & Waterways Investment Commission, called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

Attendance

All members of the commission were present.

Oath of Office

Brett Robinson, Deputy Executive Counsel in the Office of the Governor, administered the oath of office for all commission members.

Bylaws

The commission voted unanimously to approve the bylaws.

Rules

The commission voted unanimously to approve the rules.

Opening Remarks

Chairman Hebert thanked everyone for their time and participation in the commission. He then opened the floor for opening remarks for commission members. Sen. Connick, Rep. Wright, Commissioner Fisher-Cormier, and Secretary Bourgeois all spoke briefly about the commission's importance and how it can help align the state's port and economic development interests.

Task Forces & Working Groups

Chairman Hebert announced the chair and vice-chair of each task force and working group. The task forces and working groups are as follows: Deep Draft Ports chaired by Ricky Self of Lake Charles, Coastal and Inland Ports chaired by Ben Russo of Central Louisiana, Funding for Deep Water Ports chaired by Rep. Mark Wright, Offshore Oil and Gas Ports chaired by Chett Chiasson of Fourchon, Rural and Agriculture Ports chaired by Greg Richardson of Columbia, International Trade and Cargo Movements chaired by Kristi App of JW Allen & Co, and the Task Force on Navigation and Safety chaired by Toby Wattigney of the NOBRA pilots.

Funding

Chairman Hebert spoke about the work of the Funding for Deep Water Ports Working Group and how the commission hopes to have a funding mechanism to present to the Legislature for the 2025 Regular Session.

Gap Sensors

Toby Wattigney of the NOBRA pilots and Mac Wade of Morgan City spoke about working with the NOAA to get Air Gap Systems and potential ways the state may help with the costs.

Upcoming Meetings

Chairman Hebert notified everyone that the Louisiana Ports and Waterways Investment Commission's next meeting will be on November 12th, 2024, at 2:00 PM.

Adjournment

Chairman Hebert thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 2:45 PM.



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Member Organization	Appointee/Designee	Present		
		Yes	No	Proxy
Chairman	Marc Hebert	X		
Vice-Chair, Office of Multimodal Commerce	Commissioner Julia Fisher-Cormier	X		
Louisiana Economic Development	Secretary Susan Bourgeois	X		
Louisiana State Senate	Senator Pat Connick	X		
Louisiana House of Representatives	Representative Mark Wright	X		
Port of South Louisiana	Paul Matthews	X		
Port Fourchon	Chett Chiasson	X		
Port of Iberia	Craig Romero	X		
Port of Morgan City	Raymond "Mac" Wade	X		
Central Louisiana Regional Port	Ben Russo	X		
Lake Providence Port Commission	Bryant Killen	X		
Louisiana Railroads Association	Carmack Blackmon	X		
Louisiana Motor Transport Association	Randy Guillot	X		
	Total Present	13		
	Quorum Achieved			