LAKEFRONT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
AIRPORT COMMITTEE MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026 –5:30 P.M

6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70126

PRESENT: Commissioner Anthony Richard – Chair
Commissioner Howard Rodgers – Secretary
Commissioner Stan Brien
Commissioner Philip Clinton
Commissioner Stanley Cohn
Commissioner Robert Drouant
Commissioner Brian Egana
Commissioner Monika Gerhart (Arrived at 5:16 pm)
Commissioner Wilma Heaton
Commissioner Randy Odinet
Commissioner Terry Scott
Commissioner Sandra Thomas (Arrived at 5:40 pm)

ABSENT: Commissioner Esmond Carr
Commissioner Adonis Exposé
Commissioner Jennifer Herbert
Commissioner Carlos Williams

STAFF: Louis Capo – Executive Director
Vanessa McKee – Assistant to the Executive Director
Bruce Martin – Director of Aviation
Laith Alshamaileh – Director of Operations and Engineering
Mike Sciavicco - Harbormaster
Kristin Clinard – Finance Manager
Kel Brownfield – HR Director

ALSO PRESENT: Gerry Metzger – LMA Counsel
David Halpern – Counsel for Blur Crab Restaurant
Mike Shermin – Counsel for Felix's Restaurant

The regular monthly Airport Committee meeting of the Lakefront Management Authority was held on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 5:32PM 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 5:32 PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance led by Chair Richard

III. Roll Called by Mr. Capo (10) members present quorum established.

IV. Opening Comments – Chair Richard thanked everyone in attendance for their time.

V. Motion to Adopt Agenda

A motion was offered by Commissioner Rodgers and seconded by Commissioner Drouant.

Chair Richard called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

VI. Public Comments - Limited to (2) Minutes – NONE

VII. New Business

1. **Motion to approve Change Order No. 001 for the contract with Smith Construction Co. for the Bastian Mitchell Hangar Interior Repairs Project for additional work not included in the scope of work for the Project, for the price and sum of $33,134.00 and to extend the substantial completion date of the Project for an additional forty-six (46) days.**

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

Commissioner Heaton stated that this motion was vetted and recommended favorably by the Airport committee.

Chair Richard called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

2. **Motion to approve a contract with Roof Technologies, Inc. for a price and sum not-to-exceed $2,709,681.00.00 for the Moffett Hangar Roof, Deck and Door Repair Project.**

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

Mr. Capo stated that we have not received any word from the underwriters.

After further discussion, Commissioner Heaton offered a motion to defer.

commissioner Cohn seconded the motion to defer to next month.

Chair Richard called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion to defer passed.

3. **Motion to approve entering into On-Airport Memorandum of Agreement, No.697DCM-26-L-00120, with the United States of America, acting by and through the Federal Aviation Administration, to grant certain land rights to the Federal Aviation Administration to operate and maintain facilities in support of operations at the New Orleans lakefront Airport.**

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

Chair Richard called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

4. **Motion to approve a lease with Metro Studio, L.L.C. for Suites 6501 and 6511 in the Lake Vista Community Center, for a term of two years commencing on March 1, 2026, for an annual rent of $45,612.00, payable in monthly installments of $3,801.00, and under the standard terms and conditions for leases of office suites in the Lake Vista Community Center.**

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

Chair Richard called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

5. **Motion to approve a Federal Sub-Award and Grant Agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, by and through the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, in the amount of $22,500.00, for 75% of the costs of the South Shore Harbor Marina Pump Out System Project.**

A motion was offered by Commissioner Clinton and seconded by Commissioner Rodgers.

Chair Richard called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

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A motion was offered by Commissioner Clinton and seconded by Commissioner Heaton.

Chair Richard called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

7. **Motion to authorize the granting of a pipeline right-of-way in Sections 7,10, 24, and 25, Township 19 South, Range 16 East in Plaquemines Parish to Crescent Midstream, L.L.C. subject to agreed upon terms, conditions, and payments.**

A motion was offered by Commissioner Rodgers and seconded by Commissioner Brien.

Mr. Capo informed the board that this will generate approximately $170,000 in favor of the LMA. He reminded the board of the Memorandum of Understanding between the LMA and SELFPA for us to control and negotiate Bohemia Spillway business.

Mr. Dye recommended that the LMA include a sunset date.

Commissioner Heaton offered a motion to add a sunset clause to this motion and **Commissioner Clinton seconded the motion.**

Chair Richard called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Chair Richard called for a motion as amended.

Chair Heaton Offered a motion as amended and Commissioner Egana seconded the motion to accept as amended.

Chair Richard called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion to accept the motion as amended was passed.

8. **Motion to accept and approve the award by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development 2025 Transportation Alternative Program Grant, in the amount of $392,343.00, for the New Basin Canal Park Trail Extension, Phase VI Project.**

A motion was offered by Commissioner Rodgers and seconded by Commissioner Drouant.

Mr. Capo informed the board that this grant is a 80/20 split. He said he met with Freddie Yoda who agreed to pay the engineering costs and also LMA's 20% by way of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA). They will also negotiate with the contractor to fix the broken sidewalk.

Commissioner Heaton suggested that LMA staff reach out to RPC for funding assistance on any additional repairs.

Chair Richard called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Commissioner Thomas arrived at 5:40 pm.

9. **Motion to rescind Resolution VIII-05-11202025 approving 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 was offered by Commissioner Rodgers and seconded by Commissioner Egana.

Commissioner Heaton suggested deferring this motion to next month.

Mike Shermin commented the on behalf of his client, Felix Resraurant, he was opposed to paying the 15% rent increase before they received the permit from the City of New Orleans.

Mr. Davis Halpern commented on motion #10, that he concurred with Mr. Shermin in that his client, The Blue Crab, was also opposed to paying the 15% rent increase before they received the permit from the City of New Orleans.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Cohn and seconded by Commissioner Heaton to defer this motion to next month.

Chair Richard called for a vote. By a roll call vote of 7-Yeas and 4-Nays. The motion to defer passed.

Commissioner Odinet suggested that the restaurants pay all legal fees incurred.

10. **Motion to rescind Resolution VIII-06-11202025 approving 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 was offered by <u>Commissioner Rodgers</u> and seconded by <u>Commissioner Thomas.</u>

<u>Chair Richard</u> called for a vote. By a roll call vote of 7-Yeas and 4-Nays. The motion to defer passed.

VIII. <u>Director's Report – No report</u>

IX. <u>Committee Reports</u>

Airport Committee – Chair Heaton – No report
Marina Committee – Chair Clinton – No report

Recreation Committee – Vice Chair Brien - there was amotion on the agenda that was approved tonight

Legal Committee – Chair Drouant Will be going into Executive Session after committee reports.

Commercial Real Estate Committee – Chair Rodgers we had motions #9 and 10 that were deferred and the pipeline motion was approved at tonight's meeting

Finance Committee – Chair Egana

<u>Mr. Metzger</u> stated, for the record, that all matters are pending and any open discussion would be detrimental to the case.

X. <u>Executive Sessions</u>

1) Executive Session — Status Report in the case of *Lakefront Management Authority v. J&J Partners, L.L.C.*, No. 2020-8075, Division "I-14", Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans.

A motion was offered by <u>Commissioner Heaton</u> and seconded by <u>Commissioner Rodgers.</u>

<u>Chair Richard</u> called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

2) Executive Session --- Status Report in the case of *Lakefront Management Authority v. AECOM, Inc. and URS Corporation*, No. 2023-12141, Division "F-14", Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans.

A motion was offered by <u>Commissioner Drouant</u> and seconded by <u>Commissioner Thomas.</u>

<u>Chair Richard</u> called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

3) Executive Session — Status Report in the case of Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority v. Lathan Company, Inc., No. 2014-6983, Division "G-11", Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans.

A motion was offered by <u>Commissioner Cohn</u> and seconded by <u>Commissioner Heaton.</u>

<u>Chair Richard</u> called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

4) Executive Session - Status Report in the case of Lakefront management Authority V. Erroll g. Williams, Assessor For The Parish Of Orleans, And Romy Schofield-Samuel, Chief Financial Officer And Ex-officio Tax Collector For The City Of New Orleans, Division "E", No. 2024-7548, Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans

A motion was offered by <u>Commissioner Drouant</u> and seconded by <u>Commissioner Thomas.</u>

<u>Chair Richard</u> called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

The board meeting entered into Executive Session at 6:50 pm.

A motion to exit the Executive Session at 7:16 pm was offered by <u>Commissioner Drouant</u> and seconded by <u>Commissioner Thomas</u>.

<u>Mr. Metzger</u> stated, for the record, that no action was taken during the executive session.

Chair Richard announced the next board meeting and called for adjournment.

XI. Announcement of the next Regular Board Meeting

1. **MARCH 26, 2026, at 5:30pm**

XII. Adjourn

A motion was offered by Commissioner Thomas and seconded by Commissioner Heaton.

Chair Richard called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.