

**MINUTES OF THE  
LAKEFRONT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
AIRPORT COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2021**

PRESENT: Chair Wilma Heaton  
Commissioner David Francis  
Commissioner Renee Lapeyrolerie  
Commissioner Pat Meadowcroft

ABSENT: Vice Chair Thomas Fierke

STAFF: Louis Capó – Executive Director  
Daniel Hill – Director of Engineering and Operations  
Bruce Martin – Airport Director  
Madison Bonaventure – Assistant to the Executive Director/Board Secretary

ALSO  
PRESENT: Gerard Metzger – Legal Counsel to the LMA

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The Airport Committee of the Lakefront Management Authority met on Tuesday February 9, 2021 virtually via Zoom. The Committee met after notice was posted and sent to the public and media. The meeting was livestreamed via the Lakefront Management Authority's YouTube channel. All comments were accepted in writing up until the meeting start time pursuant to the agenda.

Chair Heaton called the meeting to order at 2:34 P.M., and Commissioner Lapeyrolerie led in the pledge of allegiance.

Louis Capó, Executive Director, called the roll, and a quorum was present.

**Opening Comments:**

Chair Heaton said she sent a letter and informational materials to Senator Cassidy's office to appeal for funding in the expected Federal Infrastructure Bill. She said she sent the materials to his office because the Senator had previously been supportive of Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – East (FPA) life safety projects and emergency preparedness endeavors.

**Motion to Adopt Agenda:**

A motion was offered by Commissioner Meadowcroft, seconded by Commissioner Francis, and was unanimously approved, to adopt the agenda.

**Motion to Approve the Minutes:**

A motion was offered by Commissioner Francis, seconded by Commissioner Lapeyrolerie, and was unanimously adopted, to approve the minutes of January 26, 2021.

**Public Comment:**

None

### **Airport Director's Report:**

Bruce Martin, Airport Director, said that the FPA had set up an appointment to begin surveying Airport property ahead of the proposed New Orleans Lakefront Airport Floodwall Project.

He said staff is continuing to advance the National Guard Sinkhole Repair Project and the 9-27 Runway Decommissioning Project. He said the ARFF team is also continuing their education with training.

He said that a few television producers have approached him about use of Airport facilities for filming.

He announced that the RFQ packages for the Master Services Agreement were due Friday February 19, 2021. He added that the Planning Agreement RFQ, to be issued in accordance with FAA and LaDOTD guidance, would be issued soon.

Director Capo added that he, Mr. Martin and Daniel Hill (Director of Engineering and Operations) would be discussing the hurricane damage at the Airport that was reimbursable through the FPA's insurance policy with FPA staff and their insurance agent. He explained that the LMA was unable to budget for damage of the magnitude caused by Hurricane Zeta due to its cash flow circumstances and limited revenue.

### **Old Business:**

#### **1) Update on Messina's at the Terminal and the Runway Café.**

Mr. Martin said that Airport staff along with Director Capo had met with Mr. Messina to discuss the reopening of his restaurant. He said Mr. Messina expressed that he did not think he would be able to afford to hire all the staff necessary to operate the restaurant during the COVID-19 restrictions.

Mr. Martin said that Mr. Messina seemed amenable to paying rent in Suite 121 where he had been storing furniture for atrium events, but they disagreed on whether back rent was owed.

Chair Heaton offered that the Legal Committee would review issues within the lease because staff and Mr. Messina appeared to not interpret terms the same way.

### **New Business:**

#### **1) Motion to recommend renewal of a one-year lease with Representative Candace Newell for Suite 143 inside the Terminal.**

A motion was offered by Commissioner Lapeyrolerie, seconded by Commissioner Meadowcroft, and all were in favor to recommend renewal of a one-year lease with Representative Candace Newell for Suite 143 inside the Terminal.

Chair Heaton explained that the Representative would be renewing her lease for her current unit for an additional year. She said that the lease is written to the state's requirements, and the rent was set at market rate.

#### **2) Discussion on the proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Airport Budgets.**

Director Capo explained that he had provided them with the Airport budget that had been prepared by staff so far. He explained that he spoke to the Chair of the Finance Committee, Commissioner Bruno, and determined that the Finance Committee would host a Special Finance Committee Meeting to discuss the proposed budgets on March 11, 2021 to review and make a recommendation to the Board.

He said that all Commissioners would receive a copy of the proposed budgets about a week before the Special Finance Committee Meeting, and Commissioners could set up appointments to discuss the budgets or attend the hearings for their areas of interest.

Commissioner Lapeyrolerie confirmed that no action was requested of the Committee regarding the budget. Director Capo and Chair Heaton confirmed no action was requested or required.

Chair Heaton stated that the Board would ultimately approve the overall Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget.

**Announcement of next Airport Committee Meeting:**

**1) Tuesday, March 16, 2021– 2:30 PM**

**Adjourn:**

Commissioner Francis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Meadowcroft seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 2:53 PM.