

LEGAL COMMITTEE AGENDA
Lakefront Management Authority
Thursday, April 20, 2023 – 2:30 P.M.
Lakefront Airport Terminal Building, 2nd Floor Conference Center
6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70126

PRESENT: Commissioner Robert Drouant – Chair
Commissioner Adonis Expose
Commissioner Carlos Williams

ABSENT: Commissioner Jennifer W. Herbert- Vice Chair
Commissioner Michelle White

STAFF: Louis Capo – Executive Director
Vanessa McKee – Assistant to the Executive Director
Adam Gulino – Director of Operations and Engineering

ALSO
PRESENT: Ed Renton
Nathan Phillips
Robert Raymond- Attorney

The Recreation Committee of the Lakefront Management Authority on Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 2:30 PM at 6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70126.

I. Call to Order

Chair Drouant called the meeting to order at 2:36 pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Drouant led the Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Mr. Capo called the roll. With (3a0 members present, a quorum was established.

IV. Opening Comments – Chair Drouant

Chair Drouant's opening comments included welcoming everyone to the meeting. He asked Mr. Capo to announce the Joint Meeting of Recreation/Legal/Commercial Real Estate on Ponchartrain Beach.

Mr. Capo announced that the Joint Meeting on Ponchartrain Beach will be held **at St. Pius X Church /Gym on Saturday, May 20, 2023, at 10:00 am.**

Chair Drouant added that it's a larger facility to hold the neighborhood residents with ample parking and it also has audio.

He also stated that he discussed with the neighborhood presidents and LMA staff and had established that Lake Terrace is a single-family home development that has incurred violations regarding residents who have bypassed the process of obtaining Letters of No Objection through the LMA prior to going through the permitting process at City Hall.

V. Motion to Adopt Agenda

A motion was offered by Chair Drouant; seconded by Commissioner Expose;

VI. Motion to Approve Minutes

- 1) **Joint Marina/Legal Committee Meeting – October 11, 2022**

A motion was offered by Chair Drouant; seconded by Commissioner Expose;

VII. Public Comments

Ed Renton explained the status of his lease of W-9 and Mr. Phillip's possession of the improvements.

Nathan Phillips gave his accounting of the status of the W-9 boathouse.

Robert Raymond, Attorney for Mr. Renton stated that he will actively be perusing his client's legal rights as the rightful lessee of the W-9 boathouse.

VIII. Legal Counsel's Update

Chair Drouant called for Mr. Dye to present his update.

Mr. Jeff Dye stated that Attorney Metzger submitted his monthly status report to the committee and staff. He, however, is still preparing his monthly status report for submission.

Mr. Dye went into detail regarding the cases that he is currently working on.

Commissioner White asked for clarification on Mr. Dye's use of the word 'closed' in reference to negotiations with Ponchartrain Beach.

Mr. Dye stated that the negotiating team presented a lease to the Ponchartrain Beach Foundation and the board and has not been able to reach an agreement. He further stated that any questions from the board would be answered but all other questions would be addressed during the public forum.

IX. New Business

- 1) Motion to recommend that the Board authorize the Executive Director and Legal Counsel to initiate litigation as needed to protect and to preserve pending Hurricane Ida insurance claims.

Mr. Dye briefed the committee that the LMA has outstanding insurance claims from H. Ida. Wind damage has (2) years to file any claims regarding wind damage. It also has (1) to file flood damage claims.

He discussed the claim that was filed and the current status of the claim

A motion was offered by Chair Drouant; seconded by Commissioner Expose.

X. Announcement of the next Legal Committee Meeting

- 1) Thursday, May 18, 2023 – 2:30 P.M.

Mr. Capo stated that there will be a presentation at today's Finance meeting to settle with Sewerage and Waterboard.

Mrs. McKee announced that the Tier 2.1 was due by May 15th.

XI. Adjourn

**Chair Drouant made a motion to adjourn; seconded by
Commissioner Expose at 3:14 PM.**