

**LAKEFRONT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
AIRPORT COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025 – 2:30 P.M**

**6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70126**

PRESENT: Commissioner Wilma Heaton – Chair
Commissioner Jennifer Herbert – Vice Chair
Commissioner Philip Clinton

ABSENT: Commissioner Brian Egana
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

The regular monthly Airport Committee meeting of the Lakefront Management Authority was held on Tuesday, January 15, 2025, at 2:37 PM 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 2:37 PM.**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Herbert.**
- III. Roll Called by Mr. Capo. (3) members present quorum established.**
- IV. Opening Comments – Chair Heaton thanked everyone in attendance.**

V. Motion to Adopt Agenda

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

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

VI. Public Comments - Limited to (2) Minutes –

Carlton Dufrechou commented that his group would like to remain tenants.

Mr. Capo said that he would like to arrange a meeting with Mr. Dufrechou next week for further discussion.

Chair Heaton suggested the meeting take place before the next board meeting.

VII. Airport Director's Report

Bruce Martin reported the following:

- Fuel sales exceeded 3 million gallons again in 2024.
- Fuel flowage is up post COVID. We are sure to be off to a great start this year with the Superbowl in January and Mardi Gras in March.
- He met with Representative Newell regarding the Fireman's Supplemental Pay. She is interested in partnering with Representative Hughes to author legislative bill for the upcoming legislative session.

SUPERBOWL LIX

- The FBO's are taking reservations now. 567 slots have been filled.
- We met with GNO INC. They will send volunteers here and other locations throughout the city. He took GNO Inc to the FBO's to meet management and discussed where the volunteer concentration should be.

- He showed campaign slides to be posted around the Airport.
- Mr. Martin showed the numbers at surrounding airports and compared MSY/KNEW. MSY numbers were higher because they will be utilizing space at the old airport location as well, giving them more space to house planes.
- Mr. Martin explained arrival and how the ramp boss will expedite taxi to the approved spot. No plane will be permitted to land without Prior Permission Request (PPR)
- Jake's Towing Service will be staged at the fire station to tow a plane off the runway if needed. They have a 70,000lb. towing capability with air bags as well.
- The tower is extending its hours past the 9pm normal time.
- We are approved for (2) TSA check points at each FBO.
- Customs will use their own facility due to international arrivals.
- GNO INC has a proposed traffic route.

Mr. Capo added that there will be (6) cameras installed along Lakeshore Drive.

Mr. Martin said our daily average is 236 flight arrivals. During Superbowl week the daily average will be approximately 456 - 476 daily.

Mr. Capo informed the committee that we received notice of a lawsuit against LMA and Capo regarding an ADA Non-Compliance issue.

Mr. Capo introduced Breal Hillery and Elania King as new staff in the Finance Department.

Chair Heaton announced the next meeting and called for adjournment.

VIII. Announcement of the next Airport Committee Meeting

- 1) **Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 2:30PM**

IX. Adjourn at 3:05 PM

Motion was offered by Commissioner Clinton and seconded by Commissioner Herbert.

Chair Heaton called for a vote. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 3:05 PM.