

**LAKEFRONT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
FULL BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025 – 5:30 P.M
6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70126**

PRESENT: Commissioner Anthony Richard – Chair
Commissioner Carlos Williams – Vice Chair
Commissioner Howard Rodgers - Secretary
Commissioner Stan Brien
Commissioner Stanley Cohn
Commissioner Adonis Exposé
Commissioner Monika Gerhart
Commissioner Wilma Heaton
Commissioner Jennifer Herbert
Commissioner Terry Scott
Commissioner Sandra Thomas

ABSENT: Commissioner Esmond Carr
Commissioner Philip Clinton
Commissioner Robert Drouant
Commissioner Brian Egana
Commissioner Randolph Odinet

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
Jeff Dye – LMA Legal Counsel
Bane Shepard – GM, Signature Aviation
Carlton Dufrechou – Partner, AirCover One

The regular monthly Airport Committee meeting of the Lakefront Management Authority was held on Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 5:30 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 5:30pm.**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance by Chair Richard**
- III. Roll Call – (11) members present for a quorum.**
- IV. Opening Comments – Chair Richard thanked staff, board and all in attendance.**

V. Motion to Adopt Agenda

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

Hearing no questions or comments, Chair Richard called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

VI. Public Comments – Limited to (2) Minutes – NO Public Comments

VII. New Business

- 1. Motion to approve an amendment of the Lease with the Unit Owners and Members of Air Cover 1 Condominium Association, Inc. to extend the term of the lease for an additional ten (10) years, commencing on July 1, 2024, with two (2) ten (10) year options to renew in consideration of payment of \$255,830.82 for the value of the improvements located on the leased premises, a Five (5%) Per Cent transfer fee on the sale of condominium hangar units, a rental payment of \$5,247.00, per annum, subject to Consumer Price Index adjustments every five years, and with all other terms and conditions of the Lease to remain in full force and effect.**

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

Commissioner Heaton stated that this negotiation has been in the making for a long time. She was thankful to staff and Air Cover 1 for their diligence in working out the details. She invited Mr. Dufrechou to come up and speak as representative of Air Cover One.

Mr. Carlton Dufrechou commented that the lakefront airport is home to Air Cover 1 and they are happy to stay.

Hearing no questions or comments, Chair Richard called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

2. Motion to approve a contract with Roofing Solutions LLC for the price and sum of \$192,700.00 for the Lake Vista Community Center Roof Replacement Project.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

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

Hearing no questions or comments, Chair Richard called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

3. Motion to approve a contract with Roof Technologies, Inc. for the price and sum of \$210,839.00 for the New Orleans Lakefront Airport Bastian Mitchell Hangar Roof Replacement Project.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

A motion was offered by **Commissioner Rodgers** and seconded by **Commissioner Heaton**.

Hearing no questions or comments, Chair Richard called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

4. Motion to approve the 2025 – 2026 Operational Budget and the 2025 – 2026 Capital Project's Budget.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

A motion was offered by **Commissioner Rodgers** and seconded by **Commissioner Williams**.

Commissioner Rodgers informed the board that the budget was vetted by the finance committee. We are looking to receive additional funds to the LAMP account.

Hearing no questions or comments, Chair Richard called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

A motion to enter into the executive session was offered by **Commissioner Rodgers** and seconded by **Commissioner Exposé** at 5:39pm.

Mr. Dye explained that the motion should be read onto the record before going into executive session.

VIII. Executive Session

- 1) **Executive Session — Status Report on 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 to exit the executive session was offered by **Commissioner Rodgers** and seconded by **Commissioner Exposé** at 6:06pm

Mr. Metzger explained that no action was taken in the executive session.

IX. Directors' Reports

Mr. Capo reported the following:

- Mr. Spears will have Brews Boils and Bubbles this Sunday
- Mr. Capo met with OLDPD who is concerned about and would provide additional safety enhancements for Easter Sunday (April 20th).
 - o 6 mounted NOPD officers
 - o Drones
 - o You will only be able to enter Lakeshore Dr. from the west end
 - o 2 EMS buses
 - o In car cameras and body cams

- LMA is adding additional dumpsters
- ARC/NOLA will do additional trash pick up
- Corvis will do a power wash

Commissioner Heaton asked if this information would be communicated to the public.

Commissioner Thomas agreed with Commissioner Heaton and added that she would publish it in her councilman's newsletter.

Mr. Capo added that this will be repeated again for Mother's Day.

He thanked the board for passing the budget as it needs to be submitted to Baton Rouge by April 1, 2025.

He also stated that he would be working with SELFPA to verify the Bohemia payments.

X. Committee Reports

Airport Committee – Chair Heaton: The roof replacements bids were not available for the Airport committee meeting for recommendation.

Marina Committee – Chair Clinton: *Deferred*

Recreation Committee – Chair Thomas: *Deferred*

Legal Committee – Chair Drouant:

Commercial Real Estate Committee – *Deferred*

Finance Committee – Chair Egana: Commissioner Rodgers said that they passed the action item on the agenda earlier this evening

Chair Richard stated that he understood not having committee meetings if there are no discussion or action items on the agenda but suggested that there be at least a quarterly meeting.

Commissioner Thomas let the board know that there was not one attendee at her Recreation committee meetings last year.

She also said that she received a call from a resident of Lake Oaks who wanted to put benches in Lake Oaks Park in honor of the first settlers of the neighborhood.

Chair Richard announced the next meeting and called for adjournment.

XI. Announcement of the next Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 5:30 pm

XII. Adjourn

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

Hearing no questions or comments, Chair Richard called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:27pm