

**LAKEFRONT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
LEGAL COMMITTEE MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2025 – 4:30PM**

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

PRESENT: Commissioner Robert Drouant – Chair
Commissioner Stan Cohn
Commissioner Adonis Exposé (Arrived at 4:34PM)
Commissioner Carlos Williams

ABSENT: Commissioner Jenniffer Herbert

STAFF: Louis Capo – Executive Director
Vanessa McKee – Assistant to the Executive Director
Laith Alshamaileh – Director of Operations and
Engineering
Kristin Clinard – Finance
Breal Hillery - Finance
Kel Brownfield – HR Director

ALSO

PRESENT: Gerry Metzger – LMA Counsel

The regular monthly Finance Committee meeting of the Lakefront Management Authority was held on Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 4:30 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 4:31 pm**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Williams**
- III. Roll Called by Mr. Capo. (4) members present for a quorum.**

IV. Opening Comments – Chair Drouant had no opening comments.

V. Motion to Adopt Agenda

A motion to adjourn was offered by Commissioner Cohn and seconded by Commissioner Williams.

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

VI. Public Comments - Limited to (2) Minutes – No Public Comment

Commissioner Adonis Exposé arrived at 4:34 PM

VII. Legal Counsel's Update

Mr. Gerry Metzger updated the committee on his ongoing case work as follows:

- 1. Discussed the status of the J&J Partner's case**
- 2. Signed four boathouse lease extensions this week**
- 3. Discussed Oceana's lease status that they agreed to a consent judgement to terminate the lease. Someone is interested in the Copeland's boat dock. There is no current interest on the Benson Dock.**
- 4. Working on permit requests for Felix's and Blue Crab restaurants with new information received during the Joint Recreation and Commercial Real Estate Committee meeting**
 - LMA to set up meeting with tenants, Felix's and Blue Crab**
 - Chair Thomas pushed for non-amplified music**
- 5. Signed (3) new leases with Flightline on Tuesday**
- 6. We have not seen any legal filings from the Phase II Taxiway Bravo lowest bidder who was reversed at a Special Airport**

Committee meeting held June 2025. They must file suit before the work begins regarding the unbalanced bid.

VIII. New Business

- 1. Motion to recommend approval of a policy to require the reimbursement of costs and expenses for legal services incurred by the Lakefront Management Authority in connection with requests for assistance from the Lakefront Management Authority with contracts and other legal matters.**

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

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

Chair Drouant announced the next Legal committee meeting and called for adjournment.

IX. Announcement of the next Legal Committee Meeting

- 1) Thursday September 18, 2025 – 2:30 P.M.**

X. Adjourn

A motion was offered by Commissioner Cohn and seconded by Commissioner Exposé

Hearing on questions or comments, Chair Drouant called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:57pm.