

**LAKEFRONT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
AIRPORT COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 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
Breal Hillery – Finance
Elaina King - Finance
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, September 16, 2025, at 2:35 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 2:35 PM.**
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Clinton.**
- III. **Roll Called by Mr. Capo (3) members present quorum established.**
- IV. **Opening Comments – Chair Heaton had no comments.**

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 – No public Comments

VII. Airport Director's Report

Bruce Martin reported the following:

- **Phase I of the Drainage Project**
 - 1 year behind schedule but coming to completion
 - Expecting a walk through on September 23rd with DOTD for substantial completion
- **Phase II of the Drainage Project**
 - Completed pours of 2,752 cubic yards of concrete
 - Still ongoing
 - Bruce Martin and Laith Al Shamaileh will be traveling to Florida to watch the testing of the pumps
 - The pumps will be painted and power coated then shipped to the Airport
- **Phase III of the Drainage Project**
 - M. R. Pittman has started mobilizing their equipment

Mr. Martin showed photos of the drainage pump pit.

- **Current Open Grants**
 - #39 Drainage (PH I)
 - #42 Drainage (PH I)
 - #43 PH II
 - #44 PH III (the platform, housing, generator, and pipe that goes out to the Lake)
 - #46 Bravo PH II (Grant Approved by FAA)

- #47 Hotspot 3/ Rim Design (Grant approved by FAA)
- **Mr. Martin** explained that we have in hand \$24 million in grant funding for the drainage project in addition to \$3 million in grant funding for Bravo. That would be a total of \$27.5 million in for improvements at the Airport. We have a good relationship with both the feds and State.
- **Tentative Grant Funding**
 - #48 Drainage PH IV (funds allotted for 2026)
 - #49 Drainage PH IV
 - #50 Rim Construction (FAA high priority)
- **Fuel Farm**
 - Sales average 725k gallons
 - Expect 3 million gallons at year end

Mr. Martin talked about how the fuel sales figures dropped as a result of H. Katrina. It has taken up to this year to get back to the pre-Kartina sales volume.

He talked about the much-needed upgrades needed at the fuel farm.

- Plans to allocate funds to the fuel farm
- Hired a new fuel terminal manager in March 2025. He has initiated several repairs/replacements since coming aboard.
- AV gas tank cleaning is an ongoing project. We clean one tank per year. The issue is that we don't have a way to hold fuel while the tank is cleaned. We may need to rent a skid tank to hold the fuel while the tank is cleaned.

Chair Heaton asked if the new grants person could assist with looking for grants through EPA.

Kel Brownfield stated that the new grants person starts on September 29th.

- AV Gas piping needs to be replaced due to rust.
- Fresh coat of paint
- Engineering for the automated tracking system.

- **ARRF**

- Fuel tanks housed at the fire station for firetruck use. They do a good job monitoring the usage.
- Completed quarterly inspections with FBO fuel trucks including the safety inspection with the fuel terminal manager.
- Responded to (3) calls for service this month
- Completed the following training
 - Airport Terrorism
 - Nav Aids
 - Part 139

Mr. Martin said the biggest need for ARRF is the Captain's Response Vehicle. The current truck has 83,000 miles.

- **Airport Operations Maintenance**

- Crack fill operations
- Painting on the airfield
 - WE have (2) maintenance personnel on the Airport staff. One maintenance person was sent to an FAA approved painting course. He can work around peak traffic. They refreshed the segmented circle replaced the wind socks. They also address things that happen inside the terminal.

Mr. Martin said he had a small staff but he was fortunate to have them aboard because they do the work of many.

VIII. New Business

1. **Motion to recommend approval of a lease with ARM Global Holdings, LLC for Suite 244 in the Terminal, for a primary term of one year, commencing on October 1, 2025, with three (3) one-year options to renew, for an annual rent during the primary term of the lease of \$20,460.00, plus a pro-rata pass through charge for utilities and insurance, and with the annual rent subject to a Consumer Price Index adjustment and the pass-through charge subject to adjustment during the option terms of the lease.**

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

Mr. Martin pointed out the location of the suite and introduced Mr. Reed.

Mr. Alexander Reed, introduced himself as the founder and CEO of AMR Global Holdings, LLC. He is a Marine Corp Veteran who plans to bring the same commitment focus and discipline to this community business, AMR is veteran owned aviation logistics firm headquartered in New Orleans. Their focus on government contracts, Air cargo, ISR ops, and advanced aviation training. He said he was excited to grow with Lakefront Airport because he saw the partnership as a help to both local economic development and national government support missions. He looked forward to being a part of the Lakefront Airport community and building something that honors his service background and the future of New Orleans Aviation.

Chair Heaton welcomed Mr. Reed to the committee meeting and explained that this committee was excited to recommend approval to the full board and next Thursday's meeting.

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

Mr. Martin let the committee know that Chris Hyer identified Mr. Reed's request for leasing space at the Terminal Building.

2. Motion to recommend approval of the New Orleans Lakefront Airport Capital Improvement Plan for 2026-2030.

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

Bruce Martin talked about the priorities for the Capital Improvement Programs. He pointed out that the FAA asked that they wanted to move Phase IV up to 2026. The main focus for the CIP remains with the drainage project.

Chair Heaton suggested that Mr. Martin revisit asking Entergy to assist with the lights.

Commissioner Clinton asked M. Martin to show and explain the hot spots on the airfield.

Mr. Martin presented a viewing of the airfield to give a visual of the difficulties the pilots were having trouble on the taxiway because they don't see the threshold or piano keys. He talked about the placement of wig wag lights and barricades. They figured that they would reconfigure Bravo so the pilots would have to make a 90-degree turn.

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

Chair Heaton announced the next meeting and called for adjournment.

Chair Heaton called for the representative from ICE.

Anthony Marino, Business Development representative for ICE (Infrastructure Consulting Engineers), introduced new employee, Lisa Smith who will be working with the Airport director..

IX. Announcement of the next Airport Committee Meeting

1) Tuesday, **October 14**, 2025, at 2:30 PM

X. Adjourn

A motion was offered by Commissioner Herbert and second by Commissioner Clinton. The meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.