

**LAKEFRONT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 29, 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 Stanley Cohn
Commissioner Robert Drouant
Commissioner Brian Egana
Commissioner Adonis Exposé
Commissioner Wilma Heaton
Commissioner Jennifer Herbert
Commissioner Randy Odinet
Commissioner Terry Scott
Commissioner Sandra Thomas
- ABSENT:** Commissioner Stan Brien
Commissioner Esmond Carr
Commissioner Philip Clinton
Commissioner Monika Gerhart
- STAFF:** Louis Capo – Executive Director
Vanessa McKee – Assistant to the Executive Director
Laith Alshamaileh – Director of Operations and Engineering
Mike Sciavicco - Harbormaster
Kel Brownfield – HR Director
Kristin Clinard – Finance Manager
- ALSO
PRESENT:** Gerry Metzger – LMA Counsel
Corey Lloyd – Of Counsel
Robert Senior, CFO – Boh Bros.
Cletus Junius – Junius Ship Shape
Christopher Handy, Attorney –Bradley, Murchison (Madden)
Scott Quiggley – Madden Gulf Coast
Mike Hudnall, VP -Asphalt – Boh Bros.
Blake Roberson, P.M. – Garver
Chaz McGee, P.M. - Garver

The regular monthly Special Board Meeting of the Lakefront Management Authority was held on Thursday, July 29, 2025, at 5:37 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. **Call to Order at 5:30 pm**
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance by Chair Richard**
- III. **Roll Called by Mr. Capo. (12) members present for a quorum.**
- IV. **Opening Comments – Chair Richard thanked all in attendance and called for a motion to adopt the agenda.**
- V. **Motion to Adopt Agenda**
A motion to adjourn was offered by Commissioner Drouant and seconded by Commissioner Thomas.

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 - NONE**

VII. **New Business**

- 1. **Motion to approve a contract with Madden Gulf Coast, LLC for the Phase Two Taxiway Bravo Remediation Project at the New Orleans Lakefront Airport, for the price and sum of \$1,698,471.00, conditioned on grant funding for the cost of the Project from the FAA and LADOTD.**

A motion to adjourn was offered by Commissioner Richard and seconded by Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Heaton explained to the board that this motion was heard in the Airport Committee meeting that was held at 4:30 pm today.

Commissioner Heaton recommended a substitute motion based on a unanimous decision at today's Airport committee meeting to award the contract to Boh Bros.

Mr. Dye read the substitute motion as follows:

Motion to approve a contract with Boh Bros Construction company LLC for the Phase Two Taxiway Bravo Remediation Project at the New Orleans Lakefront Airport, for the price and sum of \$2,179,150 conditioned on grant funding for the cost of the Project from the FAA and LADOTD.

Commissioner Herbert seconded the substitute motion.

Commissioner Heaton explained that this was a difficult decision. Relying on our professionals and after a close study and much discussion of the bids at the Airport committee meeting today. The engineers, consultants, and attorneys came back with a recommendation to accept the Boh Bros submission as the lowest bid. We felt that this was the best decision for the board and public.

Chair Richard asked the LMA attorney to clarify the imbalance claim and subsequent decision.

Atty. Dye explained that the engineer of record was Garver who received and reevaluated the bid protest filed by Boh Bros Construction, that Madden Gulf Coast's bid submission was unbalanced and deemed irregular under bid specifications laws. Garver came back to LMA and informed us that the claim was true and recommended that Boh Bros was the lowest responsive bidder. LMA and does not have the discretion to accept unbalanced bids.

Mr. Dye explained the meaning of the term 'unbalanced bids' and showed by line item what caused Madden's bid to be deemed unbalanced.

Commissioner Scott asked if we gave the company the opportunity to make corrections.

Mr. Dye explained that corrections are not permissible once a bid is submitted under public bid law nor does the LMA have the discretion to waive and accept irregular bids.

Commissioner Thomas called to question that both bids seemed unbalanced and could be deemed irregular and asked for example of the occurrence.

Attorney Dye pointed to Madden's bid at line items 6 and 7 to show where the bid became unbalanced. He further explained that he and Attorney Metzger both agreed with Garver's reevaluation and recommendation.

Chair Richard asked Garver to expound on their decision to change their recommendation after much further debate among the commissioners.

Blake Roberson, P.M. – Garver talked about the feasibility to do the work with the dollar amount quoted in the bid. He said many resources factor into what it would cost to do the job including historical bids, the market prices on material needed to name a few. In their opinion, it was not feasible to complete the work for \$1 per square yard.

Commissioner Scott also agreed with Commissioner Thomas that both bids seemed to be unbalanced. He felt that considering the fact that we are now considering paying Boh Bros. approximately \$500k more than if we were to go with Madden's bid he felt as long as Madden guaranteed quality work, he would be ok accepting their bid.

Commissioner Odinet added that in most cases that would be true and valid but, in this case, we must follow the state's public bid laws.

Commissioner Cohn stated that it seems that the board has issues with both bids. Is there a third bid or can we reject both bids and start over with the bid process.

Chair Richard replied that we do not have time to go through the bid process again as far as it relates to the grant funding. If we don't reach a decision today, we risk losing the Federal/ State grant funding allocated to this year.

Attorney Dye added that no one has offered any grounds to question or deem Boh Bros. bid unresponsive. The engineer of record has not found any fault with Boh Bros. bid. To add additional clarity, we only have the authority to reject all bids if there is just cause to do so. Currently there is not.

Commissioner Thomas asked if there was a representative from Madden here for input.

Scott Quiggley – Madden Gulf Coast referred to page 11 in the handouts given during the earlier Airport Committee meeting. He said they could absolutely complete this job for the price quoted as they morally and responsibly bid their projects. He went into detailed explanation of how they arrived at their quote. His final statement was that he felt that the bottom line was that this job was interpreted in two different ways and it would be a terrible injustice if we were not awarded to Madden.

After much further debate on the subject, **Chair Richard** called for a vote on the amendment on the floor. By a vote of (9) yeas, (2) abstentions, the motion passed.

Chair Richard then called for a vote to approve the amended motion. By a vote of (9) yeas, (2) abstentions, the motion passed.

2. Motion to approve rescheduling the August 2025 Board Meeting of the Lakefront Management Authority from August 22, 2025, to August 28, 2025

A motion to adjourn was offered by Commissioner Drouant and seconded by Commissioner Thomas.

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

Chair Richard announced the next meeting and called for adjournment.

VIII. Announcement of the next Board Meeting

1. Thursday, **August 28, 2025**, at 5:30 PM

IX. Adjourn – Meeting Adjourned at 6:13 pm

A motion to adjourn was offered by Commissioner Drouant and seconded by Commissioner Thomas.

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