LAKEFRONT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
SPECIAL AIRPORT COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2025 – 4:30 P.M

6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70126

PRESENT: Commissioner Wilma Heaton – Chair
Commissioner Jennifer Herbert – Vice Chair
Commissioner Brian Egana
Commissioner Carlos Williams

ABSENT: Commissioner Philip Clinton

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 Klinard – Finance Manager
Kel Brownfield – HR Director

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Randy Odinet
Gerry Metzger – LMA Counsel
Jeff Dye LMA Counsel
Robert Senior, CFO – Boh Bros.
Blake Robertson - Project Engineer – Garver
Chaz McGee – Project Engineer – Garver
Corey Lloyd – Attorney for Boh Bros.
Mike Easley – Madden Gulf Coast
Scott Quigley – Madden Gulf Coast
Mike Hudnall VP – Boh Bros.
Matthew Maddon - GM Maddon Gulf Coast
Christopher Handy - Attorney for Maddon Gulf Coast

The regular monthly Recreation Committee meeting of the Lakefront Management Authority was held on Tuesday, July 29, 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 4:30pm**

II. **Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Egana**

III. **Roll Called by Mr. Capo. (4) members present for a quorum.**

IV. **Opening Comments – Chair Heaton:** No opening comments.

V. **Motion to Adopt Agenda**

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

Hearing no question or comment, Chair Heaton 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 recommend approval of 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 was offered by Commissioner Herbert and seconded by Commissioner Egana.

Blake Robertson, Garver Project Engineer, stated that they received two bids. Prior to the award they received a protest letter. After a reevaluation of the bids, we found an irregularity of an unbalanced bid. Garver rescinded the original award to Maddon Gulf Coast to issue award to Boh Bros.

Mr. Quigley of Maddon Gulf Coast passed handouts to the committee. He utilized the handouts to give a detailed explanation of how and why they felt their bid was not unbalanced.

Christopher Handy - Attorney for Maddon Gulf Coast, commented that Mr. Quigley gave a valid response to their bid and stands by their number and believes it submitted a responsible bid.

Robert Senior, CFO – Boh Bros commented that the public bid law should be upheld on the unresponsive bids.

He quoted that the reason for the protest letter is if there is a requirement within the specifications, which there is here, then an unbalanced bid shall be deemed unresponsive. Otherwise, it would leave the rules open to interpretation. This could lead to unforeseeable consequences. He felt very strongly that the rules need to be upheld.

Corey Lloyd – Attorney for Boh Bros. commented that he agreed with Mr. Senior. He added that the public entity must follow the requirements of its own invitation case law which states that a public entity may not waive any requirement stated in its advertisements for bid. We agree with the recommendation that Boh Brothers should be awarded the job.

Commissioner Egana wanted to hear from our attorneys'

Mr. Dye said he was contacted at the end of the week and researched case law over the weekend and agreed with Garver's recommendation to rescind the award to Maddon and award the contract to Boh Bros. He agreed with and recommended that the board accept Garver's recommendation to award the contract to Boh Bros. in this matter.

Following an extensive debate on bid specifications for unbalanced bids and how state legislation governs public entities' authority to reject them, the committee decided to recommend a substitute motion.

Commissioner Egana stated he would like to offer a substitute motion at the proper time.

Chair Heaton noted that the committee was tasked with making the best possible decision within the confines of the law. While she was initially concerned about the additional taxpayer costs, she was relieved that bids came in under the estimate and that the project is heavily funded by the FAA (90%) and the state (10%). Ultimately, she relied on the guidance of legal and engineering professionals to make the best-informed decision.

Commissioner Egana offered a substitute motion as read onto the record:

" Motion to recommend approval of 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 the grant funding for the cost of the project from the FAA and LADOTD"

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Herbert.

Chair Heaton called for a vote hearing no discussion or comments, to accept the substitute motion. All were in favor.

Chair Heaton called for a vote on the motion as amended. All were in favor. The motion as amended passed.

Chair Heaton announced the next Airport meeting and called for adjournment.

2. **Announcement of the next Airport Committee Meeting**
    1. Tuesday**, August 19,** 2025, at 2:30 PM

3. **Adjourn at 5:02 pm**

A motion to adjourn was offered by Commissioner Egana and seconded by Commissioner Herbert.

Chair Heaton called for a vote hearing no questions or comments. All were in favor. The motion to adjourn passed.