LAKEFRONT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
AIRPORT COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026 – 2:30 P.M

6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70126

PRESENT: Commissioner Wilma Heaton – Chair
Commissioner Brian Egana
Commissioner Philip Clinton

ABSENT: Commissioner Jennifer Herbert – Vice Chair
Commissioner Carlos Williams

STAFF: Louis Capo – Executive Director
Vanessa McKee – Assistant to the Executive Director
Bruce Martin – Director of Aviation
Chris Hyer – Airport Manager
Laith Alshamaileh – Director of Operations and Engineering
Richard Huddle - Harbormaster
Elaina King – Finance
Kel Brownfield – HR Director

ALSO PRESENT: Gerry Metzger – LMA Counsel
Jeff Dye – LMA Legal
Paul Dimitrios – RCLA
Richard Smith – REALCLEAN, OPS Mgr.

The regular monthly Airport Committee meeting of the Lakefront Management Authority was held on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 2:38 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 2:38 PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Clinton.

III. Roll Called by Mr. Capo. (3) members present quorum established.

IV. **<u>Opening Comments</u> – Chair Heaton** thanked everyone in attendance.

V. **<u>Motion to Adopt Agenda</u>**

A motion was offered by <u>Commissioner Egana</u> and seconded by <u>Commissioner Clinton.</u>

<u>Chair Heaton</u> called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

VI. **<u>Public Comments</u> - Limited to (2) Minutes – NO COMMENTS**

VII. **<u>Airport Director's Report</u>**

<u>Bruce Martin</u> reported the following:

- **<u>Phase III</u>** of the Pump Station:
  - Is 30% complete
  - Concrete pours have started for several different areas. The next pour is scheduled for Thursday.
  - There will be a completion delay of 140 days due to extremely long lead time on the generator fabrication and generator gears. This will not impede us from going forward with the project. It will delay the completion date to their end.

- **<u>Phase IV</u>** will move out to the airfield to begin tying in the infrastructure. We are undergoing an independent fee estimate to put new drainage pipes on the airfield.
  - The FAA asked us to include the design and construction for Phase IV in the Capital Improvement Plan. The FAA reported it was favorable to find the funds for Phase IV.

<u>Chair Heaton</u> asked for a ballpark figure to fund Phase IV.

<u>Mr. Martin</u> said construction would be approximately $7 million. Mr. Martin felt confident that Phase IV and beyond should cost significantly less than the first (3) phases.

- **<u>Taxiway Bravo:</u>**
    - Asphalt laying is 85% complete
    - Working on closing out the grant
    - Hot Spot 3 Is the last part to be completed

- **<u>Fire Department Focused on Trainings:</u>**
    - Extrication Training and Typical Airfield Training
        - Will set up a date for the LMA to come out to see what the firemen do and how they use the tools and the fire truck.
        - The cars we use to train with will come from the salvage yard.
    - The CEA is fully signed for us to receive the ARFF truck from MSY. We expect to receive the ARFF truck in the end of the coming week.

- **<u>Airport Maintenance Repair Work Around the Airport</u>**
    - Perimeter repair work at fencelines; dead tree removal and repaired fence
    - Repainted the Bastain Mitchell Hangar

- **<u>Moffett Hangar Roof and Door Replacement Project</u>**
    - 12 Bids were submitted with (1) low bidder. However, the insurance piece remains unresolved. We were awarded a portion for the funding. We have submitted our documents and are awaiting a decision. The adjuster and insurance company are scheduled to meet today, hopefully with a favorable response.

- **<u>McDermott Flat Roof</u>**
    - Design is almost complete.
    - It should go out for bid soon.

- **<u>Hot Spot 3</u>** Design work continues. Phase II will go out to bid in late spring with construction starting in the summer.

Mr. Martin showed pictures of the different projects on the Airport grounds.

Commissioner Egana asked Mr. Martin if we knew if there was DBE participation and stressed the importance of open discussion and encouraging DBE participation.

A robust conversation in sued regarding DBE participation.

VIII. New Business

IX.

1. **Motion to recommend approval of Change Order No. 001 for the contract with Smith Construction Co. for the Bastian Mitchell Hangar Interior Repairs Project for additional work not included in the scope of work for the Project, for the price and sum of $33,134.00 and to extend the date of substantial completion of the Project for an additional forty-six (46) days.**

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

Mr. Al Shamaileh reported that there was 4373 feet of carpet at $6/square ft. and $5954 for the stairs

Commissioner Heaton asked who would pay.

Mr. Alshamaileh said that the LMA would pay from the LMA budget.

Hearing no further discussion, Chair Heaton called for a vote. All were in favor. The vote passed.

2. **Motion to recommend approval of a contract with Roof Technologies, Inc. for a price and sum not-to-exceed of $2,709,681.00.00 for the Moffett Hangar Roof, Deck and Door Repair Project.**

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

Commissioner Egana asked to clarify the reason we are hearing this item on the committee level but not at the next board meeting.

Mr. Martin explained that there is a tight timeline and we are hopeful that the insurance company will soon approve.

Mr. Metzger added that we could recommend this today and if not approved by the insurance company by Thursday

Hearing no further discussion, Chair Heaton called for a vote. All were in favor. The vote passed.

3. **Motion to recommend approval on entering into On-Airport Memorandum of Agreement, No.697DCM-26-L-00120, with the United States of America, acting by and through the Federal Aviation Administration, to grant certain land rights to the Federal Aviation Administration to operate and maintain facilities in support of operations at the New Orleans lakefront Airport.**

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

Hearing no further discussion, Chair Heaton called for a vote. All were in favor. The vote passed.

4. **Discussion on the 2026-2027 Proposed Budget**

Mr. Capo discussed the first draft of the 2026-2027 proposed budget and said that the department heads, finance and he would be working to provide the final draft at the March committee meetings for review and recommendation to the full board for approval. The budget must be approved and submitted in Baton Rouge by April 1st.

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

X. Announcement of the next Airport Committee Meeting

1) Tuesday**, March 17, 2026**, at 2:30 PM

XI. Adjourned at 3:29 pm.

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

Hearing no further discussion, Chair Heaton called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:29pm.