LAKEFRONT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
LEGAL COMMITTEE MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026 – 2:30 P.M

6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70126

PRESENT: Commissioner Jennifer Herbert – Vice Chair
Commissioner Adonis Exposé
Commissioner Carlos Williams

ABSENT: Commissioner Robert Drouant - Chair
Commissioner Stanley Cohn

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

ALSO PRESENT: Gerry Metzger – LMA Counsel
Jeff Dye – LMA Counsel

The regular monthly Airport Committee meeting of the Lakefront Management Authority was held on Thursday, May 21, 2026, 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. Call to Order at 2:35 pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Expose

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

IV. Opening Comments – Vice Chair Herbert had no opening comments.

V. **Motion to Adopt Agenda**

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

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

VI. **Public Comments – LIMITED TO (2) MINUTES - NONE**

VII. **Legal Counsel's Update**

Mr. Metzger said he submitted his report to staff and the board members. There was nothing new to report and would take any questions.

VIII. **New Business**

1) **Motion to recommend approval of an amendment of the Legal Service Contracts with Gerard G. Metzger (APLC), Gordon, Arrata, Montgomery, Barnett, McCollam, Duplantis & Egan, L.L.C., David Jefferson Dye, L.L.C., James Carter & Associates, LLC and Daigle Fisse & Kessenich Law (APLC) to extend for one year the term of the contracts, commencing on July 1, 2026 and expiring on June 30, 2027, with all other terms and conditions of the contracts remaining in full force and effect.**

A motion was offered by Commissioner Expose and seconded by Commissioner Williams.

Mr. Capo told the committee that they introduced this motion early in the year to keep the June agenda from being so long.

Hearing no questions, Vice Chair Herbert called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

2) **Motion to recommend approval of an amendment of the Professional Legal Services Contract with Gerard G. Metzger (APLC) to increase the annual budget of the contract by the sum of $10,000.00, thereby increasing the annual budget of the contract for Fiscal Year 2026 to the sum of $110,000.**

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

Mr. Capo stated that this increase will take the LMA to the end of the fiscal year.

Mr. Metzger added the LMA is now being reimbursed for legal fees related to legal work done on lease amendments and such.

Vice-Chair Herbert suggested that staff show the offset numbers at the next full board meeting.

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

3) **Motion to recommend approval of an amendment of the Professional Legal Services Contract with David Jefferson Dye (LLC) to increase the annual budget of the contract by the sum of $75,000.00, thereby increasing the annual budget of the contract for Fiscal Year 2026 to the sum of $200,000**

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

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

Vice Chair Herbert called for the committee to enter into Executive Session.

Mr. Metzger stated, for the record, that discussing this case in open meeting could be a detriment to the court proceedings.

A motion to go into executive Session was offered by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Exposé at 2:51 pm.

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

IX. Executive Session

1) **Lakefront Management Authority v. AECOM, Inc. and URS Corporation No. 2023-12141, Division "F", Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans.**

A motion to exit Executive Session was offered by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Exposé at 3:10 pm.

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

Mr. Metzger stated for the record that no decisions were made nor action taken in this case.

Vice Chair Herbert announced the next meeting and called for adjournment.

X. Announcement of the next Legal Committee Meeting

1) Thursday June 18 18, 2026 – 2:30 P.M.

XI. Adjourn at 3:13 PM

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

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