LAKEFRONT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
AIRPORT COMMITTEE MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2026, AT 4:30 PM

6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70126

PRESENT: Commissioner Wilma Heaton– Chair Arrived at (4:52pm)
Commissioner Brian Egana
Commissioner Carlos Williams

ABSENT: Commissioner Jennifer Herbert
Commissioner Philip Clinton

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

ALSO PRESENT: Gerry Metzger – LMA Counsel
Nykki Knight, GM – Signature
Pablo Hernandez, Owner – Tunica Helicopters
Lian Shaffer, Pilot - Tunica Helicopters
Kannen Salmon, Pilot - Tunica Helicopters
Ankar & Krystal /Hakmani, Owners - Skyborne

The regular monthly Airport Committee meeting of the Lakefront Management Authority was held on Thursday, July 30, 2026, PM at 4:46pm 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 4:46 pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Egana

III. Roll Called by Mr. Capo. (2) members were present. No quorum was established.

IV. Opening Comments – No opening comments.

V. Public Comments - Limited to (2) Minutes - NONE

VI. Airport Director's Report

Mr. Martin reported the following:

- **We should be at substantial completion by late November**

- **Current focus:**
  - **Installation of all electrical requirements in preparation for Entergy to come out**

  - **Encountered several delays on the date that Entergy will be able to set transformers and bore their lines**

VII. Motion to Adopt Agenda

Commissioner Heaton arrived at 4:52 pm at which time a quorum was established.

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

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

VIII. New Business

1. **Motion to recommend approval of a lease with Tunica Helicopters, LLC d/b/a Leading Edge Helicopters of Suite 105 in the Lakefront Airport Terminal, for a term of one (1) year with three (3) one-year options to renew, for a base annual rent of $15,810.00, plus pass-through charges for utilities and insurance, and under the standard terms and conditions for leases of office suites in the Terminal, conditioned on the personal guaranty of Pablo Hernandez.**

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

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

2. **Motion to recommend approval of an amendment of the lease with Messina Lakefront Airport, L.L.C. to modify the minimum days of operation of the Runway Cafe in the Lakefront Airport Terminal from six days to five days a week, between Wednesday and Sunday, on a temporary basis through December 31, 2026, conditioned on the restaurant offering buffet dining on Saturdays and Sundays.**

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

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

3. **Motion to recommend approval of a lease with Patriot Disability Advocates, Inc. of Suite 148 in the Lakefront Airport Terminal, on a month-to -month basis, for a base annual rent of $6,262.00, plus pass-through charges for utilities and insurance, with a thirty (30) day termination clause, and under the standard terms and conditions for leases of office suites in the Terminal, conditioned on the personal guaranty of Vincent Paul Corso, III.**

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

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

4. **Discussion Item - Update from Skyborne FBO**

The committee heard from Krystal Hakmani who reported that there were several obstacles the prohibited them from meeting the deliverables for building their hanger. They requested a 6-month extension to allow them time to work with and obtain approval from their funding source. The committee discussed and felt that 3 months to obtain funding would be sufficient. They also requested

they provide monthly updates at the committee level. All patries agreed to the terms of the extension.

Chair Heaton announced the next meeting and called for adjournment.

IX. Announcement of the next Airport Committee Meeting

1) Tuesday**, August 18, 2026,** at 2:30 PM

X. Adjourned at 5:09 pm

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

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