LAKEFRONT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2026 – 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 Stan Brien
Commissioner Stanley Cohn
Commissioner Robert Drouant
Commissioner Brian Egana
Commissioner Adonis Exposé
Commissioner Monika Gerhart
Commissioner Wilma Heaton
Commissioner Terry Scott

ABSENT:
Commissioner Esmond Carr
Commissioner Philip Clinton
Commissioner Jennifer Herbert
Commissioner Randy Odinet
Commissioner Sandra Thomas

STAFF: Louis Capo – Executive Director
Vanessa McKee – Assistant to the Executive Director
Bruce Martin – Director of Aviation
Laith Alshamaileh – Director of Operations and Engineering
Rich Huddle – Harbormaster
Helaine Millner – Marina Manager
Kel Brownfield – HR Director

ALSO PRESENT: Gerry Metzger – LMA Counsel
Al Pappalardo – Commercial Real Estate Consultant
Rob Amos, MGR – Flightline
Malcolm C. Flot, Jr.

The regular monthly Regular Board meeting of the Lakefront Management Authority was held on Thursday, July 30, 2026, at 5:32 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 5:32 pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Richard

III. Roll Called by Mr. Capo. (11) members were 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 was offered by Commissioner Egana and seconded by Commissioner Cohn.

Hearing or questions or comments Chair Richard called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

VI. Motion to Approve Minutes

1. Finance Minutes – May 21, 2026

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

Hearing or questions or comments Chair Richard called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

2. Finance Minutes – June 25, 2026

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

Hearing or questions or comments Chair Richard called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

3. Board Minutes - June 25, 2026

A motion was offered by Commissioner Rodgers and seconded by Commissioner Scott

Hearing or questions or comments Chair Richard called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

VII. Public Comments - Limited to (2) Minutes

- **Flightline Letter on file from the Airport Committee**

VIII. New Business

IX.

1. **Motion to approve 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 Heaton and seconded by Commissioner Egana.

Commissioner Heaton added that this item was vetted and recommended at the Airport meeting.

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

2. **Motion to approve 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 Heaton and seconded by Commissioner Egana.

Commissioner Heaton added that this item was vetted and recommended at the e Airport meeting.

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

3. **Motion to approve 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, lll.**

A motion was offered by Commissioner Heaton and seconded by Commissioner Rodgers.

Commissioner Heaton added that this item was vetted and recommended at the e Airport meeting.

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

X. Committee Reports

1. **Airport Committee: Chair Heaton – Airport met before the board meeting. We discussed and recommended (2) items that were approved at this evening's board meeting.**

2. **Marina Committee: Chair Clinton – Meeting Deferred**

3. **Recreation Committee: Chair Thomas – Meeting Deferred**

4. **Legal Committee: Chair Drouant – Meeting Deferred**

5. **Commercial Real Estate committee: Chair Rodgers –Deferred**

6. **Finance Committee: Chair Egana – Meeting Deferred**

Chair Richard announced the next meeting and called for adjournment.

XI. Announcement of the next Regular Board Meeting

1) **Thursday, August 27, 2026, at 5:30 PM**

XII. Adjourned at 5:54pm

A motion was offered by Commissioner Scott and seconded by Commissioner Drouant.

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