

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA
COMMISSION HELD AT THE PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON JUNE 25, 2025**

ITEM 1-CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Murray called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ITEM 2-ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Scontrino, Ms. Dumas, Mrs. Hebert, Mr. Murray, Mr. Burks
Mr. Duhe, Mr. Bazile

Absent: Mr. Joseph, Mr. LeBlanc

ITEM 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Dumas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM 4. MOMENT OF SILENCE IN REMEMBRANCE OF CHARLES PALMER, SR.
FATHER OF AIRPORT MANAGER, CHARLES PALMER, JR.**

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –MAY 28, 2025 AND JUNE 17, 2025

A Motion was offered by Commissioner Scontrino and seconded by Commissioner Dumas that the Minutes from the Regular Commission Meeting held on May 28, 2025 and the Special Commission Meeting held on June 17, 2025, copies which are attached hereto, respectfully as Exhibits 5A and 5B be, and the same are hereby, approved. This Motion was called for a vote, which was as follows:

YEAS	Mr. Scontrino, Ms. Dumas, Mrs. Hebert, Mr. Murray, Mr. Burks, Mr. Duhe`, Mr. Bazile
NAYS	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Joseph

ITEM 6. FINANCIAL REPORT APRIL 30, 2025

A Motion was offered by Commissioner Scontrino and seconded by Commissioner Duhe that the Financial Report be adopted and payment of the invoices submitted as Vendor Check Register Report, 4/1/25 -4/31/25, attached hereto as Exhibit 6C, be, and the same are hereby, ratified and approved. After discussion, the Motion was called for a vote, which was as follows:

YEAS	Mr. Scontrino, Ms. Dumas, Mrs. Hebert, Mr. Murray, Mr. Burks, Mr. Duhe`, Mr. Bazile
NAYS	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Joseph

ITEM 7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

7.1 Commissioners Service Awards

7.2 Legislative Session Review

Today I am wearing one of my Father's Day gifts, Dr. Strange cufflinks from my kids; they know I like the Marvel universe, so even though it's a little late, Happy Father's Day to all of you out there.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman for acknowledging one of our staff members, Charles Palmer, Jr, who lost his father recently, Mr. Charles Palmer, Sr. Charles' Birthday is in July so when it hits, and you see him tell Charles Happy Birthday-cheer him up a bit...give him some encouragement. Thank you again for putting that on the agenda.

We were very successful at the Legislature. I want to recognize Roy Quezaire and also Chris Coulon (who couldn't make it today). Roy worked very hard at the Capitol. Roy was there every single day. I knew he was there because people kept telling me he was there when I went to the Capitol. Bottomline, upfront the Port of South Louisiana was successful in accomplishing all of our goals at the session this year. We were able to move funds further into Priority 2, or Priority 1, that was requested- whether it was the drainage funding or movement of the \$487 thousand from SOLAPORT (St. Charles) to our road projects at Globalplex. We were also able to maintain all of the funding from the Second Dock Access Bridge in Priority 1 and through the new LED Infrastructure Fund there is a dedicated \$15 million dollars for particularly the Hyundai project for planning, permitting and design. There are a few processes we will have to do working with LED. There was great coordination between the Port and LED in this matter.

Outside of that we were aware of the Bills supported by PAL that helped other Ports including the Port of Caddo Bossier-Shreveport and the Ports of northeastern Louisiana as they try to build public/private railroad shortlines which could have an opportunity to move more cargo between that Port domestically and the Port of South Louisiana, domestically. All and all it was a great session.

Mr. Quezaire is here, /Roy/ if you want to add anything you are more than welcome to.

Roy Quezaire gave comments about the Legislative Session.

Other items we participated in: last Friday, was the Louisiana International Trade Conference to discuss the opportunities and challenges on the Lower Mississippi River. We had all five(5) ports on the lower Mississippi River on the panel with Commissioner Julia Fisher Cormier as the moderator for the event.

The Chairman and I along with Marc Hebert, the Chairman of Louisiana Ports and Waterways Investment Commission, traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with Oman Ambassador-Tala Al Rahbi, who incidentally graduated from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and his in-laws are in Opelousas. He travels to Louisiana often. We talked about having some good food when he is back in town. Bottomline, the Meeting was about opportunities for the Port -best practices. I think there is an opportunity for us to work with them (Oman), exporting a significant amount of grain to not just Oman but the other six (6) ports in the consortium, Persian Gulf Logistic Coalition.

Mr. Cormier has been doing a lot. He is graduate of the New Orleans Leadership Institute. Cake, cap and gown in the back.

He has been calling on potential customers in the Northeast being very efficient in finding direct investments at our port.

We had the report of the first quarter tonnage numbers and some of the Commissioners had questions about those numbers as it relates to revenue. When you look at the numbers we actually had growth compared to the first quarter 2024 -exports/ imports; however the total difference was actually on domestic shipments received. However, that does not play a significant part in our tariffs as our tariff revenue comes from what is coming over the docks but not necessarily just domestic shipments from sea. So we actually increased the revenue in the first quarter of 2025 as compared to 2024, even though the tonnage numbers were flipped. That kind of gives you a better explanation for that.

Also, I am very proud to announce this: according to the United States Foreign Trade Zone Board, the Port of South Louisiana is now the number one Foreign Trade Zone in the United States. We plan on shouting that to the rooftop. Every college wants to be number one; like LSU with baseball we are number one. We are number one when it comes to foreign trade zone, merchandise received and value and that is why companies like Hyundai want to work with us because they see the opportunities in economic development and reducing their risk, cost and increases their efficiency to move cargo and advance manufacturing, so we are very proud of that.

Lastly, I want to recognize the Commissioners and Staff who are receiving service awards:

5 years-Commissioners: Ryan Burks, Robbie LeBlanc

Employee: Charles Palmer, Jr.

9 years-Commissioner Joseph Scontrino

10 years-Employee: Charles Graffeo

15 years-Employees: Jared Mabile, Winston Morrow, Jody Stein, Brad Kubelka

20 years-Employees: Joel Chaisson, Patti Crockett, Lester Millet, III, Shawn Hidalgo

25 years-Commissioners: Louis Joseph, Paul “Joey” Murray

Employee: Vickie Lewis Clark

Subject to any questions that is my report.

ITEM 8. UPDATE BY THE PORTS PROGRAM MANAGER, WSP USA, INC.

WSP provided updates on Port Projects.

ITEM 9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

ITEM 10. OLD BUSINESS

10A. STATUS UPDATE ON E-METHANOL BARGE -Cameron Poole

ITEM 11. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 11A. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF INTERNAL INVESTIGATION INVOICES FILE BSW 8282-56 BSW INVOICE NOS. 499434 AND 501913 and RATIFICATION OF ATTORNEY ACTIONS

A Motion was offered by Commissioner Scontrino and seconded by Commissioner Duhe` authorizing and directing the Port to adopt a Resolution, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 11A. After discussion, the Motion was called for a vote, which was as follows:

YEAS	Mr. Scontrino, Ms. Dumas, Mrs. Hebert, Mr. Murray, Mr. Burks, Mr. Duhe`, Mr. Bazile
NAYS	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Joseph

ITEM 11B. CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

A Motion was offered by Commissioner Scontrino and seconded by Commissioner Burks authorizing and directing the Port to adopt a Resolution, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 11B. After discussion, the Motion was called for a vote, which was as follows:

YEAS	Mr. Scontrino, Ms. Dumas, Mrs. Hebert, Mr. Murray, Mr. Burks, Mr. Duhe`, Mr. Bazile
NAYS	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Joseph

ITEM 11B.1 FUTURE 2025 MEETING DATES

Chairman Murray announced future Regular Commission Meeting dates beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, July 22, 2025
Tuesday, August 26, 2025
Tuesday, September 23, 2025
Tuesday, October 28, 2025
Tuesday, November 18, 2025 (Thanksgiving)
Tuesday, December 16, 2025 (Christmas)

ITEM 11C. CONSIDER AWARDING MAINTENANCE DREDGING CONTRACT

A Motion was offered by Commissioner Scontrino and seconded by Commissioner Duhe` authorizing and directing the Port to adopt a Resolution, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 11C. After discussion, the Motion was called for a vote, which was as follows:

YEAS	Mr. Scontrino, Ms. Dumas, Mrs. Hebert, Mr. Murray, Mr. Burks, Mr. Duhe`, Mr. Bazile
NAYS	None

ABSTAIN None

ABSENT Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Joseph

ITEM 11D. RECEIVE UPDATE ON MARAD GRANT

Commission received an update from WSP, USA, Inc. it's Program/Project Manager

ITEM 11E. CONSIDER RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RIGHT OF WAY AND SERVITUDE AGREEMENT WITH AIR PRODUCTS BLUE ENERGY

A Motion was offered by Commissioner Scontrino and seconded by Commissioner Dumas authorizing and directing the Port to adopt a Resolution, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 11E. After discussion, the Motion was called for a vote, which was as follows:

YEAS Mr. Scontrino, Ms. Dumas, Mrs. Hebert, Mr. Murray, Mr. Burks,
Mr. Duhe`, Mr. Bazile

NAYS None

ABSTAIN None

ABSENT Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Joseph

ITEM 11F . CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO BAUMER LEASE

A Motion was offered by Commissioner Hebert and seconded by Commissioner Dumas authorizing and directing the Port to adopt a Resolution, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 11F. After discussion, the Motion was called for a vote, which was as follows:

YEAS Mr. Scontrino, Ms. Dumas, Mrs. Hebert, Mr. Murray, Mr. Burks,
Mr. Duhe`, Mr. Bazile

NAYS None

ABSTAIN None

ABSENT Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Joseph

ITEM 11G. CONSIDER ISSUING TERMINATION NOTICE TO PINNACLE POLYMERS

A Motion was offered by Commissioner Hebert and seconded by Commissioner Burks authorizing and directing the Port to adopt a Resolution (see Exhibit 11F). After discussion, the Motion was called for a vote, which was as follows:

YEAS Mr. Scontrino, Ms. Dumas, Mrs. Hebert, Mr. Murray, Mr. Burks,
Mr. Duhe`, Mr. Bazile

NAYS None

ABSTAIN None

ABSENT Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Joseph

ITEM 11H. CONSIDER RESOLUTION SPONSOR SUBZONE APPLICATION FOR E-CRANE

A Motion was offered by Commissioner Burks and seconded by Commissioner Hebert authorizing and directing the Port to adopt a Resolution, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 11H. After discussion, the Motion was called for a vote, which was as follows:

YEAS	Mr. Scontrino, Ms. Dumas, Mrs. Hebert, Mr. Murray, Mr. Burks, Mr. Duhe', Mr. Bazile
NAYS	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Joseph

11I. CONSIDERATION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH BLACKHAWK FLIGHT FOUNDATION, INC. WITH RESPECT TO THE AIRPORT

A Motion was offered by Commissioner Scontrino and seconded by Commissioner Dumas authorizing and directing the Port to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Blackhawk Flight Foundation, a copy which is attached hereto as Exhibit 11I, and that the Executive Director be, and he is hereby, authorized, directed and instructed to take any and all actions and execute any and all documents to effect the foregoing. After discussion, the Motion was called for a vote, which was as follows:

YEAS	Mr. Scontrino, Ms. Dumas, Mrs. Hebert, Mr. Murray, Mr. Burks, Mr. Duhe', Mr. Bazile
NAYS	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Joseph

ITEM 11J. CONSIDER RATIFYING LETTER OF SUPPORT AND RELATED LOUISIANA INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL (LIT) SUPPORT ITEMS SENT ON BEHALF OF THE PORT OF SOUTH LA

A Motion was offered by Commissioner Bazile and seconded by Commissioner Burks authorizing and directing the Port to adopt a Resolution, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 11J. After discussion, the Motion was called for a vote, which was as follows:

YEAS	Mr. Scontrino, Ms. Dumas, Mrs. Hebert, Mr. Murray, Mr. Burks, Mr. Duhe', Mr. Bazile
NAYS	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Joseph

ITEM 12. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COMMISISONERS REMARKS

None.

ITEM 13. ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was offered by Commissioner Dumas and seconded by Commissioner Hebert that the meeting be adjourned.

YEAS	Mr. Scontrino, Ms. Dumas, Mrs. Hebert, Mr. Duhe', Mr. Bazile
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NAYS	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Joseph

Stanley C. Bazile, Secretary

P. Joey Murray, Chairman