

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA  
COMMISSION HELD AT THE PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025**

**ITEM 1-CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Murray called the Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ITEM 2-ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Mr. Joseph, Mr. Duhe`

**ITEM 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Hebert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –JUNE 25, 2025**

A Motion was offered by Commissioner Scontrino and seconded by Commissioner Burks that the Minutes from the Regular Commission Meeting held on June 25, 2025, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 4 be, and the same is hereby, approved. This Motion was called for a vote, which was as follows:

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

**ITEM 5. FINANCIAL REPORT MAY 31, 2025**

A Motion was offered by Commissioner LeBlanc and seconded by Commissioner Bazile that the Financial Report be adopted and payment of the invoices submitted as Vendor Check Register Report, 5/1/25 -5/31/25, attached hereto as Exhibit 5, be, and the same are hereby, ratified and approved. After discussion, the Motion was called for a vote, which was as follows:

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

## **ITEM 6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Matthews presented his CEO Report:

Alex Hernandez has been named to the We Work the Waterways Advisory Council. The organization works with the five (5) lower Mississippi River Ports and private industry to educate high school students on the opportunities within the maritime industry. Alex has been our critical lead representative throughout the years.

July 7th: I provided our annual Port report to St. Charles Parish Council. Included in the discussion were the benefits of the Hyundai project to St. Charles Parish and possible development of sites in St. Charles from interested prospects.

July 18th: Hosted members of the Hyundai Steel Group to discuss community outreach, logistics coordination, dock design and construction update, and coordination with the River Parish Community College.

I have received word from Port Director of Port Baton Rouge, Jay Hardman, that he expects passage of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) by his board at their meeting on July 24th. I would recommend the board conduct a special meeting the following week to approve the execution of the CEA.

I have reached out to AAPA to support a bill introduced by Congressmen Troy Carter and Clay Higgins to eliminate red tape by federal bureaucratic process for workers to procure a TWIC card. This would increase the pool of qualified workers to companies operating on docks across the country.

On July 17th, myself and the other members of Louisiana Ports and Waterways Investment Commission (LPWIC) passed a resolution requesting the Legislature create a Port Infrastructure fund to be used to fund major infrastructure port projects that are considered within Louisiana's strategic plans as reviewed by Louisiana Economic Development (LED). The request to the legislature that the fund would start with \$100 million funding suggested projects including \$25MM for the Hyundai project. This fund would be in addition, parallel and supplemental to funding appropriated to the Port Priority Program which would keep its current process. The resolution is a recommendation, and the Ports of Louisiana are working with LPWIC, LED and DOTD to further evolve the potential process which may be taken up by the legislature in spring of 2026. Mr. Murray included on the Agenda Consideration of a resolution in support of the efforts of LPWIC on the agenda.

## **ITEM 7. UPDATE BY THE PORTS PROGRAM MANAGER, WSP USA, INC.**

The Port's Program and Project Manager, WSP, provided updates on Port Projects.

## **ITEM 8. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

**ITEM 9. NEW BUSINESS**

**ITEM 9A. CONSIDER BREAZEALE, SACHSE & WILSON, L.L.P. PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

1. Peter Butler, Jr. and his law firm
2. Timothy W. Hardy and his law firm (Environmental)

A Motion was offered by Commissioner LeBlanc and seconded by Commissioner Dumas authorizing and directing the Port to adopt Resolutions, copies of which are attached as Exhibits 9A.1 and 9A.2. After discussion, the Motion was called for a vote, which was as follows:

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

**ITEM 9B. CONSIDER RESOLUTION FOR SELECTION OF SUBCONTRACTOR ON DESIGN PROJECTS**

A Motion was offered by Commissioner Hebert and seconded by Commissioner Bazile tabling Item 9B. and directing the Item to the New Projects, Design, Facility Maintenance Committee for consideration. After discussion, the Motion was called for a vote, which was as follows:

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

**ITEM 9C. CONSIDER RESOLUTION OF LOUISIANA PORTS AND WATERWAYS INVESTMENT COMMISSION**

**ITEM 9D. CONSIDER COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT AMONG THE LMR PORTS FOR THE PROPOSED RETENTION OF SERVICES**

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 9C. A discussion was had regarding the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) among the LMR Ports for the proposed retention of services. Attorney Butler provided a status update and informed the Commission that the CEA would appear on a future Agenda for consideration. After discussion, the Motion was called for a vote, which was as follows:

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

**ITEM 9E. CONSIDER LOUISIANA AUDIT COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE**

A Motion was offered by Commissioner Burks and seconded by Commissioner Scontrino authorizing and directing the Port, to complete and execute the Questionnaire, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 9E. After discussion, the Motion was called for a vote, which was as follows:

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

**ITEM 9F. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF INTERNAL INVESTIGATION INVOICE FILE BSW 8282-56 BSW INVOICE NO. 503899 and RATIFICATION OF ATTORNEY ACTIONS**

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 9F. After discussion, the Motion was called for a vote, which was as follows:

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

**ITEM 9G. CONSIDER ADVERTISING FOR AVIATION FUEL SUPPLIER AND SUPPORT SERVICES**

A Motion was offered by Commissioner Scontrino and seconded by Commissioner Bazile authorizing and directing the Port to advertise for aviation fuel and other support services. After discussion, the Motion was called for a vote, which was as follows:

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

**ITEM 9H. CONSIDER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE PORT OF SOUTH LA AND RIVER PARISH COMMUNITY COLLEGE REGARDING AIRPORT SCHOOL**

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 9H. After discussion, the Motion was called for a vote, which was as follows:

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

**ITEM 9I. CONSIDER AWARDING HANGAR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

A Motion was offered by Commissioner Scontrino and seconded by Commissioner Burks authorizing and directing the Port to award the Hangar Development Project to Freetown Builders, LLC in the amount of One Million, Two Hundred Eleven Thousand, Sixty-Four Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$1,211,064.75). After discussion, the Motion was called for a vote, which was as follows:

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

**ITEM 9J. CONSIDER GIS ENGINEERING, LLC TASK ORDER NO. 5 -RESIDENT INSPECTION SERVICES HANGAR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

A Motion was offered by Commissioner Scontrino and seconded by Commissioner Burks authorizing and directing the Port to execute GIS Engineering, LLC Task Order No. 5-Resident Inspection Services Hangar Development Project, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 9J. After discussion, the Motion was called for a vote, which was as follows:

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

**ITEM 9K. CONSIDER ENTERING INTO MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TERRACON FOR GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING**

A Motion was offered by Commissioner Scontrino and seconded by Commissioner Dumas authorizing and directing the Port to execute a Master Services Agreement with Terracon for Geotechnical Engineering, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 9K. After discussion, the Motion was called for a vote, which was as follows:

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

**ITEM 9L. CONSIDER APS DITCH ENCLOSURE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1**

A Motion was offered by Commissioner LeBlanc and seconded by Commissioner Hebert authorizing and directing the Port to execute APS Ditch Enclosure Change Order No. 1, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 9L. After discussion, the Motion was called for a vote, which was as follows:

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

**ITEM 9M. CONSIDER RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH LA DOTD FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS (DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION)**

A Motion was offered by Commissioner Scontrino and seconded by Commissioner LeBlanc authorizing and directing the Port to adopt a Resolution, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 9M. After discussion, the Motion was called for a vote, which was as follows:

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

**ITEM 9N. CONSIDER VEHICLE PURCHASE, F-250 CREW CAB 4X4**

A Motion was offered by Commissioner Scontrino and seconded by Commissioner Dumas authorizing and directing the Port to purchase a 2024 F-250 Crew 4x4 SWB from Courtesy Automotive Group in the amount of Sixty-Six Thousand, Two-Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$66,288.50). After discussion, the Motion was called for a vote, which was as follows:

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

**ITEM 9O. CONSIDER GLOBALPLEX ACCESS ROAD TO BUILDING 71-CHANGE ORDER NO.1 PENDING U.S. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION AND LA DOTD, CAPITAL OUTLAY, FACILITY PLANNING AND CONTROL'S APPROVAL**

A Motion was offered by Commissioner Scontrino and seconded by Commissioner Burks authorizing and directing the Port to execute Globalplex Access Road to Building 71-Change Order No.1 pending U.S. Economic Development Administration and LA DOTD, Capital Outlay, Facility Planning and Control's Approval. After discussion, the Motion was called for a vote, which was as follows:

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

**ITEM 9P. CONSIDER AIMS GROUP, INC. TASK ORDER NO. 4-WEST 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET CONNECTOR PROJECT**

A Motion was offered by Commissioner Hebert and seconded by Commissioner LeBlanc authorizing and directing the Port to execute Aims Group, Inc. Task Order No. 4-West 10<sup>th</sup> Street Connector Project, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 9P. After discussion, the Motion was called for a vote, which was as follows:

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

**ITEM 9Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 1) **PURSUANT TO LA. R.S. 42:17, THE COMMISSION SHALL ADDRESS CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS-“PROJECT FREEDOM FORGE” AS PROVIDED FOR BY LA. R.S. 44:22.1.**
- 2) **PURSUANT TO LA. R.S. 42:17, THE COMMISSION SHALL ADDRESS CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS RELATIVE TO OTHER CONFIDENTIAL PROJECTS: HENRY, DATABALL, BAGEL**
- 3) **EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING BULK DOCK MATTERS**

A Motion was offered by Commissioner Hebert and seconded by Commissioner Dumas to enter into Executive Session. Invitees: Attorneys: Peter Butler, Jr. and Tim W. Hardy, Paul Matthews, Brian Cox and Micah Cormier Time: 9:36 a.m.

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

A Motion was offered by Commissioner Hebert and seconded by Commissioner Dumas to exit Executive Session. Time 10:25 a.m.

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

Chairman Murray stated no action was taken in Executive Session.

**ITEM 10. ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion was offered by Commissioner LeBlanc and seconded by Commissioner Bazile that the meeting be adjourned. Time: 10:27 a.m.

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

Stanley C. Bazile, Secretary

P. Joey Murray, Chairman

August 26, 2025