

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA  
COMMISSION HELD AT THE PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2025**

**ITEM 1-CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ITEM 2-ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Mr. Duhé, Mr. Burks

**ITEM 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Dumas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM 4. MOMENT OF SILENCE TO REMEMBER JERRY CLARK, HUSBAND OF  
VICKIE LEWIS-CLARK**

Chairman Murray offered a moment of silence in remembrance of Jerry Clark, Husband of Vickie Lewis-Clark.

**ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 15, 2025, JULY 22, 2025 AND AUGUST 5, 2025**

A motion was offered by Commissioner Bazile and seconded by Commissioner LeBlanc that the Minutes for Meetings held on July 15, 2025, July 22, 2025 and August 5, 2025 be approved. This motion was called to a vote, which was as follows:

<b>YEAS</b>	Mr. Bazile, Mr. Scontrino, Ms. Dumas, Mr. Joseph, Mrs. Hebert, Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Murray
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<b>NAYS</b>	None
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<b>ABSTAIN</b>	None
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<b>ABSENT</b>	Mr. Duhé, Mr. Burks
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**ITEM 6. FINANCIAL REPORT**

A motion was offered by Commissioner LeBlanc and seconded by Commissioner Dumas that the June 30, 2025 Financial Report be accepted and account payables be ratified and approved. After discussion, the motion was called for a vote, which was as follows:

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

## **ITEM 7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

### **Remarks by Brian Cox, Interim Executive Director, Port of South Louisiana**

First, I want to sincerely thank you for the opportunity to serve as Interim Executive Director of the Port of South Louisiana. It is an honor to continue my career in public service in this capacity, and I look forward to working collaboratively with each of you to advance the mission of the Port.

Last month, Chairman Murray, our Team and I had the honor of hosting representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Pontchartrain Levee District. Their visit underscored the importance of our infrastructure and flood protection initiatives, and we are grateful for their continued engagement.

Additionally, our Team met with Representative Ken Brass and regional stakeholders to discuss key infrastructure projects that will shape the future of our region. These conversations are vital to ensuring alignment and momentum across all levels of government and industry.

Mr. Quezaire and I attended a co-sponsored lunch by the Donaldsonville Chamber and Baton Rouge Industrial Group where the Governor spoke about the strength of our region and the growth we are experiencing.

I had the opportunity to provide a State of the Port presentation to the St. James Parish Council. Commissioners Bazile & Leblanc attended along with Roy Quezaire & Micah Cormier.

I’d like to recognize our Chief Commercial Officer, Micah Cormier, who was recently appointed by Governor Jeff Landry to the Louisiana Board of International Commerce. This is a significant achievement and a testament to Micah’s leadership and commitment to advancing Louisiana’s global trade presence.

At last week’s Louisiana Board of International Commerce (LaBIC) meeting, we discussed Louisiana Economic Development’s new approach to attracting foreign direct investment. The Port of South Louisiana is proud to be a partner in this effort. With our available land and strategic location, we are well-positioned to attract major global investment and support the state’s economic development goals. You can read more here: [Times Picayune: Jeff Landry's new plan to bring foreign investment to Louisiana: focus on fewer countries](#)

Yesterday, Roy Quezaire, Micah and I met with the DOTD Secretary Glenn Ledet, Commissioner Julia Cormier and RPC Representatives to discuss the I-10 Reserve Interchange. This long-planned project remains a top priority for public safety, fuel efficiency and economic development. As of yesterday the Governor has elevated Julia Cormier to the role of Deputy Secretary of DOTD, tasked with making the Department run more efficiently. There is no doubt she will do great!

We're also pleased to share that Baumer Foods has officially expanded their footprint and now occupies 100% of the building they lease at Globalplex. This expansion reflects their long-term commitment to the site and ensures a strong partnership through 2029—and hopefully well beyond.

Regarding the Hyundai project, we've received word from (LED) Louisiana Economic Development that they will begin hosting monthly strike meetings to keep the project moving forward. Micah Cormier and Max Nassar of WSP will represent the Port in these sessions, ensuring our interests are well represented and progress continues.

Micah and I recently met with Associated Terminals to begin what we believe will be a historic partnership. Together, we're developing a unified approach to attracting business and cargo to Globalplex. By working collaboratively, we can increase volumes and welcome companies from around the globe who want to move cargo on the Mississippi River.

Finally, I also want to highlight a recent article in *The Times-Picayune* that showcased the unified marketing strategy launched by five of Louisiana's ports. The piece did an excellent job of illustrating how our Port is leading the way in this new collaboration, reinforcing our role as a driving force in regional and international commerce.

Times Picayune: [Jeff Landry's trade plan aims to keep peace between Louisiana ports. It just got an early win.](#)

Thank you again for your trust and support. I look forward to the work ahead.

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

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

#### **ITEM 9. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

#### **ITEM 10. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **ITEM 10A. CONSIDER RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CHAIRPERSON TO NEGOTIATE AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PRESENT NEGOTIATED DRAFT PROPOSAL TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL AT FUTURE COMMISSION MEETING**

A motion was offered by Commissioner LeBlanc and seconded by Commissioner Scontrino to adopt that Resolution which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10A. After discussion, the motion was called to a vote, which was as follows:

<b>YEAS</b>	Mr. Bazile, Mr. Scontrino, Ms. Dumas, Mr. Joseph, Mrs. Hebert, Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Murray
<b>NAYS</b>	None

**ABSTAIN**     None

**ABSENT**     Mr. Duhé, Mr. Burks

**ITEM 10B. CONSIDER RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BANKING ACCOUNTS AND RELATED MATTERS**

A motion was offered by Commissioner LeBlanc and seconded by Commissioner Scontrino to adopt that Resolution which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10B. After discussion, the motion was called to a vote, which was as follows:

**YEAS**             Mr. Bazile, Mr. Scontrino, Ms. Dumas, Mr. Joseph, Mrs. Hebert,  
Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Murray

**NAYS**             None

**ABSTAIN**     None

**ABSENT**     Mr. Duhé, Mr. Burks

**ITEM 10C. CONSIDER RESOLUTION DIRECTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO COMPILE MASTER LIST OF CONTRACTS AND NOTIFY COMMISSION WHEN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ENTERS INTO CONTRACTS PURSUANT TO HIS LEGAL AUTHORITY, AND RELATED MATTERS**

A motion was offered by Commissioner Scontrino and seconded by Commissioner Herbert, to adopt that Resolution which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10C. After discussion, the motion was called to a vote, which was as follows:

**YEAS**             Mr. Bazile, Mr. Scontrino, Ms. Dumas, Mr. Joseph, Mrs. Hebert,  
Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Murray

**NAYS**             None

**ABSTAIN**     None

**ABSENT**     Mr. Duhé, Mr. Burks

**ITEM 10D. CONSIDER RESOLUTION ENGAGING KUSHNER LAGRAIZE TO PERFORM EXTENSIVE ANALYSIS OF PORT OF SOUTH LA OPERATIONS, INCLUDING FOLLOW UP ON INTERNAL CONTROL REVIEW, ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING ON GRANTS (TO BE COORDINATED WITH PROGRAM MANAGER, WSP), AND RELATED MATTERS**

A motion was offered by Commissioner LeBlanc and seconded by Commissioner Bazile to adopt that Resolution which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10D. After discussion, the motion was called to a vote, which was as follows:

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

**ITEM 10E. CONSIDER RESOLUTION REQUIRING COMPLETED BID DOCUMENTS BE PROVIDED TO COMMISSIONERS IN ADVANCE OF REQUEST TO ADVERTISE PROJECT**

A motion was offered by Commissioner Hebert and seconded by Commissioner Dumas to adopt that Resolution which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10E. After discussion, the motion was called to a vote, which was as follows:

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

**ITEM 10F. CONSIDER RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA REQUIRING COMMISSION TO APPROVE SUBCONTRACTS**

A motion was offered by Commissioner Hebert and seconded by Commissioner Bazile to adopt that Resolution which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10F. After discussion, the motion was called to a vote, which was as follows:

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

**ABSENT** Mr. Duhé, Mr. Burks

**ITEM 10G. CONSIDER RESOLUTION THAT ANY CONTRACT WITH THE PORT MUST BE FIRST REVIEWED BY LEGAL COUNSEL**

A motion was offered by Commissioner Joseph and seconded by Commissioner Dumas to adopt that Resolution which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10G. After discussion, the motion was called to a vote, which was as follows:

**YEAS** Mr. Bazile, Mr. Scontrino, Ms. Dumas, Mr. Joseph, Mrs. Hebert,  
Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Murray

**NAYS** None

**ABSTAIN** None

**ABSENT** Mr. Duhé, Mr. Burks

**ITEM 10H. CONSIDER RESOLUTION REQUESTING ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION ON APPLICABILITY OF LA.R.S. 24:8 WITH RESPECT TO PORT OF SOUTH LA AND RELATED MATTERS**

A motion was offered by Commissioner Scontrino and seconded by Commissioner Hebert to adopt that Resolution which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10H. After discussion, the motion was called to a vote, which was as follows:

**YEAS** Mr. Bazile, Mr. Scontrino, Ms. Dumas, Mr. Joseph, Mrs. Hebert,  
Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Murray

**NAYS** None

**ABSTAIN** None

**ABSENT** Mr. Duhé, Mr. Burks

**ITEM 10I. CONSIDER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG PORT OF SOUTH LA, HYUNDAI STEEL COMPANY AND HYUNDAI STEEL LOUISIANA, LLC**

A motion was offered by Commissioner LeBlanc and seconded by Commissioner Dumas to adopt that Resolution which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10I. After discussion, the motion was called to a vote, which was as follows:

**YEAS** Mr. Bazile, Mr. Scontrino, Ms. Dumas, Mr. Joseph, Mrs. Hebert,  
Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Murray

**NAYS** None

**ABSTAIN**     None

**ABSENT**     Mr. Duhé, Mr. Burks

**ITEM 10J. CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR GUESTHOUSE RESTORATION PROJECT AND RELATED MATTERS**

1. A motion was offered by Commissioner Hebert and seconded by Commissioner Joseph to adopt that Resolution which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10J. After discussion, the motion was called to a vote, which was as follows:

**YEAS**             Mr. Bazile, Mr. Scontrino, Ms. Dumas, Mr. Joseph, Mrs. Hebert, Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Murray

**NAYS**             None

**ABSTAIN**     None

**ABSENT**     Mr. Duhé, Mr. Burks

2. Further, A motion was offered by Commissioner Hebert and seconded by Commissioner Scontrino to adopt a resolution authorizing and directing the Port to proceed on critical repairs to the Guesthouse by approving the consultant, Meyer Engineers, to move forward with repairs and documents for the Guesthouse Restoration Project. After discussion, the motion was called to a vote, which was as follows:

**YEAS**             Mr. Bazile, Mr. Scontrino, Ms. Dumas, Mr. Joseph, Mrs. Hebert, Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Murray

**NAYS**             None

**ABSTAIN**     None

**ABSENT**     Mr. Duhé, Mr. Burks

**ITEM 10K. CONSIDER WSP TASK ORDERS-ASSESSMENT OF STRUCTURES**

1. Task Order 24-30 – Globalplex Finger Pier, Dock Access Bridge
2. Task Order 24-31 – Amrize (Holcim) Bulk Dock

A motion was offered by Commissioner Hebert and seconded by Commissioner LeBlanc to adopt that Resolution attached hereto as Exhibit 10K. After discussion, the motion was called to a vote, which was as follows:

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

**ITEM 10L. CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY**

A motion was offered by Commissioner Dumas and seconded by Commissioner Bazile to adopt that Resolution attached hereto as Exhibit 10L. After discussion, the motion was called to a vote, which was as follows:

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

**ITEM 10M. CONSIDER RESOLUTION REQUESTING AUTHORITY TO ADVERTISE GLOBAPLEX NEW GUARD STATION, PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION (ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST) FP&C PROJECT NO. 36-P21-24-03 PENDING FP&C REVIEW**

A motion was offered by Commissioner LeBlanc and seconded by Commissioner Scontrino to adopt that Resolution attached hereto as Exhibit 10M. After discussion, the motion was called to a vote, which was as follows:

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

**ITEM 10N. CONSIDER RESOLUTION WAIVING THE NOTICE REQUIREMENT FOR ADMENDMENTS TO THE PORTS ORGANIZATIONAL CHART TO BE EFFECTIVE**



A motion was offered by Commissioner Joseph and seconded by Commissioner Hebert to adopt that Resolution attached hereto as Exhibit 10N. After discussion, the motion was called to a vote, which was as follows:

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

**ITEM 10O. CONSIDER KUTCHINS AND GROH TASK ORDER FOR CLEARING OF APPROACH FOR RUNWAY 17**

A motion was offered by Commissioner Dumas and seconded by Commissioner Scontrino to adopt that Resolution attached hereto as Exhibit 10O. After discussion, the motion was called to a vote, which was as follows:

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

**ITEM 10P. CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO APPLY TO PORT INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM -DOCK CONVEYOR SYSTEM AND ANCILLARY AND SUBORDINATE FACILITIES**

A motion was offered by Commissioner LeBlanc and seconded by Commissioner Joseph to adopt that Resolution attached hereto as Exhibit 10P. After discussion, the motion was called to a vote, which was as follows:

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

**ITEM 10Q. CONSIDER RESERVE GRAIN ELEVATOR UNDER DOCK  
REFURBISHMENT SPN-H.013125 CHANGE ORDER NO.2 PENDING PORT  
PRIORITY REVIEW**

A motion was offered by Commissioner LeBlanc and seconded by Commissioner Scontrino resolving that the Port hereby approves the August 18, 2025 State of Louisiana DOTD Plan Change and/or Special Agreement S.P. No. H.013125(321) under Project Name “Reserve Grain Facility – Under Dock Refurbishment Phase 1A”, Job Number 11832-1 and further that the Executive Director be, and he is hereby, authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effect the foregoing Resolution. After discussion, the motion was called to a vote, which was as follows:

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

**ITEM 10R. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF INTERNAL  
INVESTIGATION INVOICE FILE BSW 8282-56 BSW INVOICE NUMBER 505764.**

A motion was offered by Commissioner Hebert and seconded by Commissioner Dumas authorizing and directing the Port to adopt a resolution hereby authorizing and directing the Port to pay BSW Invoice number 505764. After discussion, the motion was called to a vote, which was as follows:

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

**ITEM 10S. EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL MATTER; PURSUANT TO LA.R.S.  
42:17(A)(10) AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH LA. ATTY.GEN. OP.NO. 18-0144, THE  
COMMISSION SHALL RECEIVE FROM ITS LEGAL COUNSEL ATTORNEY  
CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS AS PROVIDED FOR BY LA, CODE  
EVID. ART. 506(B)**

A motion was offered by Commissioner Dumas and seconded by Commissioner Joseph to enter Executive Session. Invitees: attorneys: Peter Butler, Jr., legal team and Brian Cox

**YEAS** Mr. Bazile, Mr. Scontrino, Ms. Dumas, Mr. Joseph, Mrs. Hebert,  
Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Murray

**NAYS** None

**ABSTAIN** None

**ABSENT** Mr. Duhé, Mr. Burks

A motion was offered by Commissioner Joseph and seconded by Commissioner Dumas to exit Executive Session and return to regular session.

**YEAS** Mr. Bazile, Mr. Scontrino, Ms. Dumas, Mr. Joseph, Mrs. Hebert,  
Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Murray

**NAYS** None

**ABSTAIN** None

**ABSENT** Mr. Duhé, Mr. Burks

#### **ITEM 10T. CONSIDER PERSONNEL MATTERS**

Chairman Murray dispensed former personnel matters agenda item with no vote.

#### **ITEM 11. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was offered by Commissioner Joseph and seconded by Commissioner Hebert to adjourn the meeting.

**YEAS** Mr. Bazile, Mr. Scontrino, Ms. Dumas, Mr. Joseph, Mrs. Hebert,  
Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Murray

**NAYS** None

**ABSTAIN** None

**ABSENT** Mr. Duhé, Mr. Burks

The meeting adjourned 10:05 a.m.  
Stanley C. Bazile  
Secretary

Joey Murray  
Chairman

September 23, 2025