

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA
COMMISSION HELD AT THE PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026**

ITEM 1-CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Murray called the Meeting to order at 09:01 a.m.

ITEM 2-ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Mr. Burks

ITEM 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Scontrino led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM 4. MOMENT OF SILENCE TO REMEMBER RETIRED DIRECTOR OF
OPERATIONS OSCAR “MITCH” SMITH**

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 25, 2026

A Motion was offered by Commissioner Joseph and seconded by Commissioner Dumas that the Commission Resolve that the Minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting held on February 25, 2026, a draft of which Minutes has been previously provided to each Commissioner for review, be and are hereby approved. The Motion was called to a vote, which was as follows:

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

ITEM 6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Executive Director Julia Fisher Cormier provided the Executive Director’s Report, a copy attached as Exhibit 3/24/26:6

ITEM 7. PORT PROJECTS REPORT

Rebecca D. Howell provided a report.

ITEM 8. FINANCIAL REPORT – JANUARY 31, 2026

A Motion was offered by Commissioner LeBlanc and seconded by Commissioner Scontrino to Resolve that the payment of invoices submitted as Vendor Check Register Report 01/01/2026 – 01/31/2026, a copy which is attached hereto as Exhibit 3/24/26:8, be, and the same is hereby, ratified and approved. After discussion, the Motion was called to a vote which was as follows:

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

ITEM 9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

ITEM 10. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 10A. CONSIDER 8TH AMENDMENT TO COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR BETWEEN THE PORT OF SOUTH LA AND NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY AND ALL OTHER MATTERS

Whereas, global investors increasingly evaluate environmental resilience, sustainability practices, and climate risk as core factors in their site-selection decisions and this Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (“CEA”) directly advances the Port’s mission to attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) to Louisiana while strengthening the long-term competitiveness of the state’s coastal economy; and

Whereas, a stable and sustainable coastal environment is essential to maintaining navigability, protecting port infrastructure, and ensuring uninterrupted access to global supply chains; and

Whereas, the Port’s visible commitment to wetland restoration and coastal protection enhances Louisiana’s credibility as a responsible host for international investment, particularly for energy, manufacturing, maritime, and logistics firms that depend on long-term operational certainty; and

Whereas, this CEA supports coastal restoration and erosion mitigation efforts and therefore proactively reinforces one of Louisiana’s most critical economic assets: a healthy, resilient coastline; and

Whereas, this CEA fosters exposure by students in biological sciences and related disciplines to the Port’s mission, operations, and long-term role in Louisiana’s economy, helping to build

awareness of maritime and infrastructure-related career pathways which strengthens the Port’s workforce pipeline by fostering early connection with future talent and reinforces the Port’s reputation as an innovative, mission-driven organization committed to investing in both people and place and for economic opportunity; and

Whereas, this CEA therefore serves not only coastal resilience goals, but also functions as a strategic economic development and FDI marketing asset that positions the Port and the State as forward-looking and investment-ready; and

Whereas, in addition to its economic development benefits, the CEA provides meaningful recognition and visibility for the Port among the university’s student population and alumni network through which the Port is visibly aligned with applied research, real-world problem solving, and workforce readiness.

NOW THEREFORE a Motion was offered by Commissioner Scontrino and seconded by Commissioner LeBlanc that the Port of South Louisiana adopt a Resolution approving an 8th Amendment to Port of South Louisiana and Nicholls State University Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (“CEA”).

After discussion, a Substitute Motion was offered by Commissioner Murray and seconded by Commissioner Joseph, to Resolve as follows:

RESOLVED that the Port of South Louisiana be, and it is hereby, authorized to enter into an 8th Amendment to the Port of South Louisiana-Nicholls State University CEA, a copy of which 8th Amendment is attached hereto as Exhibit 3/24/26:10A; and further, that the Port of south Louisiana’s Executive Director, be, and she is hereby, authorized and directed to take any and all actions to execute the 8th Amended Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Nicholls State University,

After discussion, the Substitute Motion was called to a vote, which was as follows:

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

ITEM 10B. CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH MAINTENANCE ESCROW ACCOUNTS FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDING AND ALL OTHER MATTERS

A Motion was offered by Commissioner Scontrino and seconded by Commissioner Joseph that the Port of South Louisiana adopt a Resolution, which is attached hereto Exhibit 3/24/26:10B.

After discussion, the Motion was called to a vote, which was as follows:

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

ITEM 10C. CONSIDER ADVERTISEMENT FOR GUESTHOUSE CRITICAL REPAIRS AND ALL OTHERS MATTERS

A Motion was offered by Commissioner Hebert and seconded by Commissioner LeBlanc that the Port of South Louisiana adopt a Resolution:

RESOLVED that the Port of South Louisiana be, and it is hereby, authorized to advertise for bids for the Port of South Louisiana Guesthouse Critical Repairs and that its Executive Director be, and she is hereby, authorized and directed to take any and all actions and execute any and all documents to effect the foregoing.

After discussion, the Motion was called to a vote, which was as follows:

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

ITEM 10D. CONSIDER RATIFYING CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 AND SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION FOR ACCESS ROAD BETWEEN BUILDINGS 71 AND 76 AND ALL OTHER MATTERS

A Motion was offered by Commissioner Scontrino and seconded by Commissioner Dumas that the Port of South Louisiana Resolve to hereby (1) ratify Change Order No.3 to the Project and, (2) accept the Project as substantially completed, and further, (3) that the Port does hereby ratify and approve the “ Certificate of Substantial Completion” for the Project, a copy which is attached as Exhibit 3/24/26:10D; and, further, that the Executive Director be, and she is hereby,

authorized and directed to take any and all actions and execute any and all documents to effect the foregoing.

After discussion, the Motion was called to a vote, which was as follows:

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

ITEM 10E. CONSIDER NATCO ROOF REPLACEMENT CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND ALL OTHER MATTERS

Chairman Murray deferred Item 10E.

ITEM 10F. CONSIDER SHREAD KUYRKENDALL'S TASK ORDER 4E-AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING DESIGN AND ALL MATTERS

A Motion was offered by Commissioner Scontrino and seconded by Commissioner Hebert to Resolve to hereby authorize Shread Kuyrkedall's Task Order 4E, Amendment No.1, a copy which is attached as Exhibit 3/24/26:10F; and further, that the Executive Director be, and she is hereby, authorized and directed to take any and all actions and execute any and all documents to effect the foregoing.

After discussion, the motion was called to a vote, which was as follows:

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

ITEM 10G. CONSIDER RESOLUTION OF FINAL ACCEPTANCE TAXIWAY SIGNAGE PROJECT AND ALL OTHER MATTERS

A Motion was offered by Commissioner Scontrino and seconded by Commissioner Joseph to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that the "Certificate of Final Acceptance", a copy of which is attached hereto Exhibit 3/24/26:10G, be, and the same is hereby, approved; and that the Port's

Executive Director be, and she is hereby, authorized and directed to take any and all actions and execute any and all documents to effect the foregoing.

After discussion, the Motion was called to a vote, which was as follows:

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

ITEM 10H. CONSIDER RESOLUTION FINAL ACCEPTANCE AIRPORT PARKING LOT EXPANSION AND ALL OTHER MATTERS

A Motion was offered by Commissioner Scontrino and seconded by Commissioner Joseph that the Port of South Louisiana adopt the following Resolution,

RESOLVED that the “ Certificate of Final Acceptance”, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 3/24/26:10H, be, and the same is hereby, approved; and that the Port’s Executive Director be, and she is hereby, authorized and directed to take any and all actions and execute any all documents to effect the foregoing.

After discussion, the Motion was called to a vote, which was as follows:

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

ITEM 10I. CONSIDER RESOLUTION FINAL ACCEPTANCE AIRPORT DITCH ENCLOSURE AND ALL OTHER MATTERS

A Motion was offered by Commissioner Scontrino and seconded by Commissioner Hebert authorizing the Port of South Louisiana to adopt a Resolution,

RESOLVED that the “ Certificate of Final Acceptance”, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 3/24/26:10I, be, and the same is hereby, approved; and that the Port’s Executive Director be, and she is hereby, authorized and directed to take any and all actions and execute any and all documents to effect the foregoing.

After discussion, the Motion was called to a vote, which was as follows:

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

ITEM 10J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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); and,

PURSUANT TO LA. R.S. 42:22. 1, THE COMMISSION SHALL RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING CERTAIN CONFIDENTIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS: HEMATITE AND IRONHEARTH

A Motion was offered by Commissioner Joseph and seconded by Commissioner Dumas to enter Executive Session. Time: 9:37 a.m. Invitees: Attorney Peter Butler, Julia Fisher Cormier, Brian Cox, Micah Cormier, Rebecca Howell.

The Motion was called to a vote, which was as follows:

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

A Motion to exit Executive Session was offered by Commissioner Joseph and Commissioner Hebert. Time: 10:21 a.m. The Motion was called to a vote, which was as follows:

YEAS	Mr. Bazile, Mr. Duhé, Mr. Scontrino, Ms. Dumas, Mr. Joseph, Mrs. Hebert, Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Murray
NAYS	None

ABSTAIN None

ABSENT Mr. Burks

ITEM 10J.1 AGENDA AMENDMENT

A Motion was offered by Commissioner LeBlanc and seconded by Commissioner Hebert to amend agenda adding ITEM 10K. as follows:

“ITEM 10.K. CONSIDER REQUESTING THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PROVIDE THE PORT A FORMAL OPINION ON THE NON-APPLICABILITY OF LOCAL LAND USE REGULATIONS TO PORT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED PROPERTY”.

After discussion, the Motion was called to a vote, which was as follows:

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

NAYS None

ABSTAIN None

ABSENT Mr. Burks

ITEM 10K CONSIDER REQUESTING THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PROVIDE THE PORT A FORMAL OPINION ON THE NON-APPLICABILITY OF LOCAL LAND USE REGULATIONS TO PORT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED PROPERTY

WHEREAS prospective tenants of Port-owned or controlled property have inquired about the applicability of local land use regulations to that property; and

WHEREAS it has long been accepted that the Port-owned or controlled property is exempt from local land use regulations.

NOW THEREFORE a Motion was offered by Commissioner LeBlanc and seconded by Commissioner Hebert to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that the Attorney General be, and she is hereby, requested to provide to the Port a formal opinion on the non-applicability of local land use and regulations to Port-owned or controlled property; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Port’s legal counsel be and he is hereby directed to submit to the Attorney General a formal request for the opinion.

After discussion, the Motion was called to a vote, which was as follows:

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

ITEM 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COMMISSIONER REMARKS

The Commission informed the Executive Director that they appreciated receiving all of the Commission Meeting backup in a timely manner.

Commissioner Joseph applauded the Executive Director for including all staff in the Commission Meetings.

ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was offered by Commissioner Scontrino and seconded by Commissioner Joseph to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was called to a vote, which was as follows:

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

The meeting adjourned 10:27 a.m.

Stanley C. Bazile
Secretary

P. Joey Murray, III
Chairman

April 28, 2026