

**MINUTES OF THE
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST
BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025**

The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (Authority or FPA) was held on Thursday, August 25, 2025, in the Franklin Avenue Administrative Complex, meeting Room 201, 6920 Franklin Avenue, New Orleans, after due legal notice of the meeting was sent to each Board member and the news media and posted.

Mr. Vicari called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. Marsiglia called the roll and a quorum was present:

PRESENT:

Pete G. Vicari, President
Michael Schnell, Vice-President
Gregory Marsiglia, Secretary
K. Randall Noel, Treasurer
Deborah M. Settoon, P.E, Commissioner
Roy M. Carubba, P.E., Commissioner
David Martin

ABSENT: Kerwyn King

Mr. Vicari asked the board to approve amending the agenda to move the executive session to a right before Administration. A motion by Mr. Carubba, Roy and second by Mr. Noel

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

A motion was offered by Mr. Crubba and seconded by Mr. Noel and unanimously adopted, to adopt the agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-21-25-01 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD ON JULY 17, 2025

On the motion of Mr. Carubba,

Seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East approves the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on July 17, 20, 2025.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Vicari, Mr. Schnell, Mr. Marsiglia Mr. Noel, Ms. Settoon, Mr. Carubba
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mr. King
ABSTAIN: Mr. Martin

OPENING COMMENTS BY PRESIDENT AND COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Carubba congratulated Mr. Vicari on his recent appointment as President of the Board.

Ms. Settoon stated that it was nice to see several former Board members in attendance at the recent Senate and House Transportation meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Vicari called for public comments. There were no public comments.

PRESENTATIONS:

Louis Capo, Executive Director of the Lakefront Management Authority quarterly update. He began his comments by stating he is a Certified Fraud Examiner and a Certified Internal Auditor. He was hired with the OLD in 1996 as the Internal Auditor. Mr. Capo gave a brief review of his various positions with the Orleans Levee District, SLFPA-E and the LMA over a 30-year period. He discussed the various appointments to the LMA Board; standing committees and staff. He reiterated that the ownership of the assets that LMA, as well as, the assets that SLFPA-E manages is owned by the Orleans Levee District.

Non-Flood Assets managed by LMA:

Orleans Marina (Inner Harbor); New Basin Canal Property; Lake Vista Community Center; New Orleans Lakefront Airport; South Shore Harbor; Mardi Gras Fountain; Seabrook Boat Launch & Frank Davis Fishing Pier; Subdivisions – Lakeshore East & West; Lake Vista East & West; Lake Terrace; Former Naval Reserve Facility and Lakeshore Drive.

He reported that the Lakefront Airport is the second busiest airport in the State. The major problem with the Lakefront Airport is that there is no flood protection. The airport has flooded at least 5 times. The FAA is funding a major pump station project however, this does not include any buildings.

The Seabrook Boat Launch & Frank Davis Fishing Pier is the only boat launch on the southeast side of Lake Pontchartrain. They have applied for a state capital outlay for this property.

The LMA's budget for this year is 9.3 million. LMA brings in roughly 6.9 million in self-generating funds. The rest of the funds come in from ad valorem taxes approximately 2.4 million is collected.

The biggest challenge for the LMA is the Capital Improvements.

This concluded Mr. Capo's presentation.

Mr. Noel asked whether or not the OLD still owned Lincoln Beach. Mr. Capo stated that several years ago, Lincoln Beach was formerly transferred to the City of New Orleans.

Mr. Vicari asked Mr. Capo about the financial struggles associated with the capital improvements. Mr. Capo discussed the issues pertaining to insurance, as well as, the various issues pertaining to the location of the Airport.

Ms. Settoon asked about the quarterly update and Mr. Capo advised that due to the fact that they are under an audit, there would be no quarterly report at this time.

Mr. Capo advised that the LMA Board President, Anthony Richard extended an offer to meet with the Board President and Ms. Williams to discuss the financial outlay of the LMA.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance

Randy Noel advised that the Finance Committee met this morning. He reported that the audit is on-going and it should wrap up soon. He reported that Richie Kernion our investment broker met with them and gave an update on the investments.

DIRECTORS REPORTS:

None

Ms. Settoon asked the Interim Regional Director to give an update on a recent vehicle accident. Mr. Williams informed that he did receive the accident report but has not had enough time to review the report.

Ms. Settoon reminded the Interim Regional Director that it is a policy to inform the Board immediately when there is a major accident or injury. Mr. Williams advised that he understood.

Mr. Vicari reported that Mercury Consultants will be giving an update on the 200 year study.

Mr. Carubba reported that he asked Mr. Williams to come aboard because of his impeccable qualifications and would like to see him appointed as the permanent Regional Director soon.

A Motion was made by Ms. Settoon, seconded by Mr. Noel and unanimously adopted to convene in Executive Session to discuss the appointment of L. Jeff Williams as Regional Director and an update on a personnel investigation.

A Motion was made by Mr. Carubba and seconded by Mr. Noel and unanimously adopted to reconvene in regular session. Mr. Vicari advised that no action was taken in Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS:

ADMINISTRATIVE:

President Vicari asked for a motion to defer the approval of a list of attorneys and law firms. Mr. Noel offered a motion to defer, seconded by Mr. Carubba and unanimously adopted.

President Vicari asked for a Motion to defer approval of employment for the position of Regional Director until the September 18th meeting. Mr. Carubba offered a motion to defer, seconded by Mr. Noel and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Vicari advised that a special meeting would be called next week to discuss the hiring of Mr. Williams.

Ms. Settoon advised that she was not aware of the meeting.

Mr. Vicari advised that he would get with Ms. Gethers and Mr. Ordoyne to coordinate the meeting.

ACTION ITEM LIST:

The Board reviewed the Action Item List. The following notations were offered:

Ryan Foster reported that they were going to be looking at Plauche Court and the Lesan property to investigate a path forward for divesting.

A second item discussed was a pending CEA with St. Bernard Parish for safe-housing for LBBLD employees. The CEA is now being reviewed by Legal.

Mr. Vicari asked Mr. Ordoyne if he had determined the legal means to dispose of the property.

Mr. Ordoyne stated that he forwarded the information from Larry Marino to Mr. Vicari for his review.

Mr. Vicari asked Mr. Ordoyne to place the sales at the top of the list due to the fact that the properties are deteriorating daily.

Ms. Settoon advised that it was previously decided that the property would be sold on the market to bring back the most value to the East Jefferson Levee District.

Mr. Vicari asked if there was a legal opinion rendered.

Mr. Foster stated that they need a legal opinion to move forward with the sales.

Mr. Vicari asked Mr. Ordoyne to get a legal opinion.

Mr. Williams reminded the board that a Senate resolution was previously rendered in 2021 and going forward, the Board would have to be cognizant of this resolution due to the fact that a stipulation in the resolution is that prior to any potential sale of flood protection assets, the FPA has to first provide notice to the Senate Transportation committee.

The next monthly board meeting will be conducted on Thursday September 18th at the Franklin Avenue Administrative Complex, 6920 Franklin Avenue, Room 201, New Orleans, LA.

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 12:29 p.m.