

MARINE BOARD SPRING MEETING AGENDA

April 16-17, 2024

University of New Orleans

Homer L. Hitt Alumni and Visitors Center

Geoghegan Grand Ballroom

Tuesday, April 16

7:30 a.m. **Buses Depart for University of New Orleans**

8:00 a.m. **Breakfast - University of New Orleans – Geoghegan Grand Ballroom**

8:30 a.m. **Call to Order / Self-Introductions/Topic Introduction**

Craig Philip, Marine Board Chair

8:45 a.m. **Riverine and Coastal Resilience – Mississippi River and Gulf of Mexico**

Moderator: Sandra Knight, Marine Board Vice Chair

- Kim A. Lutz, Executive Director, [America's Watershed Initiative](#)
- Beaux Jones, President & CEO, [The Water Institute](#)
 - [Louisiana Coastal Master Plans](#)
 - [Barrier Island System Management \(BISM\)](#)
- Lauren Alexander, [NASEM Gulf Research Program](#)
GRP Program Overview and Discussion of Potential Synergies with Marine Board

10:45 a.m. **Break**

11:00 a.m. **Nearly Twenty Years Since Hurricane Katrina – Resilience, Risk Reduction and Infrastructure Considerations**

Moderator: Jane Smith, Marine Board Member

- [Greater New Orleans Hurricane & Storm Damage Risk Reduction System \(HSDRRS\)](#)
 - Victor Landry, Operations Project Manager, **US Army Corps of Engineers** to discuss design and construction considerations.
 - Stacy Gilmore, Representative from **Southeastern Louisiana Flood Protection Authority** to discuss operations, maintenance, flood risk reduction outlook and preview our tour stops.
- Margaret Kurth, Research Environmental Engineer at **USACE Engineer Research and Development Center**, [Benefit Cost Analysis and Engineering with Nature](#)
- Cherie Price, E.I., Chief, Plan Formulation Section, Regional Planning and Environment Division South, **New Orleans District Corps of Engineers**, [Lower Mississippi River Comprehensive Management Study](#)

12:15 p.m. **Lunch**

1:00 p.m. **Board Buses for Tour of Infrastructure Associated with the Greater New Orleans Hurricane & Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS)**

- **IHNC Lock**
- **IHNC Surge Barrier**

5:00 p.m. **Return to Omni Royal Orleans**

6:00 p.m. **Marine Board Working Dinner – Antoine’s Restaurant**
Guest Speaker: RDML David Barata, USCG District Eight Commander

8:00 p.m. **Dinner Concludes**

Wednesday, April 17

7:30 a.m. **Buses Depart for University of New Orleans**

7:30 a.m. **Breakfast - University of New Orleans – Geoghegan Grand Ballroom**

8:30 a.m. **Port of New Orleans and Port Infrastructure: A Discussion with Local and National Leadership**

Moderator: Craig Philip, Marine Board Chair

- Tretha Chromey, Deputy Associate Maritime Administrator for Ports and Waterways, US Maritime Administration
- Anthony Evett, Chief of Infrastructure, Port of New Orleans

Topics of Interest:

- \$300 M in infrastructure grants for the Port of New Orleans
- Marine highways/container on barge efforts
- Decarbonization and sustainability efforts

9:15 a.m. **Q/A and Discussion**

9:45 a.m. **Mississippi River Commission: In Conversation with Former Commission Members Dr. Norma Jean Mattei and Rear Adm. Shep Smith (NOAA-Ret.)**

The Mississippi River Commission (MRC) was established by an Act of Congress on June 28, 1879. Congress charged the MRC with the mission to develop plans to improve the condition of the Mississippi River, foster navigation, promote commerce, and prevent destructive floods.

10:15 a.m. **Q/A and Discussion**

10:45 a.m. **Break**

11:00 a.m. **Spotlight on Maritime Education: Kathy E. Johnson, President, University of New Orleans** discussing the [Universities of Louisiana Maritime Academy](#) and UNO Maritime-related Programs of Study.

11:45 a.m.	Lunch
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1:00 p.m.	Board Buses
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1:45 p.m.	Vessel Tour of Associated Terminals and Mississippi River Operations via Turn Services – Port of St. Bernard
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4:00 p.m.	Board Buses for VUE Orleans Museum and Observation Deck Craig Philip, Overview of New Orleans Navigation Geography
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4:30 p.m.	Group Tour VUE Orleans Museum
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6:00 p.m.	Return to Omni Royal Orleans
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