

THE PORT REPORT



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Janiece Longoria's Third Re-appointment to Port Commission Approved



PHA Commissioner
Janiece Longoria.

Houston City Council has approved the third re-appointment of Houston attorney, businesswoman and civic leader Janiece Longoria to the Port of Houston Authority Commission.

Initially appointed in September 2002, Longoria chairs the International Business Development Task Force and also serves on the PHA Community Relations Task Force and the Small Business Committee.

Longoria is a lawyer and a partner in the law firm of Ogden, Gibson, Broocks & Longoria, LLP. Among a select group of women lawyers across the United States who have served with distinction as independent directors of public companies and have worked to advance the value of diversity in board positions, Longoria is a recipient of the 2008 Sandra Day O'Connor Board Excellence Award.

Longoria serves on the Board of Directors of Centerpoint Energy, Inc., and is also one of nine members of the University of Texas System Board of Regents.

Elyse Lanier's Second Re-appointment to Port Commission Approved

Harris County Commissioners Court has approved Elyse Lanier's re-appointment to serve as a member of the Port of Houston Authority's board of commissioners. Lanier was initially appointed to the port commission in February 2006 to fill an unexpired term.

Lanier serves as chair of the Port of Houston Authority Pilots Task Force and is a member of PHA's Community Relations Task Force and the International Business Development Task Force.

The wife of former Houston Mayor Bob Lanier is a native Houstonian with strong ties to the Texas Medical Center, the Texas Heart Institute and M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. The Laniers live in Houston, as do their seven children and 11 grandchildren.

Port commissioners serve two-year terms without pay.



PHA Commissioner Elyse Lanier.

Kornegay Named Maritime Person of the Year



Mike Drieu, board member, Houston Port Bureau,
Alton Landry, president, Houston Port Bureau,
and honoree Tom Kornegay.

Port of Houston Authority Executive Director H. Thomas Kornegay is the 2008 Maritime Person of the Year. The honor was bestowed upon Kornegay at the Greater Houston Port Bureau and the Marine Exchange of the West Gulf's November 15 gala.

Kornegay has served as PHA's executive director for 16 1/2 years after serving as the port authority's managing director for five years. He joined the port authority's engineering department in 1972 and was the project engineer on the Fentress Bracewell Barbours Cut Container Terminal, which opened in 1976 and became the busiest container terminal on the U.S. Gulf Coast.

Earlier this year, Kornegay was recognized by representatives of various Houston engineering organizations as the 2008 Houston Area "Engineer of the Year."

October Port Commission Highlights

At its Oct. 28 meeting, the Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority:

- Approved an amendment to the port authority's electrical energy contract with Direct Energy, L.P. of \$5.5 million. Additional business activities and electric dredging activities have contributed to increased electric energy usage over the original contract amount.
- Approved execution of a Memorandum of Understanding and issuing a marine construction permit with the Galveston Bay Foundation for habitat restoration in Burnett Bay, northeast of San Jacinto State Park.
- Approved awarding a construction contract to Jerdon Enterprise, L.P. for Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) escort and ILA 25A parking lots at Turning Basin Terminal, for \$535,950.



PHA Commissioners Steve Phelps and Jimmy A. Burke.

Accent is on Latin America for 4th Annual Coffee Symposium

Focusing on the significance of Latin America to the Houston port region's economy, the 4th Annual Coffee Symposium attracted hundreds of participants, who learned the ins and outs of importing coffee through the Port of Houston. Chaired by PHA Commissioner Jimmy Burke since its inception, the 2008 event was held Nov. 17-18 and sponsored by the PHA, the Economic Alliance Houston Port Region and the Greater Houston Coffee Association.



Lucy Noland at Bayport Cruise Terminal.

In his keynote address, PHA Chairman Jim Edmonds singled out Brazil as the leading source of coffee through the port, followed by Colombia and Mexico. Among other speakers, Alan Kaiser of the National Coffee Association reviewed the latest data concerning coffee trends.

The second day of the event culminated in the Economic Alliance Houston Port Region's Sippin' and Cruisin' Business Excellence Awards Gala, held at the new Bayport Cruise Terminal. PHA Commissioner Steve Phelps gave welcoming remarks.



Steve Stewart, Gulf Winds International; Jan Lawler, Economic Alliance Houston Port Region; Don Pisano, American Coffee Corp.; Jose Maria Ribeiro Neto, Coffee Planter and Member, Cooxupe; Alan Kaiser, National Coffee Association; and PHA Chairman Jim Edmonds.



Clean and Green 365

365 volunteers planted 365 trees on Saturday, Nov. 8, at Tony Marron Park from 8 a.m. until noon to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the Clean

& Green Port of Houston, Buffalo Bayou and Shell Oil Company Program. To honor this milestone event, youth and adult volunteers planted 365 saplings as part of the program's restoration efforts to keep Buffalo Bayou "clean and green."

By working in partnership with the Port of Houston Authority, Buffalo Bayou Partnership Shell Oil Company, the Greater East End Management District, Harris County Constable Precinct 6, the Harris County Community Supervision and Corrections Department, Harris County Flood Control District, the Ogg Law Firm, the STAR (Success through Addiction Recovery) program, the Vista Fibers Company and Williams Bros. Construction Co., Clean & Green is halting the steady stream of non-point source pollution washing off of Houston's streets into the bayous and floating on through the port into Galveston Bay and onto the Gulf of Mexico.

CLEAN & GREEN PORT OF HOUSTON PROGRAM

As the city recovered from Hurricane Ike, the big task of cleanup began. Clean & Green did its part and collected 106 cubic yards of stormwater trash in October. This brings the grand total to 2,163 cubic yards collected since this award-winning effort began in 2007.

That much trash would fill 86.5 garbage trucks, and all of it is now recycled, including the plastics, rubber, paper, metal, glass, wood and electronics.

Questions?

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