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County, City Re-Appoint Chairman Edmonds

The Harris County Commissioners Court and the Houston City Council have unanimously re-appointed James T. Edmonds to his fifth term as chairman of the Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority.

Edmonds was initially appointed to the Port Commission in 1996, representing Harris County. He was first appointed chairman in 2000. Port of Houston Authority (PHA) commissioners serve two-year terms without pay.

"I am deeply honored and grateful for the confidence Harris County commissioners and Houston City Council have expressed in me with their collective votes," Edmonds said. "I will work even harder over the next two years to ensure that confidence is well-placed."



PHA Chairman James T. Edmonds sits surrounded by members of the Houston City Council, Harris County Commissioners Court and the Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority.



PHA Chairman James T. Edmonds addresses those assembled in the Harris County Administration Building.

Under Edmonds' stewardship as chairman, PHA has implemented the most innovative environmental, security and operations initiatives ever, while experiencing the most aggressive growth, capital expansion and profitability in its 81-year history.

PHA has achieved certification for International Organization for Standardization (ISO) recognition for both its environmental and security management systems; has had eight consecutive years of record-setting operating revenue and has opened the first phase of its \$1.4 billion Bayport container and cruise terminals under Edmonds' stewardship.

In addition, Chairman Edmonds helped spearhead the creation of the state's first rail district and initiate the process for the creation of the nation's first ship channel security district.



PHA Managing Director Wade Battles, PHA Commissioner Kase Lawal (third from right), with members of a delegation of Nigerian dignitaries.

PHA Hosts Nigerian Delegation

The Honorable Bankole Dimeji – Speaker of the House for the Federal Republic of Nigeria – led a delegation of Nigerian dignitaries hosted by Port of Houston Authority Commissioner Kase Lawal and briefed by PHA's Managing Director Wade Battles and the Trade Development and Public Affairs divisions on June 6. The delegation also included fellow House member, The Honorable Faruk Lawan. About a dozen members of the delegation watched video presentations by the two divisions in PHA's executive boardroom and afterwards, about 50 members of the delegation toured the Houston Ship Channel aboard the *M/V Sam Houston*.

May Port Commission Highlights

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

- Approved a PHA staff recommendation to award a three-year, \$14.3 million contract to Day & Zimmerman, Inc. for unarmed, uniformed security guard services at PHA terminal gates.
- Authorized a \$28,000 contract to Det Norske Veritas Certification Inc. for an audit of the port authority's internationally acclaimed environmental management system (EMS), focusing on PHA's Turning Basin Terminal, Central Maintenance facility, Barbours Cut Terminal and the new Bayport Container Terminal.
- Approved a two-year, general services contract to Tex American Recycling Corporation for scrap tire removal, recycling or disposal at PHA facilities for \$100,000.
- Authorized advertising for and receipt of proposals for a new trash skimmer boat to assist with the cleanup of Buffalo Bayou as part of the highly successful Clean & Green Port of Houston program.



PHA Commissioners Steve Phelps and Jimmy Burke.

Congressman King Looks at PHA Security

U.S. Rep. Peter King (R-N.Y.) got a first-hand look at the Port of Houston Authority's security system during a May 19 visit. King, the ranking member of the House Committee on Homeland Security, was briefed about PHA's layered security system through collaborative efforts among federal, state, and local governments along with private industry. There were various port security stakeholders who gave presentations to the congressman, including the Port of Houston Authority, the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Harris County, the city of Houston, and the East Harris County Manufacturers Association.



Chief Dennis Storemski, director, Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security, City of Houston; PHA Managing Director Wade Battles; Carlos Fontanez, operations specialist, Houston Field Office, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; Sylvia Garcia, Harris County Precinct 2 commissioner; Capt. William Diehl, U.S. Coast Guard, Houston-Galveston Sector Commander; Congressman Peter King (R-N.Y.); David Seitz, East Harris County Manufacturers Association; PHA Commissioner Janiece Longoria; and PHA Operations Director Jimmy Jamison.

Houston Ship Channel Security District: "An Innovative Step Forward"



The Houston Ship Channel Security District (HSCSD) will be a key element in securing the port. Last year, Gov. Rick Perry visited the Port of Houston and ceremonially signed into law House Bill 3011, which authorized the creation of the district.

The HSCSD was designed as a public-private partnership to help improve security within the Houston Ship Channel area by assisting with the local share and operations and maintenance

costs of security infrastructure. Once finalized, it is expected to be the model for port security nationwide. At his recent visit, King cited the district as "an innovative step forward."

The Houston Ship Channel Security District Advocacy Team is now working with the HSCSD Steering Committee to implement an awareness and communications strategic advocacy plan for the district, using collateral materials that include a user-friendly Web site, www.hscsecurity.org, and brochures.

CLEAN & GREEN PORT OF HOUSTON PROGRAM

Another month and another couple truckloads of litter were removed from Buffalo Bayou though the Clean & Green program. About 100 cubic yards of stormwater trash were removed in May, bringing the total after 10 months to 1,548 cubic yards, which would fill nearly 62 garbage trucks.

Dump all that trash into a basketball court and it would be nearly nine feet high!



Questions?

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