

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 58

BY REPRESENTATIVE STAGNI AND SENATORS CONNICK, HENRY, MILLER,  
AND TALBOT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the administration of the New Orleans Aviation Board to appear annually at the Jefferson Parish and Kenner City Council meetings and provide updates on hurricane preparedness and other related matters of mutual concern regarding infrastructure prior to the start of hurricane season.

WHEREAS, the city of New Orleans operates under the 1954 Home Rule Charter; and

WHEREAS, the city of New Orleans owns the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY); and

WHEREAS, the New Orleans Aviation Board maintains sole custody of and oversees the administration, operation, and maintenance of the MSY; and

WHEREAS, the New Orleans Aviation Board is also part of the broader emergency response efforts during hurricanes; and

WHEREAS, when disasters hit towns and cities, airports play a critical role in the preparation, response, and recovery; and

WHEREAS, the MSY is almost entirely situated in the city of Kenner, parish of Jefferson, with the exception of a small portion of the runway that extends into the parish of St. Charles; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Francine struck Louisiana from September 9th through 12th, 2024; and

WHEREAS, according to the New Orleans Advocate, La-Current Online Resource, Hurricane Francine caused particular devastation to Jefferson Parish and city of Kenner residents; and

WHEREAS, according to the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer to the Mayor of Kenner, Aimee Vallot, approximately seven hundred homes in the city of Kenner took on water due to heavy rainfall in a short period of time; and

WHEREAS, approximately seven inches of rain accumulated throughout Jefferson Parish and the city of Kenner; and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of Hurricane Francine produced such heavy rainfall; the equivalent of a fifty year storm; and

WHEREAS, the drainage pumping systems were unable to keep up with the amount of rainfall, causing street flooding and structural damage; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Francine's impacts revealed the necessity for additional communication and cooperation regarding the infrastructure at MSY, included but not limited to drainage, pumping water, sewerage, and sewer systems in and around MSY; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Weather Service, hurricane season begins on June 1st every year; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson Parish council meetings are typically scheduled on the third Wednesday of each month; and

WHEREAS, Kenner council meetings are scheduled on the first Thursday of each month and the third Friday of each month; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Parish and Kenner City Councils are appropriate forums for the New Orleans Aviation Board to educate the public on hurricane preparedness prior to the start of hurricane season each year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the administration of the New Orleans Aviation Board to appear yearly at the Jefferson Parish and Kenner City Council meetings to provide updates on hurricane preparedness and other related matters of mutual concern regarding infrastructure prior to June 1st.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the director of the New Orleans Aviation Board.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE