

Joint Interim Committee on Coastal Barrier Systems



Co-Chairs: Senator Larry Taylor and Representative Joe Deshotel

August 4, 2014, Texas A&M Galveston
10:00 am

I. Roll Call

II. Introduction and Welcome by Jim Yarbrough, Mayor, Galveston, TX

III. Invited Testimony

1. Texas General Land Office

Katy Sellers, Director, Operations and Public Affairs, Disaster Recovery Program
Tony Williams, Environmental Review, Professional Services

2. United States Army Corps of Engineers

Colonel Richard P. Pannell, Commander, Galveston District,
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

3. Severe Storm Prediction, Education and Evacuation from Disasters (SSPEED) Center, Rice University

Jim Blackburn, Co-Director, SSPEED Center Professor in the Practice,
Rice University

4. Texas A&M University at Galveston

Colonel Len Waterworth, Executive Professor in Maritime Administration,
Texas A&M University at Galveston
Dr. Bill Merrell, Professor and George P. Mitchell Chair in Marine Sciences,
Texas A&M University at Galveston

5. Economic Alliance Houston Port Region

Chad Burke, President/CEO, Economic Alliance Houston Port Region
Glenn Royal, Mayor, Seabrook, TX
Michel Bechtel, Mayor, Morgan's Point, TX

IV. Public Testimony

V. Adjournment

Committee Membership: Senators Larry Taylor, Bob Deuell, Rodney Ellis, Kevin Eltife, Craig Estes, Troy Fraser, Glenn Hegar, Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, Eddie Lucio, Jr., Robert Nichols, Kel Seliger, and Carlos Uresti, Representatives Joe Deshotel, Greg Bonnen, James Frank, Craig Goldman, Abel Herrero, Geanie Morrison, Chris Paddie, Tan Parker, David Simpson, Drew Springer, and Armando Walle