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## **Gov. Jindal Appoints Transportation Executive To Port of New Orleans Board**

New Orleans—Governor Bobby Jindal today appointed Michael W. Kearney to the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans. He will serve a five-year term, succeeding John Fay, one of four Orleans Parish members on the regional Board, which governs Port operations in Orleans, Jefferson and St. Bernard parishes.

Kearney is president and owner of The Kearney Companies Inc., a New Orleans-based third-party logistics company serving the supply chain needs of many large exporters and importers within the Port of New Orleans.

“I am truly humbled and honored for the opportunity to serve on the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans,” said Kearney, who has been involved in the development of trade and commerce in New Orleans for more than 40 years. “I look forward to working with my fellow commissioners, Port staff and the entire maritime community to build upon the Port’s strengths as a world-class shipping center.”

Prior to founding the Kearney Companies in 1996, he served as president of Neeb – Kearney & Company and the Jackson Kearney Group. In 1997, Kearney became president of Transocean Terminal Operators – the Port’s largest stevedoring company at the time.

“The Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans will be served well by Mr. Kearney’s extensive experience in the global shipping industry and the regional maritime community,” said Port President and CEO Gary LaGrange. “I am thrilled to welcome him aboard.”

A graduate of De La Salle High School in New Orleans, Kearney attended Louisiana State University and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Tulane University. Professionally, Kearney is active in industry associations, formerly serving as the President of New Orleans Board of Trade and now serving on its executive committee. He also serves on the boards of the New Orleans Business Alliance, Fast Forward Main Street, and on the Advisory Committee of the World Trade Center of Greater New Orleans.

An active member in the community, Kearney has served as chairman of the board of St. George’s Episcopal School and on the Board of Governor’s for Trinity Episcopal School. Kearney served on the Super Bowl Task Force Commission, which secured New Orleans’ first Super Bowl and subsequently served as chairman of the Mayor’s Sports Advisory Committee for the City of New Orleans and was an officer and director for eight years for the New Orleans YMCA.

An avid tennis player and sports enthusiast, he is married to Suzanne Wilkins Kearney and has four children, Michael, David, Wilkins and Niquette – and three grandchildren.

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Commissioner Joe Toomy took over duties as Board chairman today from Commissioner Valerie Cahill, who remains on the Board. Dan Packer will now serve as vice chair and Greg Rusovich will now serve as secretary-treasurer. Other Board members include Scott Cooper and William T. Bergeron.

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