

**DELAWARE RIVER PORT AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING**

**One Port Center  
Camden, New Jersey  
Wednesday, March 19, 2025**

**Pennsylvania Commissioners**

James Schultz, Esq., Chairman of the Board  
Pasquale Deon, Sr. (for Pennsylvania Auditor General Timothy DeFoor)  
James Snell (for Pennsylvania Treasurer Stacy Garrity) (via Teams)  
Donna Powell  
Keiwana McKinney-Forde (via Teams)  
Gregory Schwab, Esq.  
Robert Ghormoz (via Teams)

**New Jersey Commissioners**

Jeffrey Nash, Esq., Vice Chairman of the Board  
Albert Frattali  
Richard Sweeney  
Aaron Nelson (via Teams)  
Jonathan Young  
Bruce Garganio  
Sarah Lipsett (via Teams)

**DRPA/PATCO Staff**

John Hanson, Chief Executive Officer  
Jalila D. Parker, Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
Raymond J. Santarelli, Esq., General Counsel and Corporate Secretary  
Toni Brown, Chief Administrative Officer  
Jerry Sahi, Chief Financial Officer  
Michael Venuto, Chief Engineer  
John Rink, PATCO General Manager  
Robert Hicks, Chief Operating Officer  
Robert Finnegan, Chief Safety and Security Officer  
David Aubrey, Inspector General  
Ed Cobbs, Jr., Chief of Police  
Stephen M. Holden, Esq., Deputy General Counsel  
Megan S. Scheib, Esq., Deputy General Counsel  
Christopher Jones, Director, Information Services  
Matthew Licata, Director, Fleet Management  
Ricardo DeOliveira, Director, WWB/CBB  
Joseph McAroy, Director, BRB/BRB (via Teams)  
Christina Maroney, Director, Strategic Initiatives  
Darcie DeBeaumont, Director, Finance, DRPA  
Mark Ciechon, Director, Finance, PATCO  
Rohan Hepkins, PATCO Deputy General Manager  
Darlene Callands, Director, Government Relations & Grants Administration  
Kathleen Imperatore, Director, Fare Collection, PATCO  
Mike Williams, Manager, Corporate Communications  
Dawn Whiton, Executive Assistant to the CEO  
Barbara Wagner, Executive Assistant to the CEO

Jesse Mickel, Acting Manager, Purchasing & Stores  
Amanda Hammock, Administrative Coordinator, Corporate Secretary Department  
Katherine Hilinski, Records Manager, Office of General Counsel  
Carol Herbst, Senior Accountant, Finance (via Teams)  
Jazmine Thomas, Electronic Technician Apprentice, Fare Collection, PATCO

### **Others Present**

Alan Kessler, Esq., Duane Morris, LLP (via Teams)  
Christopher Gibson, Esq., Archer & Greiner, P.C.  
Alexis Franklin, Esq., Associate Counsel, New Jersey Governor's Authorities Unit (via Teams)  
Jessica Priselac, Esq., Duane Morris, LLP (via Teams)  
Alan Becker, Citizens Advisory Committee Member  
Victoria D'Amico, South Jersey Port Corporation  
Megan Clancy, Holt Logistics  
Jasime Thompson, PATCO  
Daniel Christy, former DRPA/PATCO Commissioner  
Tom Fitzgerald, Reporter, Philadelphia Inquirer

### **OPEN SESSION**

#### **Roll Call**

Chairman Schultz called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and asked that the Corporate Secretary call the roll. The following Commissioners were present, constituting a quorum: Chairman Schultz, Vice Chairman Nash, Commissioners Deon, Lipsett, Ghormoz, Snell, Frattali, Powell, McKinney-Forde, Garganio, Nelson, Sweeney, Schwab, and Young.

General Counsel Santarelli stated that there was one item that staff was requesting to add to the agenda: DRPA-25-025 entitled Enhancing Cleanliness and Public Safety of PACO Line Station. Mr. Santarelli explained that DRPA Board Resolutions require an affirmative vote of a supermajority of six (6) Commissioners from each state to add the item to the Agenda, and it will be considered as during the New Business portion of the Agenda. Commissioner Schwab moved to add DRPA-25-025 to the agenda and Commissioner Sweeney seconded the motion. There were no questions or comments from Commissioners on this item. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried by the required supermajority, adding the item to the agenda as New Business.

#### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **Report of the Chief Executive Officer**

Chief Executive Officer Hanson stated that his Report stood as previously submitted. CEO Hanson then introduced Jazmine Thomas, the first graduate of the PATCO Apprentice Program. Chief Executive Officer Hanson gave details concerning the Program, citing the need for such programs to fill critical rolls with skilled individuals. CEO Hanson also recognized and commended the work of employees Dawn Whiton, Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer and Deputy Chief Executive Officer, and Kathleen Imperatore, PATCO Director of Fare Collection, for their roles within the Program, ensuring its success. CEO Hanson also introduced Daniel Christy, who had previously served as Commissioner. Vice Chairman Nash gave remarks regarding Mr. Christy's

eight (8) years of service, praising him for his service and commitment to the Authority. Commissioner Deon moved to accept the CEO's Report and Commissioner Sweeney seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

**Report of the Chief Financial Officer**

Chief Financial Officer Sahi stated that his Report stood as previously submitted and he had no further comments. There were no questions or comments from the Commissioners.

**Approval of the February 19, 2025 DRPA Board Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Schultz stated that the February 19, 2025 DRPA Board Meeting Minutes were previously provided to all Commissioners and to the Governors of New Jersey and Pennsylvania. There were no comments or corrections to the Minutes. Commissioner Deon moved to approve the Minutes and Commissioner Sweeney seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

**Receipt and Filing of the List of Previously Approved Payments covering the Month of February 2025**

Chairman Schultz stated that the List of Previously Approved Payments covering the month of February 2025 was previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no questions or comments. Commissioner Deon moved to receive and file the List and Commissioner Sweeney seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

**Receipt and Filing of the List of Previously Approved Purchase Orders and Contracts covering the Month of February 2025**

Chairman Schultz stated that the List of Previously Approved Purchase Orders and Contracts covering the month of February 2025 was previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no questions or comments from Commissioners on this item. Commissioner Frattali moved to receive and file the List and Commissioner Schwab seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

**Approval of Operations & Maintenance Committee Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2025**

Chairman Schultz stated that the Minutes of the March 4, 2025 Operations & Maintenance Committee Meeting were previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no comments or corrections. Commissioner Deon moved to approve the Minutes and Commissioner Frattali seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

**Adoption of Resolutions Approved by the Operations & Maintenance Committee on March 4, 2025**

Chairman Schultz stated that there were five (5) Resolutions from the Operations & Maintenance Committee Meeting for consideration:

**DRPA-25-019            PATCO Franklin Square System Integration Enhancements**

PATCO General Manager Rink presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate a contract with Oliver Communications Group to provide system integration enhancements at the Franklin Square Station in an amount not to exceed \$468,000.00. The materials and work will be provided under GSA Schedule 84 pricing. Commissioner Garganio moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Sweeney seconded the motion. There were no questions or comments from Commissioners on this item. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

**DRPA-25-020            Contract Modifications**

PATCO General Manager Rink presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for a change order to the contract approved by Resolution No. DRPA-21-085, the Overhaul of Transit Car Gear Units, requesting an additional \$500,000.00 in funding for gearbox overhauls through December 2025, the end date of the current contract. The additional funding is approved in the 2025 Capital Budget. Commissioner Deon moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Sweeney seconded the motion. There were no questions or comments from Commissioners on this item. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

**DRPA-25-021            Platform Truck Upfitting Equipment Package**

Fleet Director Licata presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate a purchase contract with Intercon Truck Equipment, Inc. for the purchase of one (1) Platform Truck Upfitting Equipment Package in the amount of \$156,625.00. The Packages will be purchased under Costars Contract #025-E22-394. Commissioner Powell moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Sweeney seconded the motion. There were no questions or comments from Commissioners on this item. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

**DRPA-25-022****Trane U.S., Inc. Chiller Maintenance Agreement**

Bridge Director DeOliveira presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate a Maintenance Agreement with Trane U.S., Inc. to provide preventative maintenance and emergency service for Bridge facility chillers at all four DRPA Bridge Facilities for a period of three (3) years and in an amount not to exceed of \$159,796.00. Commissioner Young moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Snell seconded the motion. There were no questions or comments from Commissioners on this item. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

**DRPA-25-023****Replacement of Toll Plaza Lane Signs for the Walt Whitman Bridge and Commodore Barry Bridge**

Bridge Director DeOliveira presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate a contract with Daktronics, Inc. for the purchase of 22 toll plaza lane signs for the Walt Whitman Bridge and Commodore Barry Bridge in the amount of \$394,920.00. Commissioner Frattali moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Sweeney seconded the motion. There were no questions or comments from Commissioners on this item. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

**Approval of Audit Committee Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2025**

Chairman Schultz stated that the Minutes of the March 5, 2025 Audit Committee Meeting were previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no comments or corrections. Commissioner Deon moved to approve the Minutes and Commissioner Sweeney seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative to approve the Minutes. The motion carried.

**Citizens' Advisory Committee Report**

Alan Becker of the Citizens' Advisory Committee gave an update on recent Committee activities, including the meeting held on March 12, 2025. Mr. Becker stated that the CFO Sahi gave a financial update, Communications Director Mike Williams and CEO Hanson spoke on media coverage of emergency closures, and there was a lighting project presentation from Engineering.

**Unfinished Business**

There were no Unfinished Business items.

## **New Business**

Chairman Schultz stated that there were two (2) New Business items for consideration:

### **DRPA-25-024                      Consideration of Pending DRPA Contracts (Between \$25,000 and \$100,000)**

Acting Purchasing Manager Mickel presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate and enter into one (1) pending DRPA contract identified in the attachment to the Resolution. Commissioner Schwab moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Sweeney seconded the motion. There were no questions or comments from Commissioners on this item. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

### **DRPA-25-025                      Enhancing Cleanliness and Public Safety at PATCO Line Stations**

Chief Executive Officer Hanson presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization to enter into partnerships and necessary agreements to enhance the operation and maintenance - including but not limited to cleanliness and public safety - at the various facilities used by the DRPA's Port Authority Transit Corporation urban rapid transit line. Commissioner Powell inquired if there was any associated cost; CEO Hanson responded that at this early stage staff was not requesting a specific commitment in terms of cost and that any future such commitment would be addressed pursuant to the applicable approval processes. Commissioner McKinney-Forde inquired whether the Center City District would have a role in the process; CEO Hanson and PATCO GM Rink expressed hope that the Center City District would be an integral part of the process. Commissioner Snell read a statement from Pennsylvania State Treasurer Garrity offering her support for the initiative. Commissioner Deon also affirmed Pennsylvania Auditor General DeFoor's support for this action. Commissioner Deon moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Sweeney seconded the motion. There were no questions or comments from Commissioners on this item. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

## **DRPA Board Meeting Held in Abeyance**

At 9:37 a.m., the DRPA Board meeting was held in abeyance to allow the PATCO Board Meeting to convene.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Commissioner Deon moved to adjourn the Meeting. Commissioner Schwab seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The Meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Raymond J. Santarelli, Esquire  
General Counsel and Corporate Secretary