

**DELAWARE RIVER PORT AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING**

**One Port Center
Camden, New Jersey
Wednesday, April 16, 2025**

Pennsylvania Commissioners

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

New Jersey Commissioners

Jeffrey Nash, Esq., Vice Chairman of the Board
Albert Frattali
Richard Sweeney
Aaron Nelson (via Teams)
Jonathan Young (via Teams)
Charles Fentress

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
Kathleen P. Vandy, Esq., Assistant General Counsel
Christopher Jones, Director, Information Services
Matthew Licata, Director, Fleet Management
Ricardo DeOliveira, Director, WWB/CBB (via Teams)
Joseph McAroy, Director, BRB/BRB
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
Omer Ahmed, Director, Revenue & Treasury, Finance, DRPA
Amy Ash, Manager, Contract Administration
Nickolas G. Papaioannou, Manager, Finance, DRPA
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)

Others Present

Alan Kessler, Esq., Duane Morris, LLP (via Teams)
Michael Eleneski, Esq., Associate Counsel, New Jersey Governor's Authorities Unit (via Teams)
Jessica Priselac, Esq., Duane Morris, LLP (via Teams)
Megan Clancy, Esq., Associate General Counsel, Holt Logistics
Bill Hamilton, former DRPA employee

OPEN SESSION

Roll Call

Chairman Schultz called the meeting to order at 9:01 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, Deibert, Frattali, Powell, McKinney-Forde, Ross, Nelson, Fentress, Sweeney, Schwab, and Young.

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 and he had no further comments. 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 March 19, 2025 DRPA Board Meeting Minutes

Chairman Schultz stated that the March 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 Frattali moved to approve the Minutes and Commissioner Young 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 March 2025

Chairman Schultz stated that the List of Previously Approved Payments covering the month of March 2025, was previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no questions or comments. Commissioner Fentress 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 March 2025

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

Approval of Operations & Maintenance Committee Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2025

Chairman Schultz stated that the Minutes of the April 1, 2025 Operations & Maintenance Committee Meeting were previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no comments or corrections. Commissioner Frattali moved to approve the Minutes and Commissioner Sweeney 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 three (3) Resolutions from the Operations & Maintenance Committee Meeting for consideration:

DRPA-25-026 2025 Program Management for Capital Projects

Chief Engineer Venuto presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate agreements with the following six (6) consulting engineering firms to provide program management services in support of the Authority’s capital program and in-house engineering staff for an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00 in aggregate: AECOM Technical Services, Inc., French & Parrello Associates, PA, HNTB Corporation, Jacobs Engineering Group, STV Incorporated, and TranSystems Corporation. Commissioner Fentress 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-25-027 Dedication of Hedley Street, Philadelphia PA

Deputy Chief Executive Officer Parker presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to dedicate the Authority-owned portion of Hedley Street to the City of Philadelphia for the purpose of reopening Hedley Street and connecting Richmond Street to Delaware Avenue, thus relieving truck congestion. Commissioner Ross 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-25-028

Expand the Remote Monitoring and Control for the BFB Electrical System

Bridge Director McAroy presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate a contract with the Tri-M Group to provide engineering design, field labor, and start-up to expand the EcoStruxure control system at the Ben Franklin Bridge to capture the expansion for increased monitoring and control of the bridge electrical systems in an amount not to exceed \$153,770.00. Commissioner Fentress 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 Labor Committee Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2025

Chairman Schultz stated that the Minutes of the April 1, 2025 Labor Committee Meeting were previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no comments or corrections. Commissioner Powell moved to approve the Minutes and Commissioner Fentress seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative to approve the Minutes. The motion carried.

Adoption of Resolutions Approved by the Labor Committee on April 1, 2025

Chairman Schultz stated that there was one (1) Resolution from the Labor Committee Meeting for consideration:

DRPA-25-029

Modification of Current Temporary Workers Contract

Chief Administrative Officer Brown presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization to modify the current General Services contract with the staffing firms Accountants for You, I-Search Partners, Inc. (formerly, Perry Resources), Macon Pace, Inc., Careers USA and 22nd Century Technology, Inc. to add an additional Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) to the original contract amount of Two Million, One Hundred and Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$2,190,000). This additional amount will ensure adequate funding for the continued use of temporary workers until the expiration of the contract on October 1, 2025. Commissioner Sweeney moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Frattali 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 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2025

Chairman Schultz stated that the Minutes of the April 2, 2025 Finance Committee Meeting were previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no comments or corrections. Commissioner Fentress moved to approve the Minutes and Commissioner Frattali seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative to approve the Minutes. The motion carried.

Adoption of Resolutions Approved by the Finance Committee on April 2, 2025

Chairman Schultz stated that there were three (3) Resolutions from the Finance Committee Meeting for consideration:

DRPA-25-030 DRPA Replacement of Facility Network Switches

Information Services Director Jones presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate a contract with ePlus Technology, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$345,893.34 for the procurement of hardware upgrades to the Authority’s network infrastructure. This purchase is provided with pricing under the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s COSTARS 003-E22-579 IT Hardware contract. Commissioner Sweeney moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Fentress 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-25-031 DRPA Cybersecurity Enhancements

Information Services Director Jones presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization to negotiate a contract with ePlus Technology, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$733,237.62 for the procurement of hardware and software upgrades to the Authority’s network infrastructure geared towards improving the overall security of the network. This purchase is provided with pricing under the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s COSTARS 003-E22-579 IT Hardware contract. This purchase will be paid for in two (2) installments, one for \$600,000.00 in 2025, and the other for \$133,237.62 in 2026. 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-25-032 DRPA VOIP Phone System Upgrade

Information Services Director Jones presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization to negotiate a contract with ePlus Technology, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$1,261,904.80 for the procurement of hardware and software upgrades to DRPA’s VOIP (Voice Over IP) Phone system. This purchase is provided with pricing under the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s COSTARS 003-E22-579 IT Hardware contract. This purchase will be paid for in two (2) installments, one for \$750,000.00 in 2025, and the other for \$511,904.80 in 2026. This contract also provides for a sixty (60) month license of the services provided. Commissioner Fentress 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.

Citizens’ Advisory Committee Report

There was no Citizen’s Advisory Committee Report.

Unfinished Business

There were no Unfinished Business items.

New Business

Chairman Schultz stated that there was one (1) New Business items for consideration:

DRPA-25-033

**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 enter into one (1) pending DRPA contract identified in the attachment to the Resolution. Commissioner Fentress 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 9:19 a.m., the DRPA Board meeting was held in abeyance to allow the PATCO Board Meeting to convene.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Commissioner Fentress moved to adjourn the Meeting. Commissioner Sweeney seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The Meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Raymond J. Santarelli, Esquire
General Counsel and Corporate Secretary