

**DELAWARE RIVER PORT AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING**

**One Port Center
Camden, New Jersey
Wednesday, December 10, 2025**

Pennsylvania Commissioners

James Schultz, Esq., Chairman of the Board
Pasquale Deon, Sr. (for Pennsylvania Auditor General Timothy DeFoor)
Dave White (for Pennsylvania Treasurer Stacy Garrity)
Gregory Schwab, Esq
Robert Ghormoz (via Teams)
Vaughn Ross (via Teams)
Keiwana McKinney-Forde (via Teams)
Garrett Snider (via Teams)

New Jersey Commissioners

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

DRPA/PATCO Staff

John T. Hanson, Chief Executive Officer DRPA/President PATCO
Jalila D. Parker, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, DRPA
Raymond J. Santarelli, Esq., General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, DRPA
Toni P. Brown, Chief Administrative Officer, DRPA
Jerry Sahi, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer, DRPA
Michael Venuto, Chief Engineer, DRPA
John Rink, General Manager, PATCO (via Teams)
Robert Hicks, Chief Operating Officer, DRPA
David Aubrey, Inspector General, DRPA
Robert Finnegan, Chief Safety and Security Officer, DRPA
Ed Cobbs, Jr., Chief of Police, DRPA
Stephen M. Holden, Esq., Deputy General Counsel, DRPA
Megan S. Scheib, Esq., Deputy General Counsel, DRPA
Kathleen P. Vandy, Esq., Assistant General Counsel, DRPA
William Shanahan, Director, Homeland Security and Emergency Management, DRPA
Christopher Jones, Director, Information Services, DRPA
Ricardo DeOliveira, Bridge Director, WWB/CBB (via Teams)
Michael Christie, Bridge Director, BFB/BRB
Omer Ahmed, Director, Revenue & Treasury, Finance, DRPA
Mark Ciechon, Director, Finance, PATCO
Darcie DeBeaumont, Director, Finance, DRPA
Christina Maroney, Director, Strategic Initiatives, DRPA
Carol Herbst, Senior Accountant, Finance, DRPA (by Teams)
Rohan Hepkins, Assistant General Manager, PATCO
Francis Kelly, Assistant General Manager, PATCO
Darlene Callands, Director, Government Relations & Grants Administration, DRPA

Jesse Mickel, Acting Manager, Purchasing & Stores, DRPA
Amy Ash, Manager, Contract Administration, DRPA
Mike Williams, Manager, Communications, DRPA
Amanda Hammock, Administrative Coordinator, Corporate Secretary Department, DRPA
Katherine Hilinski, Records Manager, Office of General Counsel, DRPA
Ryan Linhart, Budget/Financial Analysis, Finance, DRPA
Joseph McGonigle, Manager, Budget/Financial Analysis, Finance, DRPA
Jack Peffer, Supervisor, EZ Pass Technology & Toll Analysis, Finance, DRPA
Nickolas Papaioannou, Manager, Accounting, Finance, DRPA
Dawn Whiton, Executive Assistant to the CEO, DRPA

Others Present

Christopher Gibson, Esq., Archer & Greiner, P.C.
Michael Eleneski, Esq., Associate Counsel, New Jersey Governor's Authorities Unit
Jessica Priselac, Esq., Duane Morris, LLP (via Teams)
Hayden Rigo, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Pennsylvania Auditor General (via Teams)

OPEN SESSION

Roll Call

Chairman Schultz called the meeting to order at 9:02 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, White, Frattali, Nelson, Ross, Sweeney, Schwab, McKinney-Forde, Young, Lipsett, Ghormoz and Snider.

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. He thanked the Staff for their work and the Board for its guidance throughout the year. 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 DRPA Board Meeting Minutes – November 19, 2025

Chairman Schultz stated that the November 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 on or corrections to the Minutes.

Commissioner Deon moved to approve the Minutes and Commissioner White 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 November 2025

Chairman Schultz stated that the List of Previously Approved Purchase Orders and Contracts covering the month of November 2025 was previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no questions or comments.

Commissioner Sweeney moved to receive and file the List and Commissioner Deon seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

Approval of Operations & Maintenance Committee Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2025

Chairman Schultz stated that the Minutes of the December 2, 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 December 2, 2025

Chairman Schultz stated that there were eight (8) Resolutions from the Operations & Maintenance Committee Meeting for consideration. Chairman Schultz stated that the first five (5) of the Summary Statements and Resolutions dealt with the procurement of Professional Services for the 2026 Biennial Inspections for DRPA and PATCO and that for the ease of presentation, and if there was no objection, those five (5) resolutions would be presented and voted on as a group. There was no objection by Commissioners.

The following five (5) Summary Statements and Resolutions were discussed as a group and voted on as one:

DRPA-25-111 Professional Services for the 2026 Biennial Inspection of the Ben Franklin Bridge

Chief Engineer Venuto presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to accept the proposal of AECOM to provide engineering services required to perform the 2026 Biennial Inspection of the Ben Franklin Bridge and to negotiate an Agreement with AECOM for an amount not to exceed \$1,281,000.00.

DRPA-25-112 Professional Services for the 2026 Biennial Inspection of the Walt Whitman Bridge

Chief Engineer Venuto presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to accept the proposal of HNTB Corporation to provide engineering services required to perform the 2026 Biennial Inspection of the Walt Whitman Bridge and to negotiate an Agreement with HNTB Corporation for an amount not to exceed \$1,665,150.00.

DRPA-25-113 Professional Services for the 2026 Biennial Inspection of the Commodore Barry Bridge

Chief Engineer Venuto presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to accept the proposal of GFT Infrastructure, Inc. to provide engineering services required to perform the 2026 Biennial Inspection of the Commodore Barry Bridge and to negotiate an Agreement with GFT Infrastructure, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,258,600.00.

DRPA-25-114 Professional Services for the 2026 Biennial Inspection of the Betsy Ross Bridge

Chief Engineer Venuto presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to accept the proposal of WSP Technical Services, Inc. to provide engineering services required to perform the 2026 Biennial Inspection of the Betsy Ross Bridge and to negotiate an Agreement with WSP USA, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,479,672.00.

DRPA-25-115 Professional Services for the 2026 Biennial Inspection of PATCO Track & Facilities

Chief Engineer Venuto presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board to accept the proposal of Remington and Vernick Engineers to provide engineering services required to perform the 2026 Biennial Inspection of PATCO Track & Facilities and to negotiate an Agreement with Remington and Vernick Engineers for an amount not to exceed \$928,514.

Commissioner Deon asked about the use of engineering firms and Chief Engineer Venuto and CEO Hanson discussed the issue. Commissioner Young moved to adopt Resolutions DRPA-25-111, DRPA-25-112, DRPA-25-113, DRPA-25-114, and DRPA-25-115. Commissioner Sweeney seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolutions.

DRPA-25-116 Contract Modifications

Chief Engineer Venuto presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization of contract modifications to certain contracts for DRPA projects.

The first contract is with Pennoni Associates, relating to the provision of design services for the Ben Franklin Bridge and Walt Whitman Bridge Fender and Pier Rehabilitation. Staff is seeking authorization to increase the agreement with Pennoni Associates in the amount of \$899,785.00 for a total adjusted amount of \$5,559,985.00 and a time extension of 18 months.

The second contract is with Cornell and Company relating to the Commodore Barry Bridge Weld Remediation Project. Staff is seeking authorization to increase the agreement with Cornell and Company in the amount of \$843,850.79, for a total adjusted amount of \$7,575,350.79 and a time extension of 204 days.

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.

DRPA-25-117 Contract No. BR-25-2024, BRB Sign Gantry Substation Cabinets

Chief Engineer Venuto presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate an agreement with Carr & Duff, Inc. to perform construction services for the Betsy Ross Bridge Electrical Cabinet Replacement Project in the amount not to exceed \$1,341,630.00.

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.

DRPA-25-118 Procurement and Delivery of Highway Rock Salt for DRPA and PATCO Facilities

Bridge Director Christie presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking authorization for staff to purchase 9,820 tons of roadway rock salt from Morton Salt, Inc. The salt will be distributed to the four of DRPA bridges (WWB, BFB, BRB, CBB) and to the PATCO facilities for use on the bridges, highways, and parking lots. The agreement will be for a period of two (2) years, for a total amount not to exceed \$747,935.50.

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 December 3, 2025

Chairman Schultz stated that the Minutes of the December 3, 2025, Finance Committee Meeting were previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no comments or corrections. Commissioner Deon moved to approve the Minutes and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative to approve the Minutes. The motion carried.

2026 Budget Presentation

Chief Executive Officer Hanson spoke on the process and work that was done to accomplish the 2026 Operating Budget, giving praise to all involved for their hard work and dedication to keeping the Authority frugal and operational. Chief Financial Officer Sahi then presented an overview of the overall DRPA and PATCO 2026 Budget. He stated that the Authority's 2026 Budget is \$291.0 million, a decrease of 10.43% over the previous year. He stated that the decline in debt service costs is the main factor contributing to the overall budget reduction. He explained the 2026 budget creation process. He also discussed the Authority's total operating expense budget, including the separate components of the DRPA, PATCO and Indenture budgets. He reviewed DRPA and PATCO's 2026 revenue budget and its components. He discussed the General Fund Projection,

and Sections 5.15 and 5.09 Certification required by the 1998 Indenture of Trust dated as of July 1, 1998,, and the Section 5.07 Certification required by the 2022 Port District Project Refunding Bonds Indenture dated December 1, 2022.

Adoption of Resolutions Approved by the Finance Committee on December 3, 2025

Chairman Schultz stated that there were four (4) Resolutions from the Finance Committee Meeting for consideration. Chairman Schultz stated that for ease of presentation and if there was no objection, the three (3) Resolutions that relate to the DRPA’s 2026 Budget would be considered as a group, followed by the remaining resolution for consideration. There was no objection.

The following three (3) Summary Statements and Resolutions were discussed as a group and voted on as one:

DRPA-25-119 DRPA’s 2026 Operating Budget

Chief Financial Officer Sahi presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization to adopt the 2026 DRPA Operating Budget.

DRPA-25-120 Resolution in accordance with Sections 5.15 and 5.09 of the 1998 Indenture of Trust dated as of July 1, 1998, with TD Bank, N.A. as Trustee, to adopt an Annual Budget for the Delaware River Port Authority for the 2026 Fiscal Year

Chief Financial Officer Sahi presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board adoption of the Annual Budget of the DRPA for the 2026 Fiscal Year, in accordance with Section 5.15 and 5.09 of the 1998 Indenture of Trust dated as of July 1, 1998, with TD Bank, N.A. as Trustee.

DRPA-25-121 Resolution in accordance with Section 5.07 of the 2022 Port District Project Refunding Bonds Indenture dated December 1, 2022, with TD Bank, N.A. as Trustee, to adopt an Annual Budget of the Delaware River Port Authority for the 2026 Fiscal Year

Chief Financial Officer Sahi presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board adoption of the Annual Budget of the DRPA for the 2026 Fiscal Year, in accordance with Section 5.07 of the 2022 Port District Project Refunding Bonds Indenture dated December 1, 2022, with TD Bank, N.A. as Trustee.

Commissioner Deon moved to adopt Resolutions DRPA-25-119, DRPA-25-120, and DRPA-25-121 and Commissioner Frattali seconded the motion. There were no questions or comments. All Commissioners in attendance voted to approve the motion. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolutions.

DRPA-25-122 Age 65 & Over Retiree Medicare Supplemental Benefits – 2026 (DRPA/PATCO)

Chief Administrative Officer Brown presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization to accept the rate actions from AARP/United Health Group for the provision of supplemental medical coverage to age 65 and over retirees, and to their eligible spouses, for an estimated premium of \$2,978,647, which is an estimated premium increase of \$388,519 (over current premium, which is an approximate +15% increase).

Commissioner Sweeney moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Young 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 December 3, 2025

Chairman Schultz stated that the Minutes of the December 3, 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.

Adoption of Resolutions Approved by the Audit Committee on December 3, 2024

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

DRPA-25-123	Approval of Citizens Advisory Committee Membership Nomination
--------------------	--

Chief Administrative Officer Brown presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board approval of the nomination made by the Citizens Advisory Committee (“CAC”) to fill one (1) New Jersey vacancy on the CAC with nominee Daniel “Dan” J. Coyle.

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.

Citizens’ Advisory Committee Report

There was no Citizens’ Advisory Committee Report.

Unfinished Business

There were no Unfinished Business items.

New Business

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

DRPA-25-124	Resolution Honoring the Philadelphia Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen
--------------------	--

Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Shanahan presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to prepare and present a resolution

honoring the Philadelphia Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen for their service, educational outreach, community service and for their participation in the 2025 Veteran Celebration at One Port Center in Camden. Director Shanahan spoke about the incredible accomplishments and legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen. He highlighted the attendance at the Authority's luncheon of two (2) of the Airmen's original members, both one hundred years old, Dr. Eugene Richardson and Ms. Alma Bailey.

Commissioner Deon moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Young 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 9:50 a.m., the DRPA Board meeting was held in abeyance to allow the PATCO Board Meeting to convene.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Commissioner Frattali moved to adjourn the Meeting. Commissioner Sweeney seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The Meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Raymond J. Santarelli, Esquire
General Counsel and Corporate Secretary