

**DELAWARE RIVER PORT AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING**

**One Port Center
Camden, New Jersey
Wednesday, August 20, 2025**

Pennsylvania Commissioners

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

New Jersey Commissioners

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

DRPA/PATCO Staff

John 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
Kathleen P. Vandy, Esq., Assistant General Counsel, DRPA
Christopher Jones, Director, Information Services, DRPA
Ricardo DeOliveira, Bridge Director, WWB/CBB (by Teams)
Joseph McAroy, Director, BRB/BRB
Michael Christie, Director, BFB/BRB
Matt Licata, Director, Fleet Management, DRPA
Omer Ahmed, Director, Revenue & Treasury, Finance, DRPA
Christina Maroney, Director, Strategic Initiatives, DRPA
Rohan Hepkins, Assistant General Manager, PATCO
Fran 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
Ryan Linhart, Budget Analyst, Finance, DRPA (via Teams)

Amanda Hammock, Administrative Coordinator, Corporate Secretary Department, DRPA
Anne Nelson, Executive Legal Secretary to the General Counsel, DRPA
Carol Herbst, Senior Accountant, Finance, DRPA (via Teams)
Violet Riquelme, Government Relations Intern, DRPA
Sean Riehman-Murphy, Office of the General Manager Intern, PATCO

Others Present

Alan Kessler, Esq., Duane Morris, LLP (via Teams)
Christopher Gibson, Esq., Archer & Greiner, P.C. (via Teams)
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
Marie Acardi, Esq., The Judge Group
Stephen Gandy, Councilman, Stratford Borough Council
Michael Burk, Member of the Public
Bill Hamilton, former DRPA employee

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, Diebert, Powell, Frattali, Fentress, Nelson, Ross, Ghormoz, Sweeney, Schwab, McKinney-Forde, and Lipsett.

Public Comment

Steve Gandy, a resident and Councilman from Stratford Borough, New Jersey addressed concerns to the Board about the influx of unhoused individuals he claims are crossing from the Lindenwold PATCO station into the borough and creating a logistical and financial burden. He requested that the Borough and PATCO work together to deal with the situation. Vice Chairman Nash thanked Mr. Gandy for raising the concerns and offered information relating to Camden County resources to facilitate conversations and hopefully solutions.

Michael Burke, a resident of Williamstown, NJ, spoke to the Board regarding his concerns related to an alleged misregistered EZPass tag.

Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Chief Executive Officer Hanson stated that his Report stood as previously submitted. CEO Hanson updated the Board regarding the Authority's recent bond refunding transaction through which the Authority intends to issue approximately \$219 million of bonds to refund the remaining outstanding 2013 Revenue Bonds totaling \$243.9 million. He noted that Moody's reaffirmed its A1 rating for the Authority's revenue bonds and A3 rating for PDP bonds; Standard & Poor's raised the rating for the Authority's revenue bonds to AA- from A+ and PDP bonds to A+ from A. CEO Hanson stated that the Authority's debt is below \$800 million, down from a high of \$1.6 billion. There were no questions or comments from the Commissioners. Commissioner Fentress

moved to accept the CEO's Report and Commissioner Frattali 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. CFO Sahi stated that, regarding the bonds, the pure dollar amount savings on \$243.9 million would be \$34.7 million, which has a net present value of \$22.7 million. In the first ten years, the DRPA will be saving roughly around \$1,000,000 for the first nine years and the remainder of the savings will be in the last five years. Vice Chairman Nash asked what the effective rate was at the end; CFO Sahi stated that it fluctuated between 3.3% to 4.07%. There were no further questions or comments from the Commissioners.

Approval of DRPA Board Meeting Minutes – July 16, 2025

Chairman Schultz stated that the July 16, 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 Fentress moved to approve the Minutes and Commissioner Frattali 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 July 2025

Chairman Schultz stated that the List of Previously Approved Payments covering the month of July 2025 was previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no questions or comments. Commissioner Deon moved to receive and file the List and Commissioner Fentress 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 July 2025

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

Approval of Operations & Maintenance Committee Meeting Minutes of August 5, 2025

Chairman Schultz stated that the Minutes of the August 5, 2025 Operations & Maintenance 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. The motion carried.

Adoption of Resolutions Approved by the Operations & Maintenance Committee on August 5, 2025

Chairman Schultz stated that there were three (3) Resolutions from the Operations & Maintenance Committee Meeting for consideration.

DRPA-25-057 Modernization of the Senior Citizen Discount Program

Chief Operating Officer Hicks presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to modernize the Senior Citizen Discount Program beginning on September 1, 2025. The DRPA will discontinue the use of any remaining senior citizen paper tickets (the last of which were made available in 2008) beginning on September 1, 2025. Senior Citizens enrolled and approved in the DRPA Senior Citizen Discount Program will continue to receive a discount through the EZ-PASS program. Commissioner Deon 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-25-058 Rental of Miscellaneous Construction Equipment

Fleet Director Licata presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate a purchase contract with Sunbelt Rentals, Inc. to rent miscellaneous construction equipment, in the amount of \$116,500.00 per year, for a three (3) year contract in the total amount of \$349,500.00. Pricing is pursuant to Sourcewell Contract #040924. Commissioner Deon 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-25-059 Custodial Services for DRPA Bridge Facilities

Bridge Director Christie presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate a contract with CJ Maintenance, Inc. for custodial services at the DRPA Bridge Facilities in an amount not to exceed \$2,850,725.27. The contract will be for a three- (3) year period, with two (2) one- (1) year exercisable options. Commissioner Fentress moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Powell 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 August 6, 2025

Chairman Schultz stated that the Minutes of the August 6, 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 Deon 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 August 6, 2025

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

DRPA-25-060 2026 Renewal for Vision Benefits of America

Chief Administrative Officer Brown presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to accept a three-year renewal quote from Vision Benefits of America for the provision of vision care benefits to active DRPA & PATCO benefit-eligible employees and their eligible dependents for plan years January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2028. If approved, the estimated annual premium will be \$38,023.00, which is a flat renewal. Commissioner Fentress moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Deon 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-25-061 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 four (4) pending DRPA contracts identified in the attachment to the Resolution. Commissioner Fentress moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Deon 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 9:27 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 Frattali seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The Meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Raymond J. Santarelli, Esquire
General Counsel and Corporate Secretary