

**DELAWARE RIVER PORT AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING**

**One Port Center
Camden, New Jersey
Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

Pennsylvania Commissioners

James Schultz, Esq., Chairman of the Board
Pasquale Deon, Sr. (for Pennsylvania Auditor General Timothy DeFoor) (via Teams)
Dave White (for Pennsylvania Treasurer Stacy Garrity)
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 (via Teams)
Albert Frattali
Richard Sweeney
Jonathan Young
Charles Fentress
Bruce Garganio (via Teams)
Sarah Lipsett (via Teams)
Aaron Nelson (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
Stephen M. Holden, Esq., Deputy General Counsel, DRPA
Megan S. Scheib, Esq., Deputy General Counsel, 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
Matt Licata, Director, Fleet Management, 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
Dawn Whiton, Executive Assistant to the CEO, DRPA

Others Present

Margaret McHugh, Esq., Brown & Connery
Christopher Gibson, Esq., Archer & Greiner, P.C. (via Teams)
Michael Eleneski, Esq., Associate Counsel, New Jersey Governor’s Authorities Unit (via Teams)
Alan Kessler, Esq., Duane Morris, LLP (via Teams)
Hayden Rigo, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Pennsylvania Auditor General (via Teams)
Bill Hamilton, former DRPA Employee
Eulisis Delgado, PATCO 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, White, Frattali, Nelson, Ross, Sweeney, Fentress, Garganio, McKinney-Forde, Young, Lipsett, Ghormoz and Snider.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

Chairman Schultz stated that the February 18, 2025 meeting agenda had been previously submitted to all Commissioners. There being no objection, the agenda was approved.

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. He noted that he had exercised the expedited procurement process for one contract in the month of January with Biz Library in the amount \$110,000.00. Commissioner Fentress 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 – December 10, 2025

Chairman Schultz stated that the minutes of the December 10, 2025, DRPA Board meeting had been previously distributed to all Commissioners and to the Governors of New Jersey and Pennsylvania. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.

Receipt and Filing of the Lists of Previously Approved Payments and Purchase Orders and Contracts for the months of November 2025, December 2025, and January 2026.

Chairman Schultz stated that the Lists of Previously Approved Payments and Purchase Orders and Contracts for the months of November 2025, December 2025, and January 2026 had been previously distributed to all Commissioners. There being no objections, the Lists were received and filed.

Approval of February 2026 Committee Meeting Minutes

Chairman Schultz stated that the minutes of the February 2026 Operations & Maintenance, Labor, and Finance Committee meetings had been previously distributed to all Commissioners. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.

Adoption of Resolutions for February 2026

A. Operations and Maintenance Committee Resolutions

Chairman Schultz stated that there were six (6) Resolutions from the Operations & Maintenance Committee Meeting for consideration.

DRPA-26-001 Design Services for Benjamin Franklin Bridge Fourth Street Vehicular Underpass

Chief Engineer Venuto presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate an Agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. to provide Design Services for the Benjamin Franklin Bridge Camden Fourth Street Vehicular Underpass for an amount not to exceed \$1,596,211.00.

Commissioner Sweeney moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Frattali seconded the motion. There were no questions or comments from Commissioners on this item. Commissioner Deon abstained from the vote. All remaining Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

DRPA-26-002 NJDOT Easement for Pipe Installation

Chief Engineer Venuto presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate and enter into an easement agreement and deed of easement in favor of NJDOT for installation, maintenance, repair, and replacement responsibilities attributed to the installation of an outflow pipe from Interstate 676 (I-676), into Newtown Creek Main branch, the storm water drainage pipe collecting water from the I-676 southbound ramp, Collings Avenue, and the Interstate 76 (I-76) Connector Ramp.

Commissioner White 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-26-003

Property Management Services for One Port Center

Deputy CEO Parker presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate an agreement with Newmark Group, Inc. to provide the DRPA with property management services for its headquarters, the building known as One Port Center, located at 2 Riverside Drive in Camden, NJ, the adjacent parking lot and related grounds. The agreement will be for three (3) years with two (2), one (1) year extension options at \$862, 686.71, plus additional fees associated with leasing and maintenance of the property.

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-26-004

Auto Parts Contract for DRPA and PATCO

Fleet Director Licata presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate a one (1) year contract with National Auto Parts Association (NAPA) - Genuine Parts Company, for the purchase of aftermarket automotive parts to maintain an adequate inventory of auto parts to support the fleet operations of DRPA and PATCO. In an effort to obtain price discounts and benefits offered by national wholesale distributors of auto parts, the aftermarket automotive parts will be purchased under Sourcewell Contract #100124-GPC. The auto parts requirement for DRPA and PATCO is approximately \$165,000.00, annually.

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-26-005

Purchase of Six (6) replacement Ford Vehicles for DRPA and PATCO Fleet

Fleet Director Licata presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate a contract with Pacifico Ford, Inc., 6701 Essington Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19153 to purchase two (2) 2026 Ford Police Interceptor vehicles, two (2) 2026 Ford F-250 SD Crew Cabs 6.75' box, one (1) 2025 Ford F-250 4x4 SD Crew Cab 8' Box, and one (1) 2026 Ford Ranger Super Crew in the total amount of \$334,898.50. The two (2) 2026 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWDs are being purchased under Costars Contract #013-E25-326, the three (3) F250 trucks and (1) Ford Ranger will be purchased under Costars Contract #025-E23-587. Pacifico Ford, Inc. is the vendor for the (2) Costars Contracts.

Commissioner White 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-26-006

Toll Plaza Lane Use Indicator Sign Purchase

Bridge Director Christie presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to purchase fifty-two (52) LED multi-function lane use indicator signs from COSTARS supplier Denny Electric Supply in the amount of \$222,789.32.

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.

B. Labor Committee Resolutions

Chairman Schultz stated that there were two (2) Resolutions from the Labor Committee Meeting for consideration.

DRPA-26-007

2026 Outside Employment Request for Board Approval

Chief Administrative Officer Brown presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for the outside employment of the following employees: Chief of Police Edward Cobbs, Jr., Chief Engineer Michael Venuto, Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management William Shanahan, PATCO Assistant General Manager Rohan Hepkins, Deputy General Counsel Stephen Holden, and Chief Safety and Security Officer Robert J. Finnegan. Ms. Brown advised that in all cases, it was determined that the outside employment will not conflict with the business of DRPA/PATCO and will not reduce the employees' efficiency in performing work for DRPA/PATCO.

Commissioner Sweeney moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Frattali seconded the motion. and There were no further questions or comments from Commissioners on this item. Commissioner Lipsett abstained from the vote. All remaining Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

DRPA-26-008

Collective Bargaining Agreement between DRPA and the IBEW

General Counsel Santarelli presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board approval of the terms outlined in the Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) with Local 351, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) and authorization for staff to finalize the remaining terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement in accordance with the terms set forth in the MOA.

Commissioner White 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.

C. Finance Committee Resolutions

Chairman Schultz stated that there were five (5) Resolutions from the Finance Committee Meeting for consideration.

DRPA-26-009 2026 Software License Renewals

Information Services Director Jones presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate contracts with the following vendors: Dell Technologies, Inc., ePlus Technology, Inc., EJ Ward, Inc., Schneider Electric, Johnson Controls, and SHI, Inc. for a total amount not to exceed \$800,000.00 for various software and services license renewals needed for 2026. This purchase will be provided with pricing under the following contracts:

- Dell
 - Dell NASPO Computer Equipment PA - New Jersey C000000005003
- ePlus
 - Costars 006-E22-218 Software Contract
 - Costars #003-E22-579- IT Hardware
- EJ Ward
 - Sourcewell 092920-EJW
- Schneider Electric
 - Costars #040-E22-135
- Johnson Controls
 - PA State Contract Surveillance & Security Systems Contract #4400023962
- SHI
 - Sourcewell- Technology Products & Solutions Contract #121923-SHI
 - Sourcewell- Technology Catalog Solutions Contract #081419-SHI
 - Costars 006-E22-250 Software Contract

Commissioner Young 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-26-010 Public Safety Car Laptop/Modem Upgrades

Information Services Director Jones presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate contracts with the following vendors: Dell Technologies, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$40,694.85, and PMC Wireless for an amount not to exceed \$60,045.30 for various hardware needed to upgrade the laptops and modems used by the vehicles of public safety (for a total not to exceed \$100,740.15). This purchase is provided with pricing under the following contracts: Dell NASPO Computer Equipment PA - New Jersey C000001128033, and Physical Security Products Bid #HCESC-CAT-25-10.

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-26-011 Windows 11 Upgrade

Information Services Director Jones presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate contracts with the following vendors: Dell Technologies, Inc., and SHI, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 for various hardware needed to upgrade the Authority’s desktop computers in order to run Windows 11. This purchase will be provided with pricing under the following contracts: Dell NASPO Computer Equipment PA - New Jersey C000001128033, and Sourcewell- Technology Products & Solutions Contract #121923-SHI.

Commissioner Sweeney moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner White 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-26-012 Benefits Administration Modernization Project

Chief Administrative Officer Brown presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to enter into a contract with Benefit Harbor for three (3) years, from January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2029, for a total of \$428,870.00. This contract will modernize the Authority’s benefits administration model by transitioning from the current manual, phone and paper-dependent process to a secure, integrated online self-service platform supported by a third-party administrator. This choice was recommended by Arthur J. Arthur J. Gallagher, which led the Authority’s Request for Proposal process for this project.

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-26-013 Managed Implementation Support for Benefits Administration Modernization Project

Chief Administrative Officer Brown presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to engage Gallagher HR Technology to provide professional services in support of the implementation phase of the Authority’s Benefits Administration Modernization project. The contract will be for a period of 12 months, at a total professional services fee not to exceed \$150,000.00.

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.

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-26-014 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 the seven (7) pending DRPA contracts identified in the attachments 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 9:34 a.m., the DRPA Board meeting was held in abeyance to allow the PATCO Board Meeting to convene.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and without objection, the meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Raymond J. Santarelli, Esquire
General Counsel and Corporate Secretary