

**DELAWARE RIVER PORT AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING**

**One Port Center  
Camden, New Jersey  
Wednesday, October 16, 2024**

**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  
Gregory Schwab, Esq. (via Teams)  
Vaughn Ross (via Teams)  
Keiwana McKinney-Forde (via Teams)  
Robert Ghormoz (via Teams)

**New Jersey Commissioners**

Jeffrey Nash, Esq., Vice Chairman of the Board  
Albert Frattali  
Richard Sweeney  
Charles Fentress  
Aaron Nelson (via Teams)  
Daniel Christy (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 (via Teams)  
Ricardo DeOliveira, Director, WWB/CBB (via Teams)  
Joseph McAroy, Director, BFB/BRB (by Teams)  
Darlene Callands, Acting Director, Government Relations & Grants Administration  
Christina Maroney, Director, Strategic Initiatives  
Darcie DeBeaumont, Director, Finance, DRPA  
Mark Ciechon, Director, Finance, PATCO  
Jesse Mickel, Acting Manager, Purchasing & Stores  
Kathleen P. Vandy, Esq., Assistant General Counsel  
Amy Ash, Manager, Contract Administration  
Carol Herbst, Senior Accountant, Finance (via Teams)

Dawn Whiton, Executive Assistant to the CEO  
Barbara Wagner, Executive Assistant to the CEO  
Amanda Hammock, Administrative Coordinator, Corporate Secretary Department  
Katherine Hilinski, Records Manager, Office of General Counsel

### **Others Present**

Alexis Franklin, Esq., Associate Counsel, New Jersey Governor's Authorities Unit  
Alan Kessler, Esq., Duane Morris, LLP (via Teams)  
Ryan Frascella, Board Liaison, Bellevue Strategies, LLC (via Teams)  
Christopher Gibson, Esq., Archer & Greiner, P.C.  
Anthony Luker, SE Regional Director, Office of the Pennsylvania Governor (via Teams)

### **OPEN SESSION**

#### **Roll Call**

Chairman Schultz called the meeting to order at 9:03 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 Frattali, Ghormoz, Powell, McKinney-Forde, Deon, Nelson, Schwab, Ross, Fentress, Snell, Christy, and Sweeney.

#### **Public Comment**

Mr. Eulisis Delgado thanked Police Chief Cobb and DRPA and PATCO for the ongoing actions support public safety at facilities.

#### **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 Fentress moved to approve the CEO's Report and Commissioner Frattali seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted to approve the CEO's Report. 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 September 18, 2024 DRPA Board Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Schultz stated that the September 18, 2024, 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 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 September 2024**

Chairman Schultz stated that the List of Previously Approved Payments covering the month of September 2024, 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 September 2024**

Chairman Schultz stated that the List of Previously Approved Purchase Orders and Contracts covering the month of September 2024 was previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no questions or comments. Commissioner Frattali 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 October 1, 2024**

Chairman Schultz stated that the Minutes of the October 1, 2024 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 Fentress seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

**Adoption of Resolutions Approved by the Operations & Maintenance Committee on October 1, 2024**

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

**DRPA-24-108      Contract No. WW-35-2023      Walt Whitman Bridge  
Substation Replacements (PS4, PS5 & PS6)**

Chief Engineer Venuto presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate a construction contract with Chamings Electric, Inc. to replace three (3) existing electrical substations at the Walt Whitman Bridge in Philadelphia for the amount of \$5,347,725. Chief Engineer Venuto stated that the contractor submitted, a letter with their completed MVEWB forms explaining the low participation, which was evaluated. He stated that the project is largely an equipment purchase, with limited opportunity for participants, and that the Office of Business Development, the Authority's contracts group and engineering all collaborated on the evaluation and found that it was acceptable to proceed. 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-24-109 PSE&G Easement for Gas System Improvements – Atlantic Avenue, Camden, New Jersey**

Deputy Chief Executive Officer Parker 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 PSE&G for the purpose of effectuating and maintaining gas system improvements at Atlantic Avenue, between Louis and Norris Streets, Camden, New Jersey. 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-24-110 Agreement for 10<sup>th</sup> Street & Packer Avenue Parking Lot**

Deputy Chief Executive Officer Parker presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate and enter a one (1) year contract with four (4) one (1) year extensions to the Agreement with Evans All Pro Properties, LLC to utilize forty parking spaces in an existing DRPA parking lot in the vicinity of 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Packer Avenue, Philadelphia, PA for the following consideration: not less than \$900.00 per month. 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.

**Approval of Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2024**

Chairman Schultz stated that the Minutes of the October 2, 2024, Finance Committee Meeting were previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no comments or corrections. Commissioner Fentress 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 Finance Committee on October 2, 2024**

Chairman Schultz stated that there were fourteen (14) Resolutions from the Finance Committee Meeting for consideration:

The following ten (10) Summary Statements and Resolutions were presented and discussed as a group and voted on collectively:

**DRPA-24-094 Renewal of DRPA/PATCO Commercial Non-Bridge Property Policy**

Chief Administrative Officer Brown presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to accept the proposed Commercial Non-Bridge Property Policy renewal quote offered by the incumbent, now re-branded as FM Affiliated or AFM, with a \$500 million Loss Limit, for the policy term December 31, 2024, to December 31, 2025, at an estimated annual premium of \$781,609.00 (including the NJ PLIGA tax, and TRIPA) and net of commission.

**DRPA-24-095****Renewal of DRPA/PATCO Commercial General Liability Policy**

Chief Administrative Officer Brown presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to accept the proposed Commercial General Liability Policy renewal quote offered by the incumbent, Lexington Insurance Company, for the 12-month policy term December 31, 2024, to December 31, 2025, at an estimated annual premium of \$152,237.00 (including TRIPRA), and net of commission.

**DRPA-24-096****Renewal of DRPA/PATCO Commercial Automobile Liability Policy**

Chief Administrative Officer Brown presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to accept the 24-month renewal policy quote for the Commercial Automobile Liability Policy, from incumbent Selective Insurance Company of America, for the policy term December 31, 2024, to December 31, 2026; including a new \$5,000.00 deductible on a per accident/per incident basis, combined Bodily Injury and Property Damage as a result of any DRPA/PATCO AT FAULT accidents from a third-party automobile accident; at the estimated term premium of \$848,286.00 (including the NJ PLIGA tax and TRIPRA); payable in two annual installments of \$424,143.00 each; and net of commission.

**DRPA-24-097****Renewal of DRPA Excess Workers' Compensation & Employers' Liability Policy**

Chief Administrative Officer Brown presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to accept the proposed DRPA Excess Workers' Compensation & Employers' Liability Policy renewal quote from incumbent, Safety National Casualty Corporation for the 12-month policy term December 31, 2024, to December 31, 2025; at an estimated annual premium of \$183,013.00 (including TRIPRA), net of commission.

**DRPA-24-098****Renewal of Marine General Liability, Hull & Machinery, Including Protection & Indemnity, and Marine Umbrella Liability Insurance Policies**

Chief Administrative Officer Brown presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to accept the proposed non-binding renewal premium *indication* from incumbent, Starr Indemnity & Liability Insurance Company, for the Marine General Liability, Hull & Machinery, including Protection and Indemnity, and Marine Umbrella Liability Insurance Policies, for the 12-month policy term December 31, 2024, to December 31, 2025; at an estimated premium indication of \$38,351.00 (including TRIPRA); net of commission.

**DRPA-24-099      Renewal of DRPA/PATCO Public Officials and Employment Practices Liability Policy**

Chief Administrative Officer Brown presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to accept the proposed 12-month renewal premium quote from incumbent, ACE American Insurance Company, for the DRPA/PATCO Public Officials & Employment Practices Liability Insurance Policy, for the policy term of December 31, 2024, to December 31, 2025; at an estimated premium of \$256,693.00 (including NJ PLIGA tax); and net of commission. The proposed quote includes a \$15 million per occurrence limit, subject to an annual aggregate limit of \$15 million, with defense costs capped at the \$15 million limit of liability, and includes coverage for the volunteer members of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC).

**DRPA-24-100      Renewal of DRPA/PATCO Excess Public Officials and Employment Practices Liability Policy**

Chief Administrative Officer Brown presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to accept the proposed DRPA/PATCO Excess Public Officials & Employment Practices Liability Insurance quote offered by the incumbent, Navigators Insurance Company (D/B/A The Hartford), for a 12-month policy term from December 31, 2024, to December 31, 2025. The proposed quote includes a \$5 million per occurrence limit, subject to an aggregate limit of \$5 million for either Damages or Defense cost payments; once the lead ACE American \$15 million limits are exhausted. The policy includes coverage for the volunteer members of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). The 12-month estimated premium is \$50,250.00 (including NJ PLIGA tax); and is net of commission.

**DRPA-24-101      Renewal of DRPA/PATCO Law Enforcement/Police Professional Liability Policy**

Chief Administrative Officer Brown presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to accept the proposed Law Enforcement/Police Professional Liability Policy renewal quote from incumbent, Greenwich Insurance Company (d/b/a AXA/XL), for the 12-month policy term December 31, 2024, to December 31, 2025. The Occurrence form policy includes limits of \$2 million for any one occurrence and \$2 million in the aggregate. The estimated annual premium quote is \$169,032.00, (including a \$395.00 annual policy fee and NJ PLIGA tax); net of commission.

**DRPA-24-102      Renewal of DRPA/PATCO Crime Policy**

Chief Administrative Officer Brown presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to accept the proposed Crime Policy renewal quote offered by incumbent, Great American Insurance Group, for the 36-month policy term December 31, 2024, to December 31, 2027; at an estimated 36-month premium of \$115,503.00, payable in annual installments of \$38,501.00 each; net of commission

**DRPA-24-103      Renewal of DRPA/PATCO Cyber Risk Connect Liability and Excess Policies**

Chief Administrative Officer Brown presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to accept the proposed Cyber Risk Connect Liability an Excess Policies (including Media Liability coverage, commonly referred to as Cyber Liability) renewal quote from incumbent lead carrier, Indian Harbor Insurance Company (d/b/a AXA/XL) for the 12-month policy term December 31, 2024, to December 31, 2025. The Cyber Risk Connect policy will have a \$5 million lead Cyber limit, be written on a claims-made policy form and have an estimated annual premium of \$160,000.00, (including TRIPRA and the NJ PLIGA tax), net of commission.

The Summary Statement and Resolution further seeks Board authorization for staff to accept the proposed 12-month estimated policy premium quotes from three (3) **Excess Carriers** as follows:

- \$5 million excess of \$5 million; Houston Casualty Company (d/b/a Tokio Marine); \$104,100.00 (including a \$100.00 policy fee & TRIPRA);
- \$5 million excess of \$10 million; Starr Surplus Lines Insurance Company; \$69,680.00 (including TRIPRA);
- \$5 million excess of \$15 million; Crum & Forster Specialty Insurance Company; \$65,000.00 (including TRIPRA).

All excess policies will be written on a claims-made basis, following the terms, conditions and definitions of the lead policy form with Indian Harbor for the policy term December 31, 2024, to December 31, 2025.

Commissioner Fentress moved to adopt Resolutions DRPA-24-094, DRPA-24-095, DRPA-24-096, DRPA-24-097, DRPA-24-098, DRPA-24-099, DRPA-24-100, DRPA-24-101, DRPA-24-102, and DRPA-24-103 and Commissioner Sweeney seconded the motion. There were no questions or comments from the Commissioners on these items. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolutions.

The following two (2) Summary Statements and Resolutions were discussed together and voted on as one:

**DRPA-24-104      Renewal of Active Benefits-Eligible Employees/Underage 65 Retiree, and Eligible Depends – Health Benefits 2024 (DRPA/PATCO)**

Chief Administrative Officer Brown presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to accept the 15% renewal increase submitted by AmeriHealth for the provision of medical and prescription drug benefits for DRPA/PATCO's active, benefits-eligible employees, eligible retirees under age 65, and their respective eligible dependents for Plan Year 2025. Based on current census this would be for an estimated annual premium of \$13,071,923.00 and is subject to change as our census changes.

**DRPA-24-105      Renewal of Age 65 & Over Retiree Medicare Part D Prescription Benefit – 2025 (DRPA/PATCO)**

Chief Administrative Officer Brown presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to accept the renewal quote from incumbent Horizon Medicare Blue Group Rx for the provision of a Medicare Part D Prescription Drug plan for DRPA/PATCO retirees aged 65 and their eligible dependents (age 65 and over) for Plan Year 2025. The renewal quote is a +0.1% increase from \$91.47 to \$91.60 per member. As such, the estimated annual premium for 2025 for the Horizon Medicare Part D Prescription Plan will be approximately \$733,166, subject to census at the time of monthly billing. Some of the increased premium will be shared by the retirees.

Commissioner Sweeney moved to forward Resolutions DRPA-24-104 and DRPA-24-105 to the Board for consideration and Commissioner Frattali seconded the motion. There were no questions or comments. Commissioner Fentress abstained from voting on DRPA-24-105. The remaining Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolutions.

**DRPA-24-106      Replacement of Facility Network Switches**

Director of Information Services 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 \$837,374.58, for the procurement of hardware and software upgrades to the Authority's network infrastructure. This purchase is provided with pricing pursuant to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's COSTARS 3 Hardware contract and COSTARS 6 Software contract. 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-24-107      Data Center UPS & PDU Replacement**

Director of Information Services 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 \$471,081.00, for the procurement of upgrades to the Authority's Uninterruptable Power Supplies (UPS) and Power Distribution Units (PDU) in the primary data center. This purchase is provided with pricing pursuant to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's COSTARS 3 Hardware contract. 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.

**Unfinished Business**

There were no Unfinished Business items.

**New Business**

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

**DRPA-24-111**

**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. Chairman Schultz inquired whether the Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner Sweeney moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Frattali seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

**DRPA Board Meeting Held in Abeyance**

At 9:49 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 9:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Raymond J. Santarelli, Esquire  
General Counsel and Corporate Secretary