

**DELAWARE RIVER PORT AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING**

**One Port Center
Camden, New Jersey
Wednesday, July 17, 2024**

Pennsylvania Commissioners

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

New Jersey Commissioners

Jeffrey Nash, Esq., Vice Chairman of the Board
Albert Frattali
Richard Sweeney
Charles Fentress
Aaron Nelson (via Teams)
Bruce Garganio (via Teams)
Daniel Christy (via Teams)

DRPA/PATCO Staff

John Hanson, 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 (via Teams)
John Rink, PATCO General Manager
Robert Hicks, Chief Operating Officer
Robert Finnegan, Chief Safety and Security Officer (via Teams)
David Aubrey, Inspector General
Ed Cobbs, Jr., Chief of Police
Stephen M. Holden, Esq., Deputy General Counsel
Rohan Hepkins, PATCO Deputy General Manager
William Shanahan, Director, Homeland Security and Emergency Management
Christopher Jones, Director, Information Services
Matthew Licata, Director, Fleet Management (by Teams)
Michael Christie, Acting Director, WWB/CBB (by 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, Purchasing Agent, PATCO
Gerald Faber, Esq., Assistant General Counsel
Kathleen P. Vandy, Esq., Assistant General Counsel

Tracey D.P. Overton, Esq., Assistant General Counsel
Amy Ash, Manager, Contract Administration
Nicole Ochroch, Acting Engineering Program Manager
Carol Herbst, Senior Accountant, Finance (via Teams)
Mike Williams, Manager, Corporate Communications
Dawn Whiton, Executive Assistant to the CEO
Barbara Wagner, Executive Assistant to the CEO
Christopher Updike, Legal Intern
Connell Maroney, GM Office Intern
Colon Shand, Finance Intern
Luke Russell, Information Systems Intern
Aayush Talreja, Engineering Intern
Kolby Miller, Engineering Intern
Nicole Major, Contract Administration Intern
Jinell Reid, Government Relations Intern
Nyla Scott, Purchasing Intern
Katherine Hilinski, Records Manager, Office of General Counsel
Anne Nelson, Executive Legal Secretary to the General Counsel

Others Present

Christopher Gibson, Esq., Archer & Greiner, P.C
Hayden Rigo, Deputy Chief of Staff, Pennsylvania Department of the Auditor General
Pasquale Deon, Sr., Alternate for Pennsylvania Auditor General Timothy DeFoor
James Snell, Alternate for Pennsylvania Treasurer, Stacey Garrity (via Teams)
Allison Deibert, Esq., Deputy Chief Counsel, Pennsylvania Treasury (via Teams)
Anthony Luker, SE Regional Director, Office of the Pennsylvania Governor (via Teams)
Alexis Franklin, Esq., Associate Counsel, New Jersey Governor's Authorities Unit (via Teams)
Alan Kessler, Esq., Duane Morris, LLP
Jessica Priselac, Esq., Duane Morris, LLP (via Teams)
Ryan Frascella, Board Liaison, Bellevue Strategies, LLC
Pranav Maneel, Board Liaison, Bellevue Strategies, LLC
Maggie Kent, Reporter, WPVI 6ABC
Yuri Garshaw, Cameraman, WPVI 6ABC
Kaitlyn McCormick, Reporter, Courier Post

OPEN SESSION

Roll Call

Chairman Schultz called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and asked that the Corporate Secretary call the roll. The following Commissioners were present, constituting a quorum: Chairman Schultz, Vice Chairman Nash, Pennsylvania Auditor General DeFoor, Pennsylvania Treasurer Garrity, Commissioners Frattali, Fentress, Ghormoz, Powell, McKinney-Forde, Nelson, Schwab, Ross, Christy, Sweeney and Garganio.

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. CEO Hanson noted, under the emergency powers section of the Bylaws (Section XII.C.8.) and with approval from the Chair and Vice Chair, a temporary FOP agreement increasing the overtime rate through October 2024. There were no comments on the CEO's report. Commissioner Fentress moved to approve the CEO's Report and Commissioner Sweeney 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. There were no questions or comments from the Commissioners.

Approval of the June 20, 2024 DRPA Board Meeting Minutes

Chairman Schultz stated that the June 20, 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 Ghormoz moved to approve the Minutes and Commissioner Sweeney seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative to approve the Minutes as submitted. The motion carried.

Receipt and Filing of the List of Previously Approved Payments covering the Month of June 2024

Chairman Schultz stated that the List of Previously Approved Payments covering the month of June 2024 was previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no questions or comments. Commissioner Garganio moved to receive and file the List and Commissioner Nelson 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 June 2024

Chairman Schultz stated that the List of Previously Approved Purchase Orders and Contracts covering the month of June 2024 was previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no questions or comments. Commissioner Ghormoz moved to receive and file the List and Commissioner Powell seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

Approval of Operations & Maintenance Committee Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2024

Chairman Schultz stated that the Minutes of the July 9, 2024 Operations & Maintenance Committee Meeting were previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no comments or corrections. Commissioner DeFoor moved to approve the Minutes and Commissioner Frattali seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative to approve the Minutes as submitted. The motion carried.

Adoption of Resolutions Approved by the Operations & Maintenance Committee on July 9, 2024

Chairman Schultz stated that there were four (4) Resolutions from the Operations & Maintenance Committee Meeting for consideration:

DRPA-24-067**Contract Modification (DRPA)**

Chief Engineer Venuto presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization to execute a modification to a previously approved contract with Vitetta Group, Inc. for Design Services for the Benjamin Franklin Bridge Masonry Rehabilitation Project. This modification would add \$86,950.00 to the original approved Resolution (DRPA-18-002), for an adjusted contract agreement amount of \$1,266,950.00. Chairman Schultz inquired whether the Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner Frattali moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Sweeney seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

DRPA-24-068**Extension of Ingress and Egress License Agreement under Walt Whitman Bridge DVR Philly, LLC**

Assistant General Counsel Faber presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization to execute an extension of the Ingress and Egress License Agreement with DVR Philly, LLC (“licensee”), located under the Walt Whitman Bridge in Philadelphia, PA. The current license agreement allows ingress and egress in the vicinity of support piers for licensee’s sub-tenant, Glovis America, Inc., to transport vehicles to access the PhilaPort-leased area known as Whiskey Yard. The current agreement terminates on December 20, 2024, and the licensee now seeks to extend the agreement for an additional five (5) year period, with three (3), five-year renewal options, only exercisable with DRPA approval. Chairman Schultz inquired whether the Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner Garganio moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner DeFoor seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

DRPA-24-069**Security Sensor System for PATCO Lindenwold Maintenance Facility and Train Car Storage Yard**

Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director Shanahan presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to enter into a Pennsylvania COSTARS agreement with Schneider Electric for an amount not to exceed \$170,000.00 to purchase, install and integrate a security sensor system at the PATCO Lindenwold Maintenance Facility and Train Car Storage Yard to alert DRPA/PATCO Police when there is an intrusion into the facility. Chairman Schultz inquired whether the Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner Fentress moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Sweeney seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

DRPA-24-070

Two (2) Dump Truck Upfitting Package

Fleet Management Director Licata presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate a purchase contract with Intercon Truck Equipment, Inc. for the purchase of two (2) Dump Truck Upfitting Packages for two Heavy Duty Cab and Chassis trucks. The equipment is being purchased under Costars Contract #025-E22-394 in the amount of \$123,549.90. 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 Ghormoz seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

Approval of Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2024

Chairman Schultz stated that the Minutes of the July 10, 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 as submitted. The motion carried.

Adoption of Resolutions Approved by the Finance Committee on July 10, 2024

Chairman Schultz stated that there was one (1) Resolutions from the July 10, 2024 Finance Committee Meeting for consideration:

DRPA-24-071

Reducing the Existing CPI-based Toll Schedule and Adopting a New Toll Schedule

Chief Executive Officer Hanson presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking approval of the Board to reduce the existing CPI-based toll schedule to reduce the amount to \$6.00; adopt a new Toll Schedule to reflect such reduction; and authorize and direct Authority Staff to take all necessary actions to implement the new Toll Schedule as soon as practicable. Chairman Schultz inquired whether the Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. In response to Auditor General DeFoor's question, CEO Hanson explained that the toll increase will allow for funding of safety and security improvement projects as well as recruitment and retention within our public safety department. Treasurer Garrity thanked the Board and CEO Hanson for the progress made on numerous important issues, including ensuring fair pay for the DRPA police, allowing seniors and frequent travelers to qualify their discounts with Pennsylvania EZPass and studying the bridge toll subsidy to PATCO. Commissioner Frattali moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Sweeney seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

Approval of Labor Committee Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2024

Chairman Schultz stated that the Minutes of the July 9, 2024 Labor Committee Meeting were previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no comments or corrections. Commissioner Fentress moved to approve the Minutes and Commissioner Garganio seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative to approve the Minutes as submitted. The motion carried.

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 were two (2) New Business item for consideration:

DRPA-24-072 Consideration of Pending DRPA Contracts (Between \$25,000 and \$100,000)

Purchasing Agent Mickel presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate and enter into the four (4) pending DRPA contracts 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 Fentress moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Ghormoz seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted to approve the motion. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

DRPA-24-073 Evaluation of PATCO Operations Focused on Subsidy Management

Chief Executive Officer Hanson presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for the Board of Commissioners in collaboration with DRPA and PATCO staff to undertake an evaluation of PATCO operations to identify opportunities to enhance public safety and cleanliness, improve fiscal stability and operating/fiscal efficiencies as a means to increase ridership and improve subsidy management. Chairman Schultz stated that Vice Chairman Nash and Commissioner Deon would be leading the effort from the Board perspective. 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 Fentress seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted to approve the motion. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

DRPA Board Meeting Held in Abeyance

At 9:23 a.m., the DRPA Board meeting was held in abeyance to allow the PATCO Board Meeting to convene.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Schultz acknowledged the summer interns in attendance and recognized that the intern program provided interns an opportunity to learn a lot through the summer and thanked the interns for the meaning work they were performing.

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 9:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raymond J. Santarelli". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "R".

Raymond J. Santarelli, Esquire
General Counsel and Corporate Secretary