

MINUTES OF MEETING
THE DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY
James Julian Board Room
Tuesday, May 19, 2026

At 10:00 a.m. in the James Julian Board Room, Chairperson Ransome called on the Authority Assistant Secretary to read the meeting notice. The Assistant Secretary announced that a notice of the meeting had been distributed to the offices of the Governor of New Jersey and the Governor of Delaware, to appropriate staff members and consultants, to the press in both States and to any other individuals who had indicated an interest in receiving a copy of the meeting notice.

The opening prayer was given by Vice-Chairperson Lathem, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairperson Ransome called on the Assistant Secretary to take the roll.

Commissioners from New Jersey

M. Earl Ransome, Jr., Chairperson
Heather Baldini
Debra Behnke**
Sheila McCann
James Mehaffey
Shirley R. Wilson

Commissioners from Delaware

Samuel Lathem, Vice-Chairperson
Crystal Carey- Absent
James Collins - Absent
Veronica Faust *
Michael Houghton – via TEAMS
Michael Ratchford

*Commissioner Faust arrived at 10:08 a.m. at which time the meeting convened.

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Commissioner Mehaffey made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Houghton, and the motion was approved by a voice vote of 10-0.

Chairperson Ransome called for public comment. No members of the public offered any comments.

Chairperson Ransome called for a motion to conduct the Governance and Audit Committee Meeting. Commissioner Wilson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCann, and the motion was approved by voice vote of 10-0.

The Audit and Governance Committee meeting began at 10:10 and concluded at 10:52.

Chairperson Ransome called for a motion to move to Executive Session. Commissioner Ransome made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, and the motion was approved by voice vote of 10-0.

Members of the public and certain staff were excused from the room during the Executive Session. The Executive Session started at 10:52 a.m.

**Commissioner Behnke departed the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

At 12:41 p.m. Chairperson Ransome called for a motion to close the Executive Session, and recess to conduct additional Committee Meetings. Commissioner Ratchford made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Mehaffey, and the motion was carried by a voice vote of 9-0.

Committee meetings began at 12:42 p.m. and ended at 12:50 p.m. During that time, the following Committee meetings were held:

Budget and Finance
Projects

At the conclusion of the additional Committee meetings, Chairperson Ransome called the Board meeting back to order at 12:50 p.m.

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12588. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL MINUTES

Commissioner McCann made a motion to approve meeting minutes for April 21, 2026, seconded by Commissioner Mehaffey, and approved by a voice vote of 9-0.

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12589. DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY – TRAFFIC AND REVENUE SUMMARY.

The Chief Financial Officer (CFO) presented charts showing Actual versus Projected Revenues for the Delaware Memorial Bridge, the Cape May-Lewes Ferry, Airports, Delaware City-Salem Ferry Crossing and Food Service for April 2026. Without objection, the charts were ordered filed with the permanent records of the Authority.

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12590. DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY – STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE.

The CFO presented charts showing statements of income and expenses for April 2026 with comparisons to the same periods last year.

Without objection, the charts were ordered filed with the permanent records of the Authority.

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12591. DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY – OPERATING
EXPENSE BY DIVISION.

The CFO presented charts for April 2026 showing expenses by division for the quarter to date vs. the projected quarter and for year to date vs. total budget.

Without objection, the charts were ordered filed with the permanent records of the Authority.

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12592. DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY – CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

The CFO presented charts for April 2026 showing the capital budgets for crossings and economic development projects and dollars committed to date for the projects. The charts also included cash expenditures spent to date for the committed projects.

Without objection, the charts were ordered filed with the permanent records of the Authority.

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12593. DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY – CASH
POSITION (MARKET VALUE) FOR APRIL 30, 2026.

The CFO presented charts showing the cash fund balances for the entire Authority for April 2026.

Without objection, the charts were ordered filed with the permanent records of the Authority.

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12594. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ACTION ITEMS

Chairperson Ransome noted that one (1) Contract Award, one (1) Contract Close-Out and one (1) Resolution were being considered at today's meeting.

All items requiring committee action have been reviewed and recommended for consideration during today's Committee meetings. He then called for public comments on any action items. There were no public comments.

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12595. AWARD OF CONTRACT #MIV-26-01 TRENCH DRAIN REPAIRS AT
MILLVILLE EXECUTIVE AIRPORT

The Chief Operations Officer (COO) noted that a public bid opening was held on April 22, 2026. The COO and Projects Committee recommended awarding the contract to the lowest bidder responsible, Monmouth Dock Works of Forked River, NJ. The bid price was \$544,550.

A motion to award Contract #MIV-26-01 to the aforementioned firm was made by Commissioner Mehaffey, seconded by Commissioner Faust, and approved by a voice vote of 9-0.

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12596. CLOSE-OUT CONTRACT #ILG-24-05 BUILDING I6000 ROOF
REPLACEMENT AT WILMINGTON AIRPORT

CONTRACT #ILG-24-05 BUILDING I6000 ROOF REPLACEMENT AT WILMINGTON AIRPORT to Farrell Roofing of Middletown, DE.

It is recommended that the Authority accept this project and make the final payment to the contractor. The final cost of this project is \$505,750.

A motion to close-out Contract #ILG-24-05 was made by Commissioner Mehaffey, seconded by Commissioner Ratchford, and approved by a voice vote of 9-0.

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12597. CHAIRPERSON'S CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS BEFORE THE
BOARD

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**RESOLUTION 26-25 - AUTHORIZING AUTHORITY EXPENDITURES PURSUANT TO
RESOLUTION 24-17 FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2026, THROUGH DECEMBER
31, 2026.**

WHEREAS, The Delaware River and Bay Authority (the "Authority") adopted Resolution 24-17 requiring Commissioner review and approval of any professional service contract, non-professional service contract, materiel contract, or supply contract valued at \$50,000 or above and any construction management or construction contract valued at \$200,000 or above; and

WHEREAS, the Authority anticipates expenditures at or above the aforementioned thresholds to the following vendors:

DELAWARE RIVER & BAY AUTHORITY VENDORS PROJECTED BE AW ARD ED A
MATERIEL, SUPPLY, PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, OR NON-PROFESSIONAL SERVICE
CONTRACT VALUED \$50,000 OR ABOVE OR A CONSTRUCTION
MANAGEMENT/CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT VALUED \$200,000 OR ABOVE DURING
THE PERIOD 1/1/26 THROUGH 12/31/26

VENDOR	PURCHASE DESCRIPTION	CLASSIFICATION	ESTIMATED \$
Deere & Company c/o Atlantic Tractor LLC	Gator Utility Vehicles for Cape May and Lewes Ferry Terminals	State Contract	\$64,000
G.A. Blanco & Sons, Inc	Furniture for DMB Administration Building Office Renovations	State Contract	\$73,000
Rohrer Enterprises, Inc. dba Rohrer Bus Sales	Shuttle Bus for Cape May Ferry Terminal	State Contract	\$224,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Authority authorizes expenditures to the above-listed vendors for the described purposes and authorize payment.

Resolution 26-25 was moved by Commissioner Mehaffey, seconded by Commissioner Ratchford, and was approved by a roll call vote of 9-0.

Resolution 26-25 Executive Summary Sheet

Resolution: Authorizing Authority Expenditures Pursuant to Resolution 24-17 for the period January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

Committee: Budget & Finance

Committee and Board Date: May 19, 2026

Purpose of Resolution: To receive Commissioner approval of the identified vendors and expenditures for those specific professional service contracts, non-professional service contracts, materiel, and supply contracts valued at \$50,000 or above, and for those specific construction management or construction contracts valued at \$200,000 or above, that otherwise would require a public competitive process per Resolution 24-17.

Background for Resolution: The proposed Resolution meets the requirements of Resolution 24-17, whereby the Authority shall not enter into any contract committing the Authority to spend or

make any other expenditures relating to services, material and supplies in the amount of \$50,000 or more, or a construction management or construction contract in the amount of \$200,000 or more, unless it has first been approved by a vote of Commissioners.

Purchase Detail:

Deere & Company c/o Atlantic Tractor LLC: Gator Utility Vehicles at Cape May and Lewes Ferry Terminals

The Authority plans to replace two (2) John Deere gator utility vehicles that have exceeded their useful life, meet the Authority's replacement criteria, and are programmed in the Cape May and Lewes Ferry Capital Equipment Plans for 2026. The gators will be purchased at competitively bid prices pursuant to state contract (GSS25673-GRND _MAJNI).

G.A. Blanco & Sons. Inc.: Furniture for DMB Administration Building Office Renovations

As part of the construction project to renovate office spaces located on the second floor of the DMB Administration Building, the Authority plans to purchase chairs, desks, tables, cabinets, etc. The furniture will be purchased at prices pursuant to G.A. Blanco' s state contract (GSS214 79-FURNITURE).

Rohrer Enterprises. Inc. dba Rohrer Bus Sales: Shuttle Bus for Cape May Ferry Terminal

The Authority plans to purchase one (1) 38-passenger shuttle bus to be used at the Cape May Ferry Terminal. The shuttle bus is programmed in the Cape May Ferry Capital Equipment Plan for 2026. The shuttle bus will be purchased at competitively bid prices pursuant to state contract (GSS23014 VEHICLES).

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12598. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Executive Director Coppadge commented on several past events:

Mr. Coppadge recently conducted Town Halls at Millville, Lewes and Cape May. He received great feedback and felt it was productive.

Mr. Coppadge was a participant in the Opportunity Lives presentation sponsored by Delaware State Senator Darius Brown. Mr. Coppadge spoke about the positive effects and economic potential of Wilmington Airport, which is part of Senator Brown's district.

Mr. Coppadge attended a Chat & Chew event at Cape May Airport, meeting with Dr. Salvatore who heads the Naval Air Station Wildwood (NASW) Museum. Dr. Salvatore provided a tour of the museum and offered some interesting ideas to Mr. Coppadge. Mr. Coppadge intends to share these ideas with Chief Operations Officer Meconi. Mr. Coppadge also met with the Cape May Airport maintenance personnel who expressed concerns about Cape May County's notice of non-renewal.

Mr. Coppadge attended Juleps & Jazz fundraiser at Delaware Park on Derby Day. This event is historically a great place to connect with state and county elected officials and business leaders.

The Executive Director also reminded the Board of the following upcoming DRBA related events and activities:

1. The one millionth Avelo customer at Wilmington Airport is set for Friday, May 29, 2026.
2. Additional employee town halls are scheduled to take place in May and June 2026.
3. The Annual Memorial Day Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park on May 30, 2026.
4. World Environment Day at Veterans Memorial Park on June 4, 2026.
5. Bridge Ship Collision Protection System ribbon cutting & 75th Delaware Memorial Bridge first span anniversary at Veterans Memorial Park on August 12, 2026.
6. The Annual Commission Planning Session will take place in Cape May from September 14-16, 2026. More details to follow in the coming months.
7. Thomas R. Carper Terminal Dedication event at Wilmington Airport in the Fall 2026.

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12599. COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC FORUM

Chairperson Ransome stated he also attended the Delaware State University Scholarship Ball and was pleased to see Executive Director Coppadge.

With no further comments, a motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 1:03 p.m. was made by Commissioner Mehaffey, seconded by Commissioner Faust, and approved by a voice vote of 9-0.

Respectfully submitted,

THE DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY

James Salmon
Assistant Secretary