

**DELAWARE RIVER PORT AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING**

**One Port Center
Camden, New Jersey
Wednesday, July 16, 2025**

Pennsylvania Commissioners

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

New Jersey Commissioners

Jeffrey Nash, Esq., Vice Chairman of the Board
Bruce Garganio
Charles Fentress
Richard Sweeney (via Teams)
Aaron Nelson (via Teams)
Jonathan Young (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
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
Megan S. Scheib, Esq., Deputy General Counsel, DRPA
Christopher Jones, Director, Information Services, DRPA
Michael Christie, Director, BFB/BRB (via Teams)
Christina Maroney, Director, Strategic Initiatives, DRPA
Darcie DeBeaumont, Director, Finance, DRPA
Rohan Hepkins, Deputy General Manager, PATCO
Fran Kelly, Assistant General Manager, PATCO
Darlene Callands, Director, Government Relations & Grants Administration, DRPA
Omer Ahmed, Director, Revenue & Treasury, Finance, DRPA
Mike Williams, Manager, Corporate Communications, DRPA
Amy Ash, Manager, Contract Administration, DRPA
Dawn Whiton, Executive Assistant to the CEO
Barbara Wagner, Executive Assistant to the CEO
Ryan Linhart, Budget Analyst, Finance, DRPA (via Teams)
Amanda Hammock, Administrative Coordinator, Corporate Secretary Department, DRPA

Katherine Hilinski, Records Manager, Office of General Counsel, DRPA
Tammy Veney, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing & Stores, DRPA
Carol Herbst, Senior Accountant, Finance, DRPA (via Teams)
Sophia Harley, Legal Intern, DRPA
Samuel Kasilwoski, Legal Intern, DRPA
Madison Bromke, Legal Intern, DRPA
Violet Riquelme, Government Relations Intern, DRPA
Milan Thornton, Community Relations Intern, DRPA
Samaya Goodwin, Grants Intern, DRPA
Patrick Alemi, Engineering Intern, DRPA
Eva Valentine, Engineering Intern, DRPA

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)
Shavaun Archie, Holt Logistics

OPEN SESSION

Roll Call

Chairman Schultz called the meeting to order at 9:01 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 Garganio, Deon, Snell, Powell, Fentress, Nelson, Ross, Ghormoz, Sweeney, Schwab and Young.

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, with additional comments and announcements. CEO Hanson informed the Board of the recent passing of former DRPA Board Chair, Father Nicholas Rashford. Chairman Schultz asked for a moment of silence to be observed. CEO Hanson also introduced the new Assistant General Manager of PATCO, Francis Kelly. And, in accordance with Bylaws Section XII.C.8., CEO Hanson announced two expedited procurements, with Chair and Vice Chair in concurrence: (1) on May 27, 2025, he authorized an emergency purchase of backup circuits for the fare collection system from Crown Castle Fiber Optics, in the amount of \$95,800.00; and, (2) on June 13, 2025 he authorized the extension of an emergency contract with Shields Business Solutions for provision of toll transportation and processing services for the DRPA bridges in an amount no to exceed \$1.365 million dollars. There were no questions or comments from the Commissioners. Commissioner Fentress moved to accept the CEO's Report and Commissioner Schwab 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 – June 18, 2025

Chairman Schultz stated that the June 18, 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 Deon moved to approve the Minutes 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 Payments covering the Month of June 2025

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

Chairman Schultz stated that the List of Previously Approved Purchase Orders and Contracts covering the month of June 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 July 1, 2025

Chairman Schultz stated that the Minutes of the July 1, 2025, Operations & Maintenance Committee Meeting were previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no comments or corrections. Commissioner Deon moved to approve the Minutes and Commissioner Snell seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

Adoption of Resolutions Approved by the Operations & Maintenance Committee on June 3, 2025

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

DRPA-25-053

**Construction Monitoring Services for Contract No. 35-E,
PATCO Interlocking and Miscellaneous Track Improvements**

Chief Engineer Venuto presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate an agreement with HNTB Corporation to provide Construction Monitoring Services for Contract No. 35-E, PATCO Interlocking and Miscellaneous Track Improvements for an amount not to exceed \$8,399,755.00. Commissioner Garganio 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-25-054

Approval of Delaware River Port Authority’s Proposed Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal-Setting Methodology, Including a Proposed Overall DBE Goal for Federal Fiscal Years 2026, 2027, and 2028

Chief Administrative Officer Brown presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board approval of DRPA’s proposed DBE Goal-Setting Methodology and proposed overall DBE goal of 9% for Federal Fiscal Years 2026, 2027 and 2028 and authorizes staff to submit DRPA’s proposed DBE Goal-Setting Methodology and subsequent overall DBE goal proposal, inclusive of documentation and public participation materials, to the FTA in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26. 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 July 2, 2025

Chairman Schultz stated that the Minutes of the July 2, 2025, Finance Committee Meeting were previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no comments or corrections. Commissioner Deon moved to approve the Minutes and Commissioner Nelson 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 July 2, 2025

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

DRPA-25-049

DRPA Backup System Upgrade

Information Services Director Jones presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate a five (5) year contract with Dell Technology, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,911.73 for an upgrade to the DRPA Backup System. This purchase is provided with pricing under the Dell NASPO Computer Equipment PA - New Jersey Contract No. C00001128033. Commissioner Fentress moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Garganio 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-25-055

Authorization for DRPA to Participate in NJ EZ-Pass Customer Service Center Contract for Back Office EZ-Pass Financial Processing

Deputy Chief Executive Officer Parker presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to execute and participate in the New Jersey E-ZPass Customer Service Center, Violations Processing, and Financial Back Office Professional Services Contract (“CSC Contract”) as a member of the NJ E-Z Pass Group for Customer Service Back Office

processing. The Turnpike Authority's Board of Commissioners on September 24, 2024, acting in its capacity as the lead agency of the New Jersey E-Z Pass Group voted to authorize an award of the new CSC Contract to four vendors to comprise the Customer Service Back Office. 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.

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-25-056 Consideration of Pending DRPA Contracts
(Between \$25,000 and \$100,000)**

Purchasing Agent Veney 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 Deon moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Nash 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 9:23 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 Deon 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