

**PORT AUTHORITY TRANSIT CORPORATION  
BOARD MEETING**

**One Port Center  
Camden, New Jersey  
Wednesday, January 15, 2025**

**Pennsylvania Commissioners**

Pasquale Deon, Sr. (for Pennsylvania Auditor General Timothy DeFoor) (via Teams)  
James Snell (for Pennsylvania Treasurer Stacy Garrity) (via Teams)  
Donna Powell  
Keiwana McKinney-Forde (via Teams)  
Vaughn Ross  
Gregory Schwab, Esq.  
Robert Ghormoz (via Teams)

**New Jersey Commissioners**

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

**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  
David Aubrey, Inspector General  
Stephen M. Holden, 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, BRB/BFB (via 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  
Rohan Hepkins, PATCO Deputy General Manager  
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  
Mike Williams, Manager, Corporate Communications  
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)  
Jessica Priselac, Esq., Duane Morris, LLP (via Teams)  
Bill Hamilton, former DRPA employee  
Mike Denardo, Reporter, WHYY  
Christian Holt, Sales and Marketing Representative, Holt Logistics  
Paul Breeman, Director, Holt Logistics

### **OPEN SESSION**

#### **Roll Call**

Vice Chairman Nash called the meeting to order at 9:29 a.m. and asked that the Corporate Secretary call the roll. The following Commissioners were present, constituting a quorum: Vice Chairman Nash, Commissioners Frattali, Powell, McKinney-Forde, Deon, Nelson, Schwab, Ross, Fentress, Snell, Garganio, Young, Lipsett, Ghormoz and Sweeney.

#### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **Report of the General Manager**

PATCO General Manager Rink stated that the Report of the General Manager stood as previously submitted. There were no questions or comments from Commissioners. Commissioner Fentress moved to accept the General Manager's Report and Commissioner Sweeney seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

#### **Approval of the December 11, 2024 PATCO Board Meeting Minutes**

Vice Chairman Nash stated that the Minutes of the December 11, 2024 PATCO Board Meeting were previously provided to all Commissioners and the Governors of New Jersey and Pennsylvania. There were no comments on or corrections to the Minutes. Commissioner Frattali 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 Lists of Previously Approved Payments covering the Months of November and December 2024**

Vice Chairman Nash stated that the List of Previously Approved Payments covering the months of November and December 2024 were previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no questions or comments from Commissioners on this item. 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 December 2024**

Vice Chairman Nash stated that the List of Previously Approved Purchase Orders and Contracts covering the month of December 2024 was previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no questions or comments from Commissioners on this item. Commissioner Schwab moved to receive and file the List and Commissioner Sweeney seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

**Approval of Balance Sheet and Equity Statement dated October 31, 2024**

Vice Chairman Nash stated that the Balance Sheet and Equity Statement dated October 31, 2024, was previously provided to all Commissioners. Commissioner Fentress moved to receive and file the Balance Sheet and Equity Statement 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.

**Approval of Operations and Maintenance Committee Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2025**

Vice Chairman Nash stated that the Minutes of the January 7, 2025 Operations and Maintenance Committee Meeting were previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no comments on or corrections to the Minutes. Commissioner Frattali 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 Resolution Approved by the Operations and Maintenance Committee on January 7, 2025**

Vice Chairman Nash stated that there was one (1) Resolution from the January 7, 2025 Operations and Maintenance Committee Meeting for consideration:

**PATCO-25-001**

**Freedom Card Service Center Operations**

PATCO General Manager Rink presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate a five (5) year contract with Cubic Transportation Systems, Inc. to manage and staff the FREEDOM Card Customer Service Center Contract in an amount not to exceed \$2,392,814. Vice Chairman Nash inquired if there were plans in place for the program to include other avenues of payment, including using cellular devices. PATCO General Manager Rink stated that those options were being worked on and would be integrated in the future. Commissioner Sweeney moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Fentress seconded the motion. There were no further 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.

**New Business**

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

**PATCO-25-002**

**Consideration of Pending PATCO 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. 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.

**Unfinished Business**

There was no Unfinished Business.

**Executive Session**

There were no Executive Session items.

Vice Chairman Nash thanked Daniel Christy for his service as a New Jersey Commissioner.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Commissioner Fentress moved to adjourn the Meeting. Commissioner Sweeney seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The Meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Raymond J. Santarelli, Esquire  
General Counsel and Corporate Secretary