

**DELAWARE RIVER PORT AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING**

**One Port Center
Camden, New Jersey
Wednesday, May 14, 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 (via Teams)
Keiwana McKinney-Forde (via Teams)
Gregory Schwab, Esq.
Vaughn Ross (via Teams)
Robert Ghormoz (via Teams)

New Jersey Commissioners

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

DRPA/PATCO Staff

John Hanson, Chief Executive Officer
Jalila D. Parker, Deputy Chief Executive Officer (via Teams)
Raymond J. Santarelli, Esq., General Counsel and Corporate Secretary
Toni P. 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 (via Teams)
Ed Cobbs, Jr., Chief of Police
Stephen M. Holden, Esq., Deputy General Counsel
Megan S. Scheib, Esq., Deputy General Counsel
Kathleen P. Vandy, Esq., Assistant 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/BRB (via Teams)
Christina Maroney, Director, Strategic Initiatives
Darcie DeBeaumont, Director, Finance, DRPA
Mark Ciechon, Director, Finance, PATCO
Rohan Hepkins, PATCO Deputy General Manager
Matt Licata, Director, Fleet Management (by Teams)
Darlene Callands, Director, Government Relations & Grants Administration
Omer Ahmed, Director, Revenue & Treasury, Finance, DRPA
Amy Ash, Manager, Contract Administration

Nickolas G. Papaioannou, Manager, Finance, DRPA (via Teams)
Dawn Whiton, Executive Assistant to the CEO
Barbara Wagner, Executive Assistant to the CEO
Jesse Mickel, Acting Manager, Purchasing & Stores
Ryan Linhart, Budget Analyst, Finance
Amanda Hammock, Administrative Coordinator, Corporate Secretary Department
Katherine Hilinski, Records Manager, Office of General Counsel
Carol Herbst, Senior Accountant, Finance (via Teams)

Others Present

Alan Kessler, Esq., Duane Morris, LLP (via Teams)
Michael Eleneski, Esq., Associate Counsel, New Jersey Governor's Authorities Unit
Megan Clancy, Esq., Associate General Counsel, Holt Logistics
Christopher Gibson, Esq., Archer & Greiner, P.C.

OPEN SESSION

Roll Call

Vice Chairman Nash 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: Vice Chairman Nash, Commissioners Deon, Snell, Frattali, Powell, McKinney-Forde, Ross, Nelson, Fentress, Lipsett, Ghormoz, Garganio, 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 and he had no further comments on the Report. He reported that under the emergency powers section of the Bylaws (Section XII.C.8.) and with approval from the Chair and Vice Chair, emergency purchase orders were awarded to: Danella Rental System, Inc., in the amount of \$26,500, for the rental of a crane for track repairs and maintenance; and, to Scalfo Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$80,250, for emergency repair work due to substantial damage caused by the failure of a rectifier transformer power duct at PATCO's Ferry Av. electrical substation. CEO Hanson also reported on his monthly meetings with Deputy CEO Parker, CFO Sahi, CAP Brown and Chief Engineer Venuto to examine expenditures and revenues and make plans for the future, particularly looking at personnel and capital expenditures. He noted that the Authority is currently taking a very conservative approach. In response to a question from a Commissioner, CEO Hanson affirmed that the Authority was moving ahead with Police hiring, having selected 31 candidates from the last posting. There were no further questions or comments from the Commissioners. Commissioner Fentress moved to accept the CEO's Report and Commissioner Sweeney 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 April 16, 2025 DRPA Board Meeting Minutes

Vice Chairman Nash stated that the April 16, 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 Schwab 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 April 2025

Vice Chairman Nash stated that the List of Previously Approved Payments covering the month of April 2025, was previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no questions or comments. Commissioner Frattali moved to receive and file the List 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 Purchase Orders and Contracts covering the Month of April 2025

Vice Chairman Nash stated that the List of Previously Approved Purchase Orders and Contracts covering the month of April 2025, was previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no questions or comments. Commissioner Sweeney moved to receive and file the List and Commissioner Schwab seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

Approval of Operations & Maintenance Committee Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2025

Vice Chairman Nash stated that the Minutes of the May 6, 2025, 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 Sweeney seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

Adoption of Resolutions Approved by the Operations & Maintenance Committee on May 6, 2025

Vice Chairman Nash stated that there were eight (8) Resolutions from the Operations & Maintenance Committee Meeting for consideration.

For the first three (3) Summary Statements and Resolutions, presented as a group, Chief Engineer Venuto reported that Staff is seeking authorization to negotiate three (3) Job Order Contracting agreements in aggregate, with a total not-to-exceed value of \$15 million. This is \$15 million for all three (3) Job Order Contracts combined and the distribution will be in accordance with the tasks that arise over the contract term. The Job Order Contracting Program will allow the Authority to execute construction services on an as-needed basis. This includes projects to advance the Capital Program, as well as emergency repairs or improvements. Contracts will be on a Job Order basis and involve relatively small to mid-sized scopes of work. In accordance with DRPA-23-027, Gordian will assist in developing the scope of work and corresponding fee estimates for each job order. Job Orders valued at \$250,000 or less will be executed by staff and subsequently reported to the Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Committee at the next scheduled session. Job Orders exceeding \$250,000 but not greater than \$900,000 will require O&M Committee approval prior to execution.

**DRPA-25-034 Contract No. GN-24-18 Job Order Contracting Services
– North Region**

Chief Engineer Venuto presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate a Job Order Contracting agreement with the construction firm South State, Inc. to be available to perform construction services on the Betsy Ross and Benjamin Franklin Bridges (the “Northern Bridges”).

**DRPA-25-035 Contract No. GN-24-19 Job Order Contracting Services
– South Region**

Chief Engineer Venuto presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate a Job Order Contracting agreement with the construction firm South State, Inc. to be available to perform construction services on the Walt Whitman and Commodore Barry Bridges (the “Southern Bridges”).

**DRPA-25-036 Contract No. GN-24-20 Job Order Contracting Services
– PATCO**

Chief Engineer Venuto presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate a Job Order Contracting agreement with the construction firm AP Construction, Inc. to be available to perform construction services for PATCO.

Commissioner Sweeney moved to adopt Resolutions DRPA-25-034, DRPA-25-035 and DRPA-25-036 and Commissioner Schwab 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-25-037 Design Services for the CBB and BRB Approach Sign
Structures**

Chief Engineer Venuto presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate an agreement with Traffic Planning and Design, Inc. to provide Design Services for the Commodore Barry Bridge and Betsy Ross Bridge Approach Sign Structures Project for an amount not to exceed \$1,963,522.00. The scope of work includes structural, civil, roadway, geotechnical, lighting, communication and electronic signage improvements on the PA and NJ approaches at the Betsy Ross and Commodore Barry Bridges for the replacement of eleven (11) sign structures. It also includes construction support services during bidding and construction phases. Commissioner Sweeney moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Schwab 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-25-038 Contract No. 3-E, PATCO Viaduct Substructure Preservation

Chief Engineer Venuto presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate a construction contract with the firm of South State, Inc. to perform Contract No. 3-E, the PATCO Viaduct Substructure Preservation Project in an amount not to exceed \$8,730,808.50. This Project will rehabilitate and preserve the Collingswood and Westmont Viaducts, including 61 spans of the superstructure pre-stressed beams and associated substructure. Commissioner Frattali 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-25-039 Construction Monitoring Services for Contract No. 3-E, PATCO Viaduct Substructure Preservation

Chief Engineer Venuto presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate an agreement with Urban Engineers, Inc. to provide full-time, on-site Construction Inspection and Monitoring Services for Contract No. 3-E, the PATCO Viaduct Substructure Preservation Project (Westmont/Collingswood Viaduct) in an amount not to exceed \$2,367,973.00. The services provided will include a full-time resident engineer and support inspection staff for inspecting all contract field activities and monitoring the contractor's compliance with the plans and specifications. Commissioner Sweeney moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Schwab 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-25-040 Design Services for PATCO Transit Car HVAC Temperature Control Units

PATCO General Manager Rink presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate a contract with WESTCODE, Inc. for design services for PATCO transit car HVAC temperature control units (TCU) in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00. The HVAC temperature control units (TCUs) on the transit cars are approaching obsolescence, as many of the components needed for repairs are no longer available for purchase. WESTCODE is the designer and integrator of the transit car HVAC system, and the design documents are proprietary. Staff recommend awarding a Sole Source contract to complete the design services needed for TCU replacement. Commissioner Frattali 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-25-041 PATCO Rail Grinding and Profiling for Curves

PATCO General Manager Rink presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate an agreement with Delta Railroad Construction, Inc. to perform rail grinding and profiling for curves and interlockings for a total cost not to exceed \$ 1,336,400.00.

These services will maximize the life and value of rail assets, provide precision removal of fatigued metal, restore the rail head profile and remove rail defects. Commissioner Schwab 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.

Approval of Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2025

Vice Chairman Nash stated that the Minutes of the May 7, 2025, 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 May 7, 2025

Vice Chairman Nash stated that there was one (1) Resolution from the Finance Committee Meeting for consideration:

DRPA-25-042 Audio Recording System Upgrade

Information Services Director Jones presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate a contract with KOVA Corp., for an amount not-to-exceed \$346,530.60 for the procurement of upgrades to DRPA’s Audiolog audio recording system. He explained that the Audiolog system is deployed at our two Police Dispatch Centers and PATCO’s Center Tower. The system ensures that every call is recorded with full redundancy and securely archived for up to a year. The purchase is provided with pricing under the State of New Jersey Contract #T0109. Commissioner Lipsett 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.

Citizens’ Advisory Committee Report

There was no Citizen’s Advisory Committee Report.

Unfinished Business

There were no Unfinished Business items.

New Business

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

**DRPA-25-043 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 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.

DRPA Board Meeting Held in Abeyance

At 9:28 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 Sweeney seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The Meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Raymond J. Santarelli, Esquire
General Counsel and Corporate Secretary