

**DELAWARE RIVER PORT AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING**

**One Port Center/Zoom  
Wednesday, February 17, 2021**

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, all participants, except where noted, attended via telephone/web conference.

**Pennsylvania Commissioners**

Cherelle Parker, Chair of the Board  
Timothy DeFoor, Pennsylvania Auditor General  
Christopher Lewis, Esq.  
Donna Powell  
Kathryn Joyce (for Pennsylvania Treasurer Stacy Garrity)  
Joseph Martz  
Angelina Perryman  
Kathleen McGinty

**New Jersey Commissioners**

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

**DRPA/PATCO Staff**

John T. Hanson, Chief Executive Officer (in person)  
Maria Wing, Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
Raymond J. Santarelli, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary (in person)  
Stephen Holden, Deputy General Counsel (in person)  
Kathleen Vandy, Assistant General Counsel  
James White, Chief Financial Officer (in person)  
David Aubrey, Inspector General  
John Rink, General Manager, PATCO  
Michael Venuto, Chief Engineer  
Robert Finnegan, Acting Chief of Police  
John Lotierzo, Director of Finance  
Orville Parker, Manager Budget & Financial Analysis  
Richard Mosback, Director, Procurement DRPA/PATCO  
William Shanahan, Director, Government Relations  
Mike Williams, Director, Corporate Communications  
Steve Reiners, Director of Fleet Management  
Tonyelle Cook-Artis, Manager, Government Relations  
Joseph McAroy, Bridge Director, BFB & BRB  
Richard Tutak, Acting Bridge Director, WWB & CBB  
Darlene Callands, Manager Community Relations  
Amy Ash, Manager, Contracts Administration  
Elizabeth Saylor, Administrative Coordinator, Corporate Secretary, OGC (in person)

### **Others Present**

Rudy Rodas, Associate Counsel, New Jersey Governor's Authorities Unit  
Alan Kessler, PA Counsel, Duane Morris, LLP  
Monique Curry-Mims, S & S Consulting LLC  
Christal Pike-Nase, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of the PA Auditor General  
Ismail Shahid, S&S Consulting, LLC  
Nedia Ralston, Director PA Governor's Southeast Regional Office  
Heather Pierce, Chief of Staff, Office of Councilwoman Cherelle Parker  
Jessica Priselac, PA Counsel, Duane Morris, LLP

### **OPEN SESSION**

#### **Notice**

The Corporate Secretary announced that pursuant to its by-laws public notice of this meeting of the DRPA Board of Commissioners had been given by posting proper notice in the lobby at One Port Center and by issuing proper notice to the public and news media. The Secretary also noted that, due to the ongoing pandemic, the public was not allowed inside the One Port Center building but had been invited to attend via telecast and to submit any questions or comments electronically prior to the meeting.

#### **Roll Call**

Vice Chairman Nash called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and asked that the Corporate Secretary call the roll. The following Commissioners were present, constituting a quorum: Chairwoman Parker, Vice Chairman Nash, Powell, Fentress, PA Auditor General, Frattali, Lewis, Lipsett, Nelson, Joyce, Martz, Garganio, Sweeney, Christy, McGinty and Perryman.

#### **Nominations for Election of New Chair**

Vice Chairman Nash stated that, with Chairman Boyer stepping down from the chairmanship, he was asking for a nomination for Chair to the DRPA and the PATCO Boards. Commissioner Frattali moved to nominate Cherelle Parker and Commissioner Powell seconded the nomination. All Commissioners in attendance voted to approve the nomination. The motion carried.

#### **Statement of the New Chair**

Chairwoman Parker stated that she was honored and humbled by the support of the Commissioners and expressed her thanks to Pennsylvania Governor Thomas Wolf for his appointment and for this history-making opportunity for the first woman to chair the DRPA and PATCO boards. Chairwoman Parker continued by thanking former Chairman Ryan Boyer for his legacy of leadership and dedication to the board and region. It is her vision to unite the DRPA, PATCO and the region and improve the infrastructure.

#### **Public Comment**

There was no comment from the public.

#### **Report of the Chief Executive Officer**

CEO Hanson stated that the CEO Report stood as previously submitted. He congratulated Chairwoman Cherelle Parker for her appointment as Chairwoman. He also welcomed Auditor General DeFoor to the board. He expressed on behalf of himself and the staff of the DRPA and PATCO the sincere sadness for the passing of Joseph Quigley, a long-time public representative, whom attended many DRPA and PATCO board meetings over the years. CEO Hanson also highlighted the announcement of the DRPA and PATCO Safety Slogan winner, Michael Jordan,

Construction and Maintenance worker, with the slogan “Safety is a full-time job. Don’t make it a part-time practice”. Commissioner Fentress moved to approve the CEO’s Report and Commissioner Martz seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted to approve the CEO’s Report. The motion carried.

**Report of the Chief Financial Officer**

CFO White stated that his Report stood as previously submitted. CFO White highlighted the effect that the COVID shutdowns had on revenue. He also noted the Authority received \$29 million in CARES Act funds to offset its deficits.

**Approval of the January 20, 2021 DRPA Board Meeting Minutes**

Chairwoman Parker stated that the Minutes of the January 20, 2021 DRPA Board Meeting were previously provided to the Governors of New Jersey and Pennsylvania and to the DRPA Commissioners. There were no comments or corrections. Commissioner Powell moved to approve the Minutes and Commissioner Christy 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 List of Payments covering the Month of January 2021.**

Chairwoman Parker stated that the List of Previously Approved List of Payments covering the month of January 2021 were previously provided to all Commissioners. Commissioner Martz moved to receive and file the list and Commissioner Frattali seconded the motion. There were no questions or comments. 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 January 2021.**

Chairwoman Parker stated that the List of Purchase Orders and Contracts covering the month of January 2021 were previously provided to all Commissioners. Commissioner Garganio moved to receive and file the list and Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. There were no questions or comments. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

**Approval of Operations & Maintenance Committee Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2021**

Chairwoman Parker stated that the Minutes of the February 2, 2021 Operations & Maintenance Committee Meeting were previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no comments or corrections. Commissioner Fentress 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 February 2, 2021**

Chairwoman Parker stated that there were six (6) Resolutions from the February 2, 2021 Operations & Maintenance Committee Meetings for consideration:

**DRPA-21-014            General Engineering Consulting Services.**

Chairwoman Parker presented Resolution No. DRPA-21-014 that the Board authorize staff to negotiate an agreement with engineering firms provided to provide general engineering consulting services to the DRPA. Chairwoman Parker inquired whether Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner Frattali moved to adopt Resolution No. DRPA-21-014 and Commissioner Martz seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Nash abstained from the vote. All other Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative to approve the Resolution. The motion carried.

**DRPA-21-015            Amended: Construction Monitoring & Inspection Services for I-95 & BRB Interchange – BR2 Ramps.**

Chairwoman Parker presented Resolution No. DRPA-21-015 that the Board authorize staff to negotiate an agreement to provide Construction Monitoring & Inspection Services for the I-95 & BRB Interchange BR2 Ramps project. Chief Engineer Venuto presented an amended Resolution No. DRPA-21-015. Chairwoman Parker inquired whether Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner Martz moved to adopt the amended Resolution No. DRPA-21-015 and Commissioner Garganio seconded the motion. All other Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative to approve the Resolution. The motion carried.

**DRPA-21-016            Capital Project Contract Modifications.**

Chairwoman Parker presented Resolution No. DRPA-21-016 that the Board authorize the execution of contract modifications to certain contracts for Authority capital project and that the board amend the 2021 Capital Budget to include the increase. Chairwoman Parker inquired whether Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner Frattali moved to adopt Resolution No. DRPA-21-016 and Commissioner Powell seconded the motion. All other Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative to approve the Resolution. The motion carried.

**DRPA-21-017            Two (2) 2021 Ford F-750 Crew Cab Trucks.**

Chairwoman Parker presented Resolution No. DRPA-21-017 that the Board authorize staff to negotiate a purchase contract to purchase two (2) 2021 Ford F-750 Crew Cab Trucks. Chairwoman Parker inquired whether Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner Fentress moved to adopt Resolution No. DRPA-21-017 and Commissioner Powell seconded the motion. All other Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative to approve the Resolution. The motion carried.

**DRPA-21-018            Two (2) 2021 Ford F-350 Utility Body, one (1) 2021 Ford F-350 Stake Body, One (1) 2021 Ford F-550 Crew Cab Chassis Truck.**

Chairwoman Parker presented Resolution No. DRPA-21-018 that the Board authorize staff to negotiate a purchase contract to purchase two (2) 2021 Ford F-350 utility body, one (1) 2021 Ford F-350 stake body, and one (1) 2021 Ford F-550 Crew Cab Chassis Truck. Chairwoman Parker inquired whether Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner Fentress moved to adopt Resolution No. DRPA-21-018 and Commissioner Martz seconded the motion. All other Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative to approve the Resolution. The motion carried.

**DRPA-21-019            Auto Parts Contract for DRPA and PATCO.**

Chairwoman Parker presented Resolution No. DRPA-21-019 that the Board authorize staff to negotiate a contract for the purchase of aftermarket auto parts for the DRPA and PATCO. Chairwoman Parker inquired whether Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner Powell moved to adopt Resolution No. DRPA-21-019 and Commissioner Perryman seconded the motion. All other Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative to approve the Resolution. The motion carried.

**Citizens Advisory Committee Report**

There was no report of the Citizens Advisory Committee.

**Unfinished Business**

There were no items for Unfinished Business.

**New Business**

Chairwoman Parker stated there were two (2) items of New Business for consideration, and introduced the following:

**DRPA-21-020            Consideration of Pending DRPA Contracts  
(Between \$25,000 and \$100,000).**

Chairwoman Parker presented Summary Statement and Resolution No. DRPA-21-008 for the consideration of pending DRPA contracts between \$25,000 and \$100,000. There were three (3) contracts for consideration. Chairwoman Parker inquired whether Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner Fentress moved to adopt Resolution No. DRPA-21-020 and Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted to approve the motion. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

**DRPA-21-021**

**Authorize Pre-Development Agreement and Addition  
Actions in Furtherance of Glassboro-Camden Line  
Project as originally Authorized by Resolution DRPA-  
17-118.**

Chairwoman Parker presented Summary Statement and Resolution No. DRPA-21-021 for the Board authorize the execution and delivery of a project Pre-Development Agreement (or other similar agreements) with the South Jersey Transportation Authority (SJTA), the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), the New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJT) and/or other relevant State and local agencies for the purpose of implementing pre-development, design, procurement and construction activities in connection with the Glassboro-Camden Line project (GLC Project). Chairwoman Parker inquired whether Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner Fentress moved to adopt Resolution No. DRPA-21-021 and Commissioner Sweeney seconded the motion. All other Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative to approve the Resolution. The motion carried.

**Meeting Held in Abeyance**

At 9:25 a.m., Chairwoman Parker stated that the DRPA Board meeting would be held in abeyance and the PATCO Board Meeting would convene.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, Commissioner Fentress moved to adjourn. Commissioner Perryman seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted to approve the motion and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Raymond J. Santarelli, Esquire  
General Counsel and Corporate Secretary