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One Port Center
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PRESENT

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Jim Cawley, Esquire, Chairman
William Sasso, Esquire
Andrew Reilly, Esquire
Michelle Kichline, Esquire (via telephone)
Joann Bell
John J. Dougherty (for Auditor General DePasquale)
Karen Kelly, Esquire (for Robert McCord)

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Denise Mason (via telephone)
E. Frank DiAntonio (via telephone)

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Danielle McNichol, General Counsel and Corporate
Secretary
Kristen Mayock, Deputy General Counsel
James White, Acting CFO
Tim Pulte, COO
Toni Brown, CAO
Mike Venuto, Chief Engineer
John Rink, PATCO General Manager
Bennett Cornelius, Assistant General Manager, PATCO
Thomas Raftery, Inspector General
Jack Stief, Chief, Public Safety

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Howard Korsen, Contract Administration
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3 Sheila Milner, Administrative Coordinator
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5 Wayne Quesada, Electrical Engineer
6 Mike Reher, Sgt., Public Safety
7 William Shanahan, Director, Gov. Relations
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10 Mike Williams, Graphic Design Administrator

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18 Peter Simon, Esquire, NJ Gov. Authorities Unit
19 Colleen Williams (McGladrey)
20 Allison Pessina (McGladrey)
21 John Livingston (Jacobs)
22 Brian Stevenson
Albert Pione
Anthony DeSantis (CAC)
Carol Rhoades

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(9:43 a.m.)

CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: All right. I'd like to call this meeting to order of the Delaware River Port Authority.

I'd like to begin as we always do with us all rising for a moment, a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Moment of silence.)

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: Okay. We will now move to the report of our Chief Executive Officer.

John, the floor is yours, sir.

MS. McNICHOL: Excuse me, Governor.

CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: Oh, forgive me. Roll call. Thank you. Thank you. Roll call. Let us have a roll call.

MS. McNICHOL: Governor Cawley.

CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: Here.

MS. McNICHOL: Commissioner Sasso.

COMMISSIONER SASSO: Here.

MS. McNICHOL: Commissioner Bell.

1 COMMISSIONER BELL: Here.

2 MS. McNICHOL: Commissioner Dougherty.

3 COMMISSIONER DOUGHERTY: Present.

4 MS. McNICHOL: Commissioner Reilly.

5 COMMISSIONER REILLY: Here.

6 MS. McNICHOL: Commissioner Kelly.

7 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Here.

8 MS. McNICHOL: Commissioner Fentress.

9 COMMISSIONER FENTRESS: Here.

10 MS. McNICHOL: Commissioner Sweeney.

11 COMMISSIONER SWEENEY: Here.

12 MS. McNICHOL: Vice Chairman Nash.

13 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Here.

14 MS. McNICHOL: Commissioner Mason.

15 COMMISSIONER MASON: Here.

16 MS. McNICHOL: Commissioner DiAntonio.

17 COMMISSIONER DiANTONIO: Here.

18 MS. McNICHOL: Commissioner Kichline.

19 COMMISSIONER KICHLINE: Here.

20 MS. McNICHOL: You have a quorum, sir.

21 CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: Thank you.

22 Now, we'll move to the report of Chief

1 Executive Officer.

2 Now, John, the floor is yours.

3 MR. HANSON: Thank you. Thank you, Governor
4 Cawley.

5 First, my report stands as submitted. I'd
6 like to highlight a couple of items. First, we have a
7 PATCO retiree with us today, Albert R. Pione.

8 Mr. Pione, would you please stand?

9 He is retired from PATCO after 11 years from
10 position as a Way and Power electronic technician. We
11 appreciate all of the contributions you've made to the
12 organization, and as is our custom, we'll have you
13 come forward for a photo over by the flag.

14 (Presentation to Mr. Pione and picture.)

15 (Applause.)

16 MR. HANSON: I would also like to comment on
17 the Public Safety Annual Awards ceremony. Chief Jack
18 Stief honored DRPA and PATCO officers at the annual
19 awards ceremony. Seventeen officers were recognized
20 to have gone beyond the call of duty during the year
21 of 2013.

22 The Chris Milito Award, which was named

1 after our own Chris Milito, who was killed in the line
2 of duty in 2010, was presented to Officer Jessica
3 Gabe. Commendations were extended to other officers
4 in the categories of Merit, Heroism, and Bravery. And
5 special recognition was given to three retired
6 sergeants: Sergeant Michael Yip, Sergeant Richard
7 Nelson, Sergeant Michael Mustac.

8 In addition, another special member retired
9 with honors, K-9 Officer Jake, who served with the
10 public for nine years with Officer Alan Kuterback.
11 I'm pleased to announce that Tom Herron, technical
12 supervisor in PATCO Way and Power is the winner of the
13 2014 Safety Slogan Contest. Out of 130 entries, Mr.
14 Hearon's entry was selected by the Central Safety and
15 Health Committee. The slogan was Make Safety a
16 Routine in 2014.

17 Mr. Herron couldn't be with us today, but
18 we'd like to congratulate him and recognize that this
19 slogan is a reminder of our shared commitment to
20 making employee safety and the safety of the public
21 top priority at DRPA and PATCO.

22 Under CEO Emergency Powers, as discussed in

1 Executive Session, a contract to install ventilation
2 fans for the Philadelphia subway platforms has been
3 entered into after the May Board meeting. The fans
4 will be installed at 8th and Market, 9th and 10th and
5 Locust, and 15th and 16th and Locust stations --
6 platform areas, which get a little crowded due to the
7 track outage schedule.

8 The Track Rehabilitation Project, we are in
9 the 17th day of a 60-day outage. The work is on
10 schedule, and we've taken other steps to keep the cars
11 cool. We've changed all the thermostats in the cars.
12 The equipment department has tuned up all the air
13 conditioning systems, recharged them, and also has
14 realigned the balance of the fresh air intake to keep
15 the cars as cool as possible.

16 I'd like to ask Chief Engineer Mike Venuto
17 to provide a status on how the contractor's work is
18 going.

19 MR. VENUTO: Yes. Good morning,
20 Commissioners.

21 As CEO John Hanson said, we are in day 17 of
22 our 60-day outage. We are approximately 90 percent

1 complete with the track and rail demolition. We are
2 about 75 percent complete with the steel stringers
3 repairs across the bridge, and we have been starting
4 on -- as you see the bridge when you look there, the
5 containment for the containment is well into the
6 suspended span at this point. We are 50 percent
7 complete on the New Jersey approach span with the
8 sandblasting. We're about 10 percent complete with
9 the final painting.

10 So as we move up along the bridge, we'll
11 then start next week starting to replace -- start
12 putting in the new ties on the Jersey side of the
13 bridge.

14 We're also pouring concrete in the two New
15 Jersey anchorages where the tracks go through the
16 anchorage. At this time we have about 125 onsite
17 staff working each day, just on dayshifts. Then we
18 have a nightshift.

19 The painting operations are working seven
20 days a week, and we're working two shifts. We're
21 working nightshift Monday through Saturday.

22 MR. HANSON: Thanks, Mike. Can you continue

1 with the PATCO Car Rehabilitation Project update?

2 MR. VENUTO: Yes, sir. Alstom is continuing
3 the testing of the eight prototype cars along our
4 track system. The entire process consists of testing
5 the individual car systems, like propulsion, like
6 braking and slip-sliding, those types of things. So
7 the testing oversight is being done by our consultant,
8 LTK.

9 Upon Alstom's completion of their testing,
10 the cars will be presented to DRPA and PATCO for final
11 acceptance. This is currently scheduled for the first
12 week of August. The team, the entire team, DRPA,
13 PATCO, Alstom, and LTK are working to prepare new cars
14 and have been working to prepare these cars for
15 revenue service.

16 The next two sets of married pairs, the next
17 four cars, are ready to ship from Alstom upon our
18 acceptance of the initial eight cars. And then
19 there's other cars at various stages along the
20 production line.

21 MR. HANSON: Thank you.

22 At this time I'd like to ask PATCO General

1 Manager John Rink to provide an elevator and escalator
2 update.

3 MR. RINK: Thank you, John. Good morning,
4 Governor, Commissioners.

5 The operational percentages for the month of
6 May are elevators operated at 98.4 percent. Our
7 target was 97 percent. Our escalators for the month
8 of May were operation 95.8 percent of the time with a
9 target of 90 percent. We exceeded both our targets
10 for the month of May. The 12th and 13th escalators,
11 the new escalators being replaced at 12th and 13th and
12 Locust have recently passed the State L&I inspections.

13 The contractor is currently working on --
14 items and hopefully will be able to turn that new
15 escalator over to our customers in the very near
16 future.

17 MR. HANSON: Finally, I'd just like to make
18 the Commissioners aware that as a result of routine
19 our routine biannual inspection of the Walt Whitman
20 Bridge, some deterioration was discovered in gusset
21 plates; and as a result, we are undertaking immediate
22 repairs, temporary repairs, to shore them up. We've

1 weight restricted the bridge until this temporary
2 work, temporary repair work, is done. For about four
3 to six weeks, we will not allow overweight loads to
4 use the Walt Whitman Bridge.

5 CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: Okay. Any questions for
6 John?

7 Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to
8 accept the CEO's report.

9 COMMISSIONER SASSO: So moved.

10 CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: Is there a second?

11 MR. SWEENEY: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: Discussion on the motion.

13 Seeing none, all those in favor will signify
14 by saying aye.

15 COMMISSIONER SWEENEY: Aye.

16 COMMISSIONER FENTRESS: Aye.

17 COMMISSIONER SASSO: Aye.

18 COMMISSIONER BELL: Aye.

19 CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: Those opposed, nay.

20 Opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it.

21 Thank you, John. We appreciate that.

22 We'll now move to the report of the Acting

1 Chief Financial Officer.

2 Mr. White?

3 MR. WHITE: Good morning, Mr. Chair, and
4 Vice Chair, and Commissioners.

5 I'd like to turn your attention to two
6 documents within your packet. I think they give an
7 excellent view of both year-to-date summary and also
8 the KPI dashboard, which tends to give you a trend
9 over time.

10 So the first document, this is a document
11 that we present to the Finance Committee every month,
12 and it is a summary year-to-date of DRPA traffic, DRPA
13 toll revenues versus the previous year. It shows you
14 PATCO ridership and revenues versus the previous year.
15 It also shows DRPA traffic and revenues versus budget.
16 Same thing for PATCO ridership and revenues. And,
17 finally, it gives you a year-to-date snapshot of the
18 budget versus actuals.

19 Very briefly, on this particular summary,
20 DRPA traffic year-to-date is down 3.65 percent versus
21 2013, largely, as we've said before because of the
22 inclement weather. It is down 1.55 percent versus the

1 2014 budget year-to-date, because we did factor in
2 snow days for both traffic and revenue.

3 On the revenue side, DRPA year-to-date is
4 down 2.8 percent in terms of total revenues versus
5 2013. It is down 1.6 percent versus 2014, or
6 approximately \$553,000.

7 On the DRPA budget side, we are still
8 significantly under budget, 8.4 percent. That's
9 largely due to payroll related expenses being lower
10 than budget.

11 On the PATCO side, we are roughly 1.9
12 percent over budget year-to-date or approximately
13 \$300,000. And that's largely due to overtime related
14 to the inclement weather, higher purchase power, and
15 also increasing our reserves for legal claims.

16 In terms of PATCO ridership, that is below
17 2014 as well.

18 If you'll turn now to the dashboard that is
19 in your packet, and it should be -- there. Thank you.
20 The dashboard, as I said, tends to give you more of a
21 trend over 12 months. The thing I would just like to
22 quickly highlight is in terms of DRPA bridge traffic

1 and revenues. You can see particularly in the
2 March/April timeframe that the actuals were higher
3 than budget. So we covered somewhat of where we were
4 in January and February where we were under budget.
5 So we have seen the improvement in DRPA traffic and
6 revenues. And from preliminary information I have for
7 May, at least the traffic seems to be roughly level or
8 perhaps slightly above last May 2013.

9 On the DRPA operating budget, we mentioned
10 that we are under budget over \$2 million. Again, we
11 spoke of how primarily that's related to payroll-
12 related issues. On the capital budget side, we have
13 spent roughly \$37 million versus a budgeted figure of
14 \$57 million. So we still are catching up somewhat on
15 the capital side.

16 In terms of PATCO ridership and revenue,
17 similar to the DRPA traffic and revenue, we've seen
18 improvements particularly in April and May. While
19 still under budget, the numbers are for ridership
20 97 percent of budget is higher than January and
21 February. And for revenue, it is close to 98 to 99
22 percent for the months of March and April.

1 For the PATCO operating budget, again, we
2 mentioned the impact of overtime, purchase power being
3 up and legal claims. And so for April and May, we're
4 still -- we're higher than budget largely because of
5 those factors.

6 And I will address a question that the
7 Lieutenant Governor had last month with his keen eye.
8 He noted a figure that seemed largely out of whack,
9 and he was correct. We noticed that there was a
10 transpositional error. So the 166 percent that we
11 were showing in August actually should have been
12 96.3 percent. So we thank you for your due diligence
13 in looking over the --

14 CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: Just to let you know I'm
15 awake.

16 MR. WHITE: Yes. Thank you. In terms of
17 PATCO on-time performance, you'll see here continued
18 improvement in on-time performance. April exceeding
19 96 percent. And then there are other factors on the
20 dashboard, which I won't necessarily speak to.

21 John Rink, did you want to say anything
22 about on time or --

1 MR. RINK: We continue trend up in my
2 General Manager report for the month of May we're at
3 96.31 percent. April is noted 96.1 percent. As Mr.
4 White acknowledged, our on-time performance through
5 the winter months went down due to the inclement
6 weather. And from February 'till May, we're trending
7 upward on our on-time performance.

8 MR. WHITE: Thanks, John.

9 Again, we're keeping an eye on the PATCO
10 over budget situation. There obviously were some
11 factors, extraordinary factors, this year that caused
12 them to be in an over budget situation. Preliminary
13 for May I think we'll still be roughly, actually
14 should be we think versus budget. So we hopefully
15 will catch up as we go throughout the year as the
16 factors that impacted the first part of the year will
17 not be in play for the next part.

18 That concludes my remarks.

19 CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: Very well. Any questions?

20 Seeing none, thank you for that thorough
21 report.

22 Would draw your attention to the fact that

1 you were all provided copies of the minutes of the
2 May 22, 2014 meeting. If there are any additions,
3 deletions, corrections, observations that you would
4 like to make in regard to those minutes, now would be
5 the time.

6 Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to
7 approve the minutes.

8 COMMISSIONER FENTRESS: Move the motion.

9 COMMISSIONER SASSO: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: It's been moved and
11 seconded.

12 Discussion on the motion?

13 Seeing none, all those in favor will signify
14 by saying aye.

15 COMMISSIONER SASSO: Aye.

16 COMMISSIONER FENTRESS: Aye.

17 CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: Those opposed, nay.

18 Opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it, and
19 the minutes are approved.

20 We'll now move to the monthly list of
21 payments and monthly list of purchase orders and
22 contracts. I will accept a motion to receive and file

1 the monthly list of payments and monthly list of
2 purchase orders and contracts covering the month of
3 May 2014.

4 Is there such a motion?

5 COMMISSIONER BELL: So moved.

6 COMMISSIONER SWEENEY: So moved.

7 CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: Is there a second?

8 COMMISSIONER SWEENEY: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: Discussion on the motion?

10 Seeing none, all those in favor will signify
11 by saying aye.

12 COMMISSIONER SASSO: Aye.

13 COMMISSIONER BELL: Aye.

14 COMMISSIONER FENTRESS: Aye.

15 COMMISSIONER SWEENEY: Aye.

16 CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: Those opposed, nay.

17 Opinion of the Chair the ayes have it, and
18 the motion carries.

19 We'll now move to the Financial Audit Exit
20 Conference, which was previously provided to all of
21 you. I will entertain a motion to accept the 2013
22 Financial Audit Exit Conference Report.

1 Is there such a motion?

2 COMMISSIONER SASSO: So moved.

3 CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: Is there a second?

4 COMMISSIONER SWEENEY: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: It's been moved and
6 seconded.

7 Discussion on the motion?

8 Seeing none, all those in favor will signify
9 by saying aye.

10 COMMISSIONER SASSO: Aye.

11 COMMISSIONER SWEENEY: Aye.

12 CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: Those opposed, nay.

13 Opinion of the Chair the ayes have it, and
14 the motion is carried.

15 The Operation and Maintenance Committee
16 Minutes of June 13, 2014 was also previously provided
17 to all Commissioners. I'll entertain any questions,
18 additions, deletions, observations on those minutes.

19 Seeing none, I would -- may I have a second
20 -- may I have a motion to accept the Operations and
21 Maintenance Committee Minutes of June 13, 2014?

22 COMMISSIONER FENTRESS: Move the motion.

1 CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: Is there a second?

2 COMMISSIONER SASSO: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: Been moved and seconded.

4 Discussion on the motion?

5 Seeing none, all those in favor will signify

6 by saying aye.

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Aye.

8 COMMISSIONER FENTRESS: Aye.

9 COMMISSIONER SASSO: Aye.

10 CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: Those opposed nay.

11 Opinion of the Chair the ayes have it, and

12 the motion carries.

13 We'll now move to the Adoption of
14 Resolutions Approved by the Operations and Maintenance
15 Committee on June 13, 2014. There are eight
16 resolutions that were adopted. I would be happy and
17 pleased to accept a motion to approve all eight at
18 this time.

19 COMMISSIONER FENTRESS: Move the motion.

20 CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: Is there a second?

21 COMMISSIONER BELL: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: It's been moved and

1 seconded.

2 Discussion?

3 Seeing none, all those in favor will signify
4 by saying aye.

5 COMMISSIONER FENTRESS: Aye.

6 COMMISSIONER SASSO: Aye.

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Aye.

8 CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: Those opposed, nay.

9 Opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it, and
10 all eight of the resolutions have been approved.

11 We will now move to the Approval of the
12 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2014.
13 Those minutes were also previously provided to all of
14 you. And without any thoughts or additions,
15 deletions, observations, corrections, I'll entertain a
16 motion to approve the Finance Committee Meeting
17 Minutes of June 14th -- or June 4th, forgive me, 2014.
18 Is there such a motion?

19 COMMISSIONER SASSO: So moved.

20 CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: Been moved. Is there a
21 second?

22 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: Been moved and seconded.

2 Discussion on the motion?

3 Seeing none, all those in favor will signify
4 by saying aye.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Aye.

6 COMMISSIONER BELL: Aye.

7 COMMISSIONER SASSO: Aye.

8 CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: Those opposed nay.

9 Opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it, and
10 the motion carries.

11 We'll now move to adopt -- move on, I should
12 say, to adopt the resolutions approved by the Finance
13 Committee on June 4, 2014. There are four -- forgive
14 me, three. I think I'll have another cup of coffee
15 here. There are three resolutions to be approved this
16 morning. I would prefer, as we all would, I think, to
17 accept a motion to adopt all three.

18 Is there such a motion?

19 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: So moved.

20 CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: It's been moved. Is there
21 a second?

22 COMMISSIONER SASSO: Second.

1 COMMISSIONER REILLY: Mr. Chairman, as it
2 pertains to the one motion 14-086, as my firm has an
3 affiliation with the insurance company referenced
4 here, I'm going to abstain from --

5 CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: Your abstention is noted,
6 Commissioner Reilly.

7 Very well. It's been moved and seconded,
8 noting Commissioner Reilly's abstention on DRPA-14-
9 086.

10 All those in favor of approving the
11 resolutions will signify by saying aye.

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: Aye.

13 COMMISSIONER SASSO: Aye.

14 CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: Those opposed, nay.

15 Opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it, and
16 the resolutions are approved.

17 We will now move to Unfinished Business. Is
18 there any Unfinished Business that needs to be brought
19 to the attention of this Board?

20 Seeing none, we'll move to New Business.
21 There is one item of New Business, the Consideration
22 of Pending DRPA Contracts between \$25,000 and

1 \$100,000, DRPA-14-008. I will accept a motion to
2 approve that -- those contracts, I guess.

3 COMMISSIONER BELL: Move the motion.

4 COMMISSIONER SASSO: So moved.

5 CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: Is there a second?

6 COMMISSIONER SASSO: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: Been moved and seconded.

8 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

9 COMMISSIONER FENTRESS: Aye.

10 COMMISSIONER SASSO: Aye.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Aye.

12 CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: Those opposed, nay.

13 Opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it, and
14 the motion carries.

15 We will now move to the Citizen Advisory
16 Committee Report. Good morning.

17 MR. DESANTIS: Good morning. I'm Tony
18 DeSantis. I am a representative of the Citizens
19 Advisory Committee. We had our meeting last week.
20 We're looking for more members at the moment. We want
21 to consult with the acting or permanent PR person at
22 our next -- at our meeting in July. And with that,

1 that concludes my report.

2 CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: Any questions?

3 Seeing none, we will move to Public Comment.

4 Now, is the time for members of the public to step
5 forward on any issue that might be of import. Please,
6 if you would, identify yourself for the record, and
7 let us know what's on your mind.

8 MS. RHOADES: My name is Carol Rhoades.
9 Thank you for letting me speak. I'm here to speak
10 about the continued use of commuter toll money to fund
11 economic development projects and the proposed
12 Glassboro to Camden Light Rail Project. Residents
13 living along the Glassboro to Camden Light Railroad
14 who are against having trains run through their
15 communities every nine minutes were perplexed that no
16 notice of the recent public scoping meetings were
17 published in the local papers.

18 I contacted the EIS Team several times
19 asking how they advertise these public meetings, but
20 they refused to answer me. So I contacted the Federal
21 Transit Administration. They did answer me. The
22 Transit Administration informed me that the EIS Team

1 chose not to utilize best business practices in
2 conducting this -- even though it's encouraged and \$9
3 million of public money provides the funding for the
4 study. Dates, times and locations of the 2013 public
5 scoping meetings were not advertised to the public.
6 This lack of adherence to the best business practices
7 is understandable because the DRPA is providing
8 project management.

9 According to the DRPA's lawyer, hiring and
10 promotions at the DRPA follow the cronyism practice,
11 downplaying skills, experience and education, which
12 explains why the DRPA is awash in delays, breakdowns,
13 equipment malfunctions, unhappy commuters and an
14 unsatisfactory delay in getting refurbished trains
15 back in service. Best business practices do not exist
16 at the DRPA.

17 Just as a side note, Mr. Dougherty, if you
18 succeed in bringing more Pennsylvania employees
19 onboard, I hope that you insist that qualified
20 minorities get a fair shot at the DRPA's jobs instead
21 of just handing them out to your cronies. And please
22 encourage Tom Wolfe to make the DRPA part of the

1 election discussion. Governor Corbett and Governor
2 Christie have failed in their responsibilities to the
3 commuter.

4 Excluding the public from the public scoping
5 meetings was a deliberate and calculated attempt by
6 the EIS study team to manipulate the study results in
7 the face of growing public negativity to the project.
8 I believe the results of the EIS study were
9 predetermined before any meetings took place, making
10 this study a complete sham. The growing negative
11 public reaction to the project had to be eliminated.
12 The obvious way to do that is to control who attends
13 the meetings, sort of like you do. How all your
14 meetings are in the morning, weekdays?

15 You couldn't have a meeting at 6 p.m. where
16 the commuters could attend? Or how about a couple
17 Saturday meetings? A lot of people don't want to come
18 to Camden. I know a lot of people aren't able to come
19 with your meeting schedules.

20 Residents along the GCL route are speaking
21 out against the train. It may not even be allowed to
22 stop in some trains along the route. Since a previous

1 attempt to bring the Light Rail to Gloucester County
2 failed, the EIS Team wisely chose Camden County
3 College in Blackwood as a site for one of their
4 scoping meetings, a location that is far, far away
5 from the proposed train route, bypassing all of the
6 affected towns in their entirety.

7 Mr. Hanson, since the DRPA is providing
8 project management, I'm asking for the EIS study to be
9 suspended until all the so-called public scoping
10 meetings that were not announced to the public are
11 rescheduled and proper public notification of the
12 meetings is mandated. Surely, this Board doesn't have
13 a problem allowing the public to have a say in a study
14 that's costing us \$9 million.

15 On behalf of the taxpayers, I want a full
16 accounting of how our \$9 million is being spent. It
17 wasn't used for public outreach or advertising or
18 research. The federal census uses surveys and hires
19 canvassers to get public input. The EIS Team throws
20 stuff against the wall to see what will stick. Their
21 method allows more money to be used for salaries, and
22 it ensures there's no documentation available to the

1 public. The DRPA confiscated the toll dollars paid by
2 almost 400,000 commuters to help fund the EIS study.

3 According to John Matheussen, repayment was
4 requested back in August of 2013, but we haven't seen
5 any money yet. To be clear, the GCL would not be
6 operated or controlled or owned by the DRPA, but the
7 commuters are financing it. What's this Board's
8 solution to the commuters growing ire? Tell you in a
9 minute. It's to hire a PR firm to whitewash your
10 record in a futile attempt to provide a veneer of
11 respectability. Do you really need to hire a PR
12 village at the commuters' expense to replace one
13 person, Mr. Ireland, who resigned?

14 Pennsylvania and New Jersey commuters
15 deserve accessible public DRPA meetings with both
16 Governor Corbett and Governor Christie explaining why
17 waste and mismanagement abuses are continuing under
18 their administrations, which brings me to the Gateway
19 Park giveaway. Even though commuters were told that
20 DRPA is out of the economic development business,
21 don't shout amen or hallelujah yet. This Board voted
22 to hand over the toll dollars from the next 81,000

1 commuters and use it for an environmental cleanup
2 project at Gateway Park, which was already the
3 recipient of millions in economic development funds.
4 After the Park is cleaned up, we're generously going
5 to donate it. How many more economic development
6 projects will be funded with future toll dollars? You
7 would think that the answer would be zero. It's going
8 to take the Board 30 days to do the math to answer my
9 question.

10 I want to be included on the Environmental
11 Impact Study Team. There should be one person
12 involved who will represent the commuters' interest,
13 and neither the EIS Study Team nor the DRPA under the
14 guise of providing project management fit that
15 criteria.

16 Thank you for your time.

17 CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: Thank you, ma'am.

18 Is there any additional public comment?

19 Seeing none, it's the Chair's understanding
20 that there is a need for Executive Session, and as
21 such, we'll call Executive Session at this -- oh, in
22 the next meeting. Forgive me. I thought it was in

1 this one. Okay. Very well then.

2 With that, we will not adjourn -- or we will
3 not recess for Executive Session, but I will entertain
4 a motion to adjourn.

5 COMMISSIONER SWEENEY: Move the motion.

6 CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: Is there a second?

7 COMMISSIONER SASSO: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: Discussion on the motion?

9 Seeing none, all those in favor will signify
10 by saying aye.

11 COMMISSIONER FENTRESS: Aye.

12 COMMISSIONER SASSO: Aye.

13 COMMISSIONER BELL: Aye.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Aye.

15 CHAIRMAN CAWLEY: Those opposed, nay.

16 Opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it. The
17 motion is carried. This meeting of the Delaware River
18 Port Authority is adjourned.

19 (Whereupon, the meeting ended on June 19,
20 2014, at 10:13 a.m.)

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1 There being no further business, on motion duly made and
2 seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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