

**DELAWARE RIVER PORT AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING**

**One Port Center  
Camden, New Jersey  
Wednesday, February 15, 2023**

**Pennsylvania Commissioners**

Cherelle Parker, Chair of the Board (via Zoom)  
Christal Pike-Nase (for Pennsylvania Auditor General Timothy DeFoor) (via Zoom)  
James Snell (for Pennsylvania Treasurer Stacy Garrity) (via Zoom)  
Keiwana McKinney (via Zoom)  
Donna Powell (via Zoom)  
Angelina Perryman (via Zoom)  
Robert Ghormoz (via Zoom)

**New Jersey Commissioners**

Jeffrey Nash, Esq., Vice Chair of the Board  
Albert Frattali  
Charles Fentress (via Zoom)  
Aaron Nelson (via Zoom)  
Sara Lipsett (via Zoom)  
Richard Sweeney (via Zoom)  
Bruce Garganio (via Zoom)

**DRPA/PATCO Staff**

John T. Hanson, Chief Executive Officer  
Jalila Parker, Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
Raymond J. Santarelli, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary  
James White, Chief Financial Officer  
Toni Brown, Chief Administrative Officer  
John Rink, PATCO General Manager  
David Aubrey, Inspector General  
Stephen Holden, Deputy General Counsel  
Michael Venuto, Chief Engineer  
Robert Hicks, Chief Operating Officer  
Edward Cobbs, Chief of Police  
Robert Finnegan, Chief Safety and Security Officer  
John Santry, Lieutenant of Police  
Rohan Hepkins, PATCO Assistant General Manager  
Tonyelle Cook-Artis, Director, Government Relations & Grants Administration  
Kwan Hui, Manager, Grants Administration (via Zoom)  
Ricardo DeOliveira, Bridge Director, CBB & WWB (via Zoom)  
Joseph McAroy, Bridge Director, BFB & BRB (via Zoom)  
Amy Ash, Manager, Contract Administration  
Darcie DeBeaumont, Director of Finance (via Zoom)  
Christina Maroney, Director, Strategic Initiatives  
Kathleen Vandy, Assistant General Counsel  
Darlene Callands, Manager, Community Relations (via Zoom)  
Dawn Whiton, Executive Assistant to the CEO  
Barbara Wagner, Executive Assistant to the Deputy CEO  
Mike Williams, Manager, Corporate Communications

Carol Herbst, Senior Accountant (via Zoom)  
Elizabeth Saylor, Administrative Coordinator, Corporate Secretary

**Others Present**

Janice Venables, Associate Counsel, New Jersey Governor’s Authorities Unit  
Christopher Gibson, Archer & Greiner, P.C. (via Zoom)  
Alan Kessler, Duane Morris, LLP (via Zoom)  
Alan Becker, Citizens’ Advisory Committee  
Michael Cuddy, Sr. Vice President, TranSystems  
Jennifer Laning, TranSystems

**OPEN SESSION**

**Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairwoman Parker requested everyone to rise and observe a moment of silence and for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairwoman Parker called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and asked that the Corporate Secretary call the roll.

**Roll Call**

The following were present, constituting a quorum: Chairwoman Parker, Vice Chair Nash, and Commissioners Frattali, Fentress, Garganio, Pike-Nase, Snell, McKinney, Lipsett, Perryman, Powell, Nelson, Sweeney, and Ghormoz.

**Public Comment**

Corporate Secretary Santarelli reported that there was no public comment.

**Report of the Chief Executive Officer**

Chief Executive Officer Hanson stated that the CEO Report stood as previously submitted. CEO Hanson then presented a brief video regarding the recently approved DRPA Paid Parental Leave Policy.

After the video, Chief of Police Cobbs gave a brief overview of the Public Safety Training Program. He stated that the Public Safety Department is aware of what happened in Memphis involving the tragic death of Tyre Nichols in Memphis, TN and that the Public Safety Department is constantly monitoring local, state, and national incidents and determining how they may affect policing practices. He introduced Lieutenant Santry, noting that Lieutenant Santry oversees professional standards within the department, including training and policy development. Chief Cobbs explained that the department has developed a culture that complies with our shared and core values which involves collaboration, humility, growth and development, professionalism, and accountability.

Chairwoman Parker thanked the Executive team and staff of the DRPA and PATCO for their hard work in implementing the Paid Parental Leave Policy. Chairwoman Parker also thanked Chief Cobbs and Lieutenant Santy, expressing, on behalf of herself and the Board, appreciation for the Public Safety Department’s professionalism and training, the values those embody, and pride in

the Department's work. Vice Chairman Nash commented that, on behalf of the New Jersey Commissioners, he echoed her statement. CEO Hanson added that he also echoed the Chairwoman's sentiments and that he wanted to emphasize that he couldn't be any prouder of the Authority's Public Safety Department.

CEO Hanson also recognized Commissioner Fentress' 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and thanked him for his inspiration and dedication.

There were no further questions or comments. Commissioner Fentress moved to approve the CEO's Report and Commissioner Perryman seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted to approve the CEO's Report. The motion carried.

### **Report of the Chief Financial Officer**

Chief Financial Officer White stated that his Report stood as previously submitted. He noted that as of January 1, 2023, the Authority has achieved a significant milestone. In 2013, the Authority's outstanding bond debt was \$1.6 billion. Even after the loss of revenue during the COVID 19 pandemic, the Authority was able to pay off \$600 million of this debt. Chairwoman Parker, Vice Chairman Nash and CEO Hanson responded with their thanks to CFO White, his staff, the Executive team, and the Board for their efforts. There were no questions or comments.

### **Approval of the January 18, 2023 DRPA Board Meeting Minutes**

Chairwoman Parker stated that the January 18, 2023, DRPA Board Meeting Minutes were previously provided to all Commissioners and the Governors of New Jersey and Pennsylvania. There were no comments or corrections to the Minutes. Commissioner Nash 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.

### **2022 Third Quarter Financial Statement and Footnotes**

Chairwoman Parker stated that the 2022 Third Quarter Financial Statement and Footnotes were previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no questions or comments. Commissioner Pike-Nase moved to receive and file the 2022 Third Quarter Financial Statement and Footnotes 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 January 2023**

Chairwoman Parker stated that the List of Previously Approved Payments covering the month of January 2023 was previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no questions or comments. Commissioner Nelson 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 January 2023**

Chairwoman Parker stated that the List of Previously Approved Purchase Orders and Contracts covering the month of January 2023 was previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no questions or comments. Commissioner Snell moved to receive and file the List and

Commissioner Frattali seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

**Approval of Operations & Maintenance Committee Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2023**

Chairwoman Parker stated that the Minutes of the February 7, 2023 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 7, 2023**

Chairwoman Parker stated that there were five (5) Resolutions from the February 7, 2023 Operations & Maintenance Committee Meeting for consideration:

**DRPA-23-018                      Professional Services for the Commodore Barry Bridge Weld Investigation**

Chief Engineer Venuto presented Summary Statement and Resolution No. DRPA-23-018 seeking Board authorization to negotiate an agreement with TranSystems Corporation to provide engineering services required to perform the Commodore Barry Bridge weld investigation, in the amount of \$4,770,393.00. Chairwoman Parker inquired whether Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner Frattali moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Perryman seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative to adopt the Resolution. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

**DRPA-23-019                      Lindenwold and Ashland Exterior Communications and Power**

PATCO General Manager Rink presented Summary Statement and Resolution No. DRPA-23-019 seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate a contract with Denney Electric Supply to hardwire emergency call boxes and parking lot fare gates at Lindenwold and Ashland Stations, in an amount not to exceed \$428,938.00. Chairwoman Parker inquired whether Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner McKinney moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Sweeney seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative to adopt the Resolution. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

**DRPA-23-015                      PATCO's Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan - DRPA**

PATCO General Manager Rink presented Summary Statement and Resolution Nos. DRPA-23-015 seeking Board approval of PATCO's revised Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan, copies of which were provided to the Commissioners in advance of the meeting. As authorized by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), operators of public transportation systems that receive Federal financial assistance under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 are

required to develop and implement the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans (PTASP) based on the Safety Management System approach. Chairwoman Parker inquired whether Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner Pike-Nase moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Snell seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative to adopt the Resolution. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

**DRPA-23-020                    Procurement and Delivery of Eighty (80) Machined Axles for PATCO**

PATCO General Manager Rink presented Summary Statement and Resolution No. DRPA-23-020 seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate a contract with ORX Railway Corporation for the procurement and delivery of eighty (80) machined axles, in the amount of \$272,960.00. Chairwoman Parker inquired whether Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner Garganio moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Frattali seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative to adopt the Resolution. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

**DRPA-23-021                    DRPA/PennDOT Grant Reimbursement**

Government Relations and Grants Administration Director Cook-Artis presented Summary Statement and Resolution No. DRPA-23-021 seeking Board authorization for staff to execute one or more funding agreements with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation through which the DRPA would progress the Ben Franklin Bridge Safety Improvements (MPMS# 72597) and Ben Franklin Bridge Eastbound Operations Improvements (MPMS# 105290) projects and be reimbursed by PennDOT for the work performed, in the amount of \$3,292,000.00, as well as any future increases pursuant to this grant application. Chairwoman Parker inquired whether Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner McKinney move to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Powell seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative to adopt the Resolution. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

**Approval of Labor Committee Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2023**

Chairwoman Parker stated that the Minutes of the February 7, 2023 Labor Committee Meeting were previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no comments or corrections. Commissioner Snell moved to approve the Minutes and Commissioner Perryman 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 Labor Committee on February 7, 2023**

Chairwoman Parker stated that there was one (1) Resolution from the February 7, 2023 Labor Committee Meeting for consideration:

**DRPA-23-017                    2023 Outside Employment Request for Approval.**

Chief Administrative Officer Brown presented Summary Statement and Resolution No. DRPA-23-017 seeking approval for certain director level or above employees seeking approval for outside employment that does not pose a conflict with their employment at the DRPA/PATCO for a period

of one (1) year. Chief Safety and Security Officer Robert Finnegan requested authorization to serve as Board Member of the Washington Township Zoning Board of Adjustment, with no compensation, and as a Board Member of the Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority (MUA), with compensation of \$35.00 per month. Chairwoman Parker inquired whether Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner Fentress moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Sweeney seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative to adopt the Resolution. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

### **Citizens' Advisory Committee Report**

Mr. Alan Becker gave the report of the Citizens' Advisory Committee.

### **Unfinished Business**

Chairwoman Parker stated there were no Unfinished Business items.

### **New Business**

Chairwoman Parker announced there was one (1) New Business item for consideration:

**DRPA-23-022                      Consideration of Pending DRPA Contracts  
(Between \$25,000 and \$100,000)**

Contract Administration Manager Ash presented Summary Statement and Resolution No. DRPA-23-022 seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate and enter into the four (4) pending DRPA contracts identified in the attachment to the Resolution. Chairwoman Parker inquired whether Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner Fentress moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted to approve the motion. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

### **The DRPA Board Meeting was held in abeyance at 9:56 a.m.**

### **Adjournment**

With no further business, Chairwoman Parker proposed an adjournment of the Meeting. Commissioner Fentress moved to adjourn. Commissioner Perryman seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The Meeting concluded at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Raymond J. Santarelli, Esquire  
General Counsel and Corporate Secretary