

**DELAWARE RIVER PORT AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING**

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

**Pennsylvania Commissioners**

Gregory Schwab  
Hayden Rigo (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)

**New Jersey Commissioners**

Jeffrey Nash, Esq., Vice Chairman of the Board  
Albert Frattali  
Bruce Garganio  
Charles Fentress (via Zoom)  
Aaron Nelson (via Zoom)  
Sara Lipsett (via Zoom)  
Richard Sweeney (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 (via Zoom)  
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  
Rohan Hepkins, PATCO Assistant General Manager  
Tonyelle Cook-Artis, Director, Government Relations & Grants Administration  
Ricardo DeOliveira, Bridge Director, CBB & WWB (via Zoom)  
Joseph McAroy, Bridge Director, BFB & BRB (via Zoom)  
Amy Ash, Manager, Contract Administration  
Steve Reiners, Director, Fleet Management  
Matt Licata, Fleet Shop Manager  
Christina Maroney, Director, Strategic Initiatives  
Kathleen Vandy, Assistant General Counsel  
Darlene Callands, Manager, Community Relations  
Dawn Whiton, Executive Assistant to the 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, Esq., Archer & Greiner, P.C.  
Alan Kessler, Esq., Duane Morris, LLP (via Zoom)  
Jessica Priselac, Esq., Duane Morris, LLP (via Zoom)  
Alan Becker, Citizens' Advisory Committee  
Christopher Devlin, SAP

### **OPEN SESSION**

#### **Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice Chairman Nash requested everyone to rise and observe a moment of silence and to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Chairman Nash called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and asked that the Corporate Secretary call the roll.

#### **Roll Call**

The following were present, constituting a quorum: Vice Chair Nash, and Commissioners Frattali, Fentress, Garganio, Schwab, Rigo, Snell, McKinney, Lipsett, Powell, Nelson, and Sweeney.

#### **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 stated there was one expedited procurement to report in accordance with Bylaws, Article XII(c)(8). to approve a change order for a rail grinding contract for the PATCO line in the amount of \$138,943.00. There were no questions or comments. Commissioner Garganio moved to approve the CEO's Report and Commissioner Snell seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

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

Chief Financial Officer White stated that his Report stood as previously submitted. He stated that he sees upward movement in traffic on the bridges as well as PATCO ridership that may be due to the flower show in Philadelphia. There were no questions or comments.

#### **Approval of the February 15, 2023 DRPA Board Meeting Minutes**

Vice Chairman Nash stated that the February 15, 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 Sweeney moved to approve the Minutes and Commissioner Schwab 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 Payments covering the Month of February 2023**

Vice Chairman Nash stated that the List of Previously Approved Payments covering the month of February 2023 was previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no questions or comments. Commissioner Sweeney 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 February 2023**

Vice Chairman Nash stated that the List of Previously Approved Purchase Orders and Contracts covering the month of February 2023 was previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no questions or comments. Commissioner Sweeney moved to receive and file the List and Commissioner Snell seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

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

Vice Chairman Nash stated that the Minutes of the March 7, 2023 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 Schwab 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 March 7, 2023**

Vice Chairman Nash stated that there were two (2) Resolutions from the March 7, 2023 Operations & Maintenance Committee Meeting for consideration:

**DRPA-23-023                      Contract No. WW-33-2022, NJ Corridor Resurfacing**

Chief Engineer Venuto presented Summary Statement and Resolution No. DRPA-23-023 seeking Board authorization to negotiate a construction contract with South State, Inc. to perform roadway resurfacing along the Walt Whitman Bridge New Jersey corridor, in the amount of \$1,492,939.62. The DRPA will be responsible for \$151,000.00, or 10.1%, and the Federal Highway Administration Grant administered through the New Jersey Department of Transportation (FHWA/NJDOT-STBGP) will cover \$1,341,939.62, or 89.9% of the cost. Vice Chairman Nash inquired whether Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner Fentress moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Snell seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

Vice Chairman Nash congratulated Chief Engineer Venuto who will be honored tonight with the Engineer of the Year award from the Civil Association of Engineers.

Vice Chairman Nash thanked the Authority for displaying the “It’s A Philly Thing” sign on the Walt Whitman Bridge.

**DRPA-23-024**

**Auto Parts Contract for DRPA and PATCO**

Fleet Director Reiners presented Summary Statement and Resolution No. DRPA-23-024 seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate a one (1) year contract with National Auto Parts Association (NAPA) for the purchase of aftermarket automotive parts for the DRPA and PATCO, in an amount not to exceed \$145,000.00. (The bridges totaling \$120,000.00 and PATCO for \$25,000.00) The purchase will be through the Source Well Contract #032521-GPC. Vice Chairman Nash inquired whether Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner Frattali moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Fentress 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 Audit Committee Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2023**

Vice Chairman Nash stated that the Minutes of the March 8, 2023 Audit Committee Meeting were previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no comments or corrections. Commissioner Fentress moved to approve the Minutes and Commissioner Powell 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 Audit Committee on March 8, 2023**

Vice Chairman Nash stated that there was one (1) Resolution from the March 8, 2023 Audit Committee Meeting for consideration:

**DRPA-23-025**

**2023 Outside Employment Request for Approval.**

Chief Administrative Officer Brown presented Summary Statement and Resolution No. DRPA-23-025 seeking Board approval relating to the Citizens Advisory Committee's nomination of Judy Boldurian to fill one (1) New Jersey vacancy on the Committee. Vice Chairman Nash inquired whether Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner McKinney moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Rigo seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. 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**

Vice Chairman Nash stated there were no Unfinished Business items.

**New Business**

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

**DRPA-23-026                      Consideration of Pending DRPA Contracts  
(Between \$25,000 and \$100,000)**

Contract Administration Manager Ash presented Summary Statement and Resolution No. DRPA-23-026 seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate and enter into the five (5) pending DRPA contracts identified in the attachment to the Resolution. Vice Chairman Nash inquired whether Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner Fentress moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner McKinney 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 9:15 a.m.**

**Adjournment**

With no further business, Vice Chairman Nash proposed an adjournment of the Meeting. Commissioner Fentress moved to adjourn. Commissioner Rigo seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Raymond J. Santarelli, Esquire  
General Counsel and Corporate Secretary