

**DELAWARE RIVER PORT AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING**

**One Port Center  
Camden, New Jersey  
Wednesday, April 19, 2023**

**Pennsylvania Commissioners**

Cherelle Parker, Chairwoman of the Board (via Zoom)  
Gregory Schwab  
Hayden Rigo (for Pennsylvania Auditor General Timothy DeFoor) (via Zoom)  
James Snell (for Pennsylvania Treasurer Stacy Garrity) (via Zoom)  
Keiwana McKinney  
Donna Powell (via Zoom)  
Angelina Perryman (via Zoom)  
Robert Ghormoz (via Zoom)

**New Jersey Commissioners**

Jeffrey Nash, Esq., Vice Chairman of the Board  
Albert Frattali  
Charles Fentress (via Zoom)  
Sara Lipsett (via Zoom)  
Richard Sweeney (via Zoom)  
Daniel Christy (via Zoom)  
Bruce Garganio (via Zoom – added to roll at 9:18 am)

**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  
Rohan Hepkins, PATCO Assistant General Manager  
Tonyelle Cook-Artis, Director, Government Relations & Grants Administration  
Darcie DeBeaumont, Director, Finance  
Ricardo DeOliveira, Bridge Director, CBB & WWB  
Joseph McAroy, Bridge Director, BFB & BRB  
Amy Ash, Manager, Contract Administration  
Christopher Jones, Director, Information Services  
Matt Licata, Acting Director, Fleet Management  
Christina Maroney, Director, Strategic Initiatives  
Kathleen Vandy, Assistant General Counsel  
Darlene Callands, Manager, Community Relations  
Michael Voll, Lieutenant, Public Safety  
John Santry, Lieutenant, Public Safety

Michael Reher, Sergeant, Public Safety  
Dawn Whiton, Executive Assistant to the CEO  
Mike Williams, Manager, Corporate Communications  
Eulisis Delgado, PATCO Custodian, Equipment  
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)  
Alan Becker, Citizens’ Advisory Committee  
Anthony Luker, SE Regional Director, Pennsylvania Governor’s Office (via Zoom)  
Thomas Young, Bellevue Strategies

**OPEN SESSION**

**Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance**

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

Chairwoman Parker called the meeting to order at 9:04 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, Schwab, Rigo, Snell, McKinney, Lipsett, Powell, Christy, Ghormoz, Perryman and Sweeney.

**Public Comment**

Eulisis Delgado, custodian at PATCO, addressed the Board of Commissioners during public comment in reference to looking for a solution to help the homeless at the PATCO stations. Chairwoman Parker thanked Mr. Delgado for bringing this to the Board of Commissioners and noted that his comments serve as a reminder of the importance to address the regional issues of homelessness and opioids. She stated that we will make this foremost in our advocacy as we speak to our Federal, State, and local legislators.

**Report of the Chief Executive Officer**

Chief Executive Officer Hanson stated that the CEO Report stood as previously submitted. CEO Hanson stated there were two emergency use of powers to report in accordance with Bylaws, Article XII(c)(8). The first was to approve the extension of the SAP Hosting agreement until December 2023, with an increase to the contract amount of \$650,000.00. The second was to approve a contract with Schindler Escalator in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 for the Woodcrest Station escalator repairs.

CEO Hanson next discussed the DRPA and PATCO mission and vision being integrated into the Public Safety Department with the support of the new command staff. He stated that Chief of Police Edward Cobbs, Chief Safety and Security Officer Robert Finnegan, Lieutenant John Santry,

Sergeant Dolly, Strategic Initiative's Director Christina Maroney, and Nick Gillette also from the Strategic Initiatives Department developed a leadership program for the entire Public Safety Department to further connect with and reinforce the organization shared values and mission in the training included negotiation, active listening, empathy, and collaboration borrowed from the world of improvisation. CEO Hanson highlighted feedback from the program's participants. Chief Cobbs added comments regarding training, education, and growth of our Public Safety personnel and the overall leadership program. Lieutenant Santry reviewed the de-escalation and leadership training. Chairwoman Parker thanked the leadership team and expressed her agreement with and appreciation for the need to focus on these efforts to further reinforce the mission and values being put into action by our Public Safety department as a way to continue efforts to better serve and protect our customers and the region.

There were no additional questions or comments. Commissioner Sweeney 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 highlighted the 2022 Annual Report to the Governors and Legislatures. There were no questions or comments.

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

Chairwoman Parker stated that the 2022 Fourth Quarter Financial Statement and Footnotes was previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no questions or comments. Commissioner Garganio moved to receive and file the 2022 Fourth Quarter Financial Statement and Footnotes and Commissioner McKinney seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

#### **Annual Report to the Governors and Legislatures**

Chairwoman Parker stated that the Annual Report to the Governors and Legislatures was previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no questions or comments. Commissioner Fentress moved to receive and file the Annual Report to the Governors and Legislatures and Commissioner Ghormoz seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

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

Chairwoman Parker stated that the March 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 Fentress 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 Purchase Orders and Contracts covering the Month of February 2023**

Chairwoman Parker 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 Perryman moved to receive and file the List and Commissioner Garganio seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

**Approval of Operations & Maintenance Committee Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2023**

Chairwoman Parker stated that the Minutes of the April 11, 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 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 Operations & Maintenance Committee on April 11, 2023**

Chairwoman Parker stated that there were six (6) Resolutions from the April 11, 2023 Operations & Maintenance Committee Meeting for consideration:

**DRPA-23-027                      Job Order Contracting Services for DRPA & PATCO**

Chief Engineer Venuto presented Summary Statement and Resolution No. DRPA-23-027 seeking Board authorization to negotiate an agreement with The Gordian Group for consultant services that will continue to administer, manage, and update the Authority Job Order Contracting Service (JOC) program. Gordian's services are procured under Commonwealth of Pennsylvania COSTARS Purchasing Program contract #4400015342. 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 Snell seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

**DRPA-23-028                      Capital Project Contract Modifications**

Chief Engineer Venuto presented Summary Statement and Resolution No. DRPA-23-028 seeking Board authorization for execution of contract modifications to one Authority capital project contract and for the Board to amend the 2023 Capital Budget to include the increase in contract amount being requested for the one contract. The contract is with Tactical Public Safety, LLC for the PATCO Underground Radio System Upgrade in an adjusted, increased amount of \$232,858.60. Chairwoman Parker inquired whether Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner Christy 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.

**DRPA-23-029**

**PATCO Automotive Shop Improvements**

PATCO General Manager Rink presented Summary Statement and Resolution No. DRPA-23-029 seeking Board authorization to negotiate a contract with Denney Electric Supply to make needed improvements to PATCO's Automotive Shop at the Lindenwold facility; specifically, to add energy efficient LED lighting, exhaust ventilation fans, air conditioning systems, and increase office and shop space, in an amount not to exceed \$565,000.00. The materials and work will be provided under the PA COSTARS pricing. 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 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-23-030**

**Vegetation Management and Weed Control Services for Various DRPA and PATCO Facilities**

Bridge Director McAroy presented Summary Statement and Resolution No. DRPA-23-030 seeking Board authorization to negotiate a 3-year contract with Allen Chase Enterprises, Inc. to provide vegetation management and weed control services for various DRPA and PATCO facilities, in an amount not to exceed \$451,917.90. 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 Ghormoz 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-23-031**

**Contract for Bottled Spring Water and Rental of Coolers for DRPA and PATCO**

Bridge Director McAroy presented Summary Statement and Resolution No. DRPA-23-031 seeking Board authorization to negotiate a contract with Blue Mountain Distributors (dba Twin Rocks Water) to provide bottled spring water and rental of coolers for the DRPA bridge and PATCO facilities, in an amount not to exceed \$256,219.92. 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 Schwab 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-23-032**

**Harris Radio 4-Year Maintenance and Support Agreement**

Public Safety Lieutenant Voll presented Summary Statement and Resolution No. DRPA-23-032 seeking Board authorization to negotiate an agreement with Tactical Public Safety to purchase a new Harris Radio 4-year maintenance agreement to provide maintenance and support for the 800MHz radio system from 2023 through 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$412,000.00. The radio maintenance project will be purchased under the NJ State Contract T-0109, award #83932. 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 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 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2023**

Chairwoman Parker stated that the Minutes of the April 12, 2023 Finance Committee Meeting were previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no comments or corrections. Commissioner Powell moved to approve the Minutes and Commissioner Garganio 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 Finance Committee on April 12, 2023**

Chairwoman Parker stated that there were two (2) Resolutions from the April 12, 2023 Finance Committee Meeting for consideration:

**DRPA-23-033                      Authorization to Negotiate a 5-Year Lease Agreement with an additional 5-Year Option for new Tenant Fulton Foods, Inc.**

Deputy General Counsel Holden presented Summary Statement and Resolution No. DRPA-23-033 seeking Board approval for staff to negotiate a 5-year lease agreement with a 5-year option with Fulton Foods, LLC to operate a café on the first floor of One Port Center. 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 Schwab seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

**DRPA-23-034                      Authorization to Negotiate a 5-Year Lease Extension Amendment with three options for additional 5-Year Periods for Current Tenant PSE&G**

Deputy General Counsel Holden presented Summary Statement and Resolution No. DRPA-23-034 seeking Board approval for staff to negotiate a 5-year lease amendment and three (3) 5-year options, with current tenant PSE&G for continued occupancy of Suite 110 at One Port Center. Chairwoman Parker inquired whether Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner Powell moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Perryman seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

**Citizens' Advisory Committee Report**

There was no report for the Citizens' Advisory Committee.

**Unfinished Business**

Chairwoman Parker stated there were no Unfinished Business items.

**New Business**

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

**DRPA-23-035                      Consideration of Pending DRPA Contracts  
(Between \$25,000 and \$100,000)**

Contract Administration Manager Ash presented Summary Statement and Resolution No. DRPA-23-035 seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate and enter into the five (5) 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 Schwab 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 9:49 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 adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Raymond J. Santarelli, Esquire  
General Counsel and Corporate Secretary