

**DELAWARE RIVER PORT AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING**

**One Port Center
Camden, New Jersey
Wednesday, January 17, 2024**

Pennsylvania Commissioners

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

New Jersey Commissioners

Jeffrey Nash, Vice Chairman of the Board (via Teams)
Albert Frattali
Richard Sweeney
Charles Fentress (via Teams)
Aaron Nelson (via Teams)
Daniel Christy (via Teams)

DRPA/PATCO Staff

John Hanson, Chief Executive Officer
Jalila Parker, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Raymond J. Santarelli, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary
James White, Chief Financial Officer
Jerry Sahi, Incoming Chief Financial Officer
Toni Brown, Chief Administrative Officer
Michael Venuto, Chief Engineer
John Rink, PATCO General Manager
Robert Hicks, Chief Operating Officer
David Aubrey, Inspector General
Stephen Holden, Deputy General Counsel
Edward Cobbs, Chief of Police
Robert Finnegan, Chief Security and Safety Officer
Tonyelle Cook-Artis, Director, Government Relations
Christopher Jones, Director, Information Services
Ricardo DeOliveira, Bridge Director, WWB/CBB (via Teams)
Joseph McAroy, Bridge Director, BFB/BRB (via Teams)
Darlene Callands, Manager Community Relations
Rich Betts, Manager, Procurement and Storage
Amy Ash, Manager, Contract Administration
Jesse Mickel, Purchasing Agent, PATCO
Kathleen Vandy, Assistant General Counsel
Tracey Overton, Assistant General Counsel
Brittany Gardner, Assistant General Counsel
Dawn Whiton, Executive Assistant to the CEO
Barbara Wagner, Executive Assistant to the Deputy CEO
Mike Williams, Manager, Corporate Communications

Elizabeth Saylor, Administrative Coordinator to the Corporate Secretary

Others Present

Alexis Franklin, Associate Counsel, New Jersey Governor's Authorities Unit

Christopher Gibson, Esq., Archer & Greiner, P.C. (via Teams)

Alan Kessler, Esq., Duane Morris, LLP (via Teams)

Mustafa Rashed, Board Liaison, Bellevue Strategies LLC

Eulisis Delgado, Custodian/Equipment, PATCO

Ryan Frascella, Board Liaison, Bellevue Strategies, LLC

Alan Becker, Citizens Advisory Committee member

Demetrius Coachman, Mayor Parker Staff

Janae Rockemore, Mayor Parker Staff

OPEN SESSION

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairwoman Parker requested that everyone rise, observe a moment of silence, and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairwoman Parker called the meeting to order at 9:21 a.m. and asked that the Corporate Secretary call the roll.

Roll Call

The following were present, constituting a quorum: Chairwoman Parker, Vice Chairman Nash, Commissioners Frattali, Rigo, Sweeney, Ghormoz, Fentress, McKinney-Forde, Snell, Schultz, Powell, Nelson, Schwab, and Christy.

Chairwoman Parker formally announced that she had notified Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro that she will be resigning from the DRPA/PATCO Board of Commissioners effective Thursday, January 18, 2024. She reflected on the stewardship mission of the Authority and how proud she is of the work that has been accomplished during her tenure. She noted a few of the achievements that the Executive team accomplished, especially during the pandemic. She personally thanked a number of people for their efforts, including: CEO John Hanson, CFO James White, Deputy CEO Jalila Parker, Vice Chairman Nash, CAO Toni Brown, Commissioners Frattali, Rigo and Nelson, Auditor General DeFoor, Chief Engineer Mike Venuto, General Manager John Rink, Chief Operating Officer Robert Hicks, Police Chief Edward Cobbs, Chief Security Officer Robert Finnegan, General Counsel Raymond Santarelli, Deputy General Counsel Stephen Holden, Dawn Whiton, Barbara Wagner, Elizabeth Saylor, Amy Ash, Marck Ciechon, Darcie DeBeaumont, Darlene Callands, Tonyelle Cook-Artis, Christina Maroney, Kate Vandy, Christopher Jones, Mike Williams, Ricardo DeOliveira, Joe McAroy, Kelly Forbes, Marianne Fortino and Tracey Overton.

Vice Chairman Nash expressed his appreciation for Chairwoman Parker's friendship and leadership.

Public Comment

Eulisis Delgado thanked Chairwoman Parker and the Commissioners and Executive team for providing Authority employees with free passage across DRPA bridges and on PATCO trains to commute back and forth to work and for permitting the Authority to hire applicants that are related to current DRPA and PATCO employees. He stated that Chairwoman Parker will be missed and that she has his full support as Mayor of Philadelphia.

Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Chief Executive Officer Hanson stated that his Report stood as previously submitted. CEO Hanson stated that on behalf of the staff he wanted to thank Chairwoman Parker for her leadership and for the successes she accomplished as Chairwoman of the Board. He highlighted some of the accomplishments under her leadership, including the Juneteenth holiday, paid parental leave, free employee passage across DRPA bridges and PATCO trains and permitting the hiring of employee relatives. There were no comments on the CEO's report. Commissioner Frattali moved to approve the CEO's Report and Commissioner Rigo seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

Report of the Chief Financial Officer

Chief Financial Officer Sahi stated that his Report stood as previously submitted. He stated that DRPA tolls and PATCO ridership remained stable. He thanked the staff and CEO Hanson for their hard work. There were no questions or comments from the Commissioners.

Approval of the December 13, 2023 DRPA Board Meeting Minutes

Chairwoman Parker stated that the December 13, 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 Snell moved to approve the Minutes and Commissioner Sweeney 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 Lists of Previously Approved Payments covering the Months of November and December 2023

Chairwoman Parker stated that the Lists of Previously Approved Payments covering the months of November and December 2023 were previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no questions or comments. Commissioner Rigo moved to receive and file the Lists and Commissioner Frattali 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 December 2023

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

Approval of Operations & Maintenance Committee Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2024

Chairwoman Parker stated that the Minutes of the January 9, 2024 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 Sweeney 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 January 9, 2024

Chairwoman Parker stated that there were five (5) Resolutions from the January 9, 2024 Operations & Maintenance Committee Meeting for consideration:

DRPA-24-001 Contract Modifications

Chief Engineer Venuto presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for the Authority to modify one (1) previously approved Resolution and amend the 2024 Capital Budget to include the increase in the contract amount. The Resolution to modify DRPA-23-018 is for changes to the Professional Services Contract with TranSystems Corporation related to the Commodore Barry Bridge Weld Investigation to include additional field tests, weld investigations (including A514 welds), and associated engineering support. The additional costs to the contract will be \$251,950.00, making an adjusted contract amount of \$5,022,343.00. Chairwoman Parker inquired whether the Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner Sweeney 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-24-002 Collingswood Back-up Generator

PATCO General Manager Rink presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate a contract with Oliver Communications Group to install a fully networkable, 275kW, backup generator at PATCO's Collingswood Station, in an amount not to exceed \$765,080.00. This is the sixth phase of a multi-year project to install emergency generators at various PATCO facilities. Chairwoman Parker inquired whether the 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-24-003 Toll Technology Assessment for DRPA Bridge Facilities

Chief Operating Officer Hicks presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate a multi-year contract with TransCore L.P. to deliver its next generation tolling system and subsequently the ongoing maintenance for all four DRPA bridge facilities, in the amount of \$51,500,582.36. Chairwoman Parker inquired whether the 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. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

DRPA-24-004 10-Year Right of Entry Permit for Installation of Automatic License Plate Readers on the Betsy Ross, Ben Franklin, Walt Whitman, and Commodore Barry Bridges

Public Safety Lieutenant Longfellow presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to enter into a Right of Entry Permit, Indemnification Agreement and

Memorandum of Understanding with the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, the Division of the New Jersey State Police, for the installation of Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR) to be installed on the Betsy Ross, Ben Franklin, Walt Whitman, and Commodore Barry Bridges. The agreement will be for the length of 10 years at no cost to the Authority. Chairwoman Parker inquired whether the 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. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

DRPA-24-005 Fuel Contract for DRPA and PATCO

Chief Operating Officer Hicks presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate a one-year contract with East River Energy for the purchase and delivery of unleaded automotive gasoline, ultra-low sulfur diesel, 2% biodiesel and ultra-low sulfur heating oil for the DRPA and PATCO, in the not to exceed amount of \$1,186,803.70, with an option to extend for an additional year. The fuel prices are subject to market fluctuations. Chairwoman Parker inquired whether the Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner Snell moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Sweeney seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

Approval of Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2024

Chairwoman Parker stated that the Minutes of the January 10, 2024 Finance Committee Meeting were previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no comments or corrections. Commissioner Fentress moved to approve the Minutes and Commissioner Rigo 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 January 10, 2024

Chairwoman Parker stated that there were five (5) Resolutions from the January 10, 2024 Finance Committee Meeting for consideration:

DRPA-24-006 Data Storage Backup Upgrade

Information Services Director Jones presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board approval to negotiate a contract with Dell Technologies, Inc. for the purchase of upgraded servers and storage capacity for the Authority's data and video environment, in an amount not to exceed \$2,365,273.88. The purchase is provided with the NJ State NASPO contract #M0483. Chairwoman Parker inquired whether the Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner Rigo moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Fentress seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

DRPA-24-007 Commvault Maintenance Agreement Renewal

Information Services Director Jones presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board approval to renew the Authority's contract with ePlus Technology, Inc. to provide the Authority with support for the backup/restore and e-Discovery environment, for an amount not to exceed \$882,216.00. The purchase is provided by pricing under the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania COSTARS 3 Hardware Contract. Chairwoman Parker inquired whether the

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. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

DRPA-24-008 SAP EnableNow License Renewal

Information Services Director Jones presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board approval to negotiate a contract renewal with SAP Public Services, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$81,813.60 which renews through December 31, 2026, for software application license fees and relevant software maintenance fees related to the SAP EnableNow application and services. Chairwoman Parker inquired whether the Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner Fentress moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Powell seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

DRPA-24-009 BFB Infrastructure Network Hardening

Information Services Director Jones presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board approval to negotiate a contract with ePlus Technology, Inc., for the procurement of hardware upgrades to the Authority's network infrastructure in order to provide the Ben Franklin Bridge with secure network infrastructure to protect the anchorages at the site and to prepare for future security infrastructure projects, The contract will be in an amount not to exceed \$569,271.66. The purchase is provided with pricing under the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's COSTARS 3 Hardware contract. Chairwoman Parker inquired whether the Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner Rigo moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Sweeney seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

DRPA-24-010 Electronic Surveillance & Integration

Information Services Director Jones presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board approval to negotiate a contract with ePlus Technology, Inc., for the procurement of hardware upgrades for the network infrastructure to provide the remaining PATCO parking lots with updated switches to support the installation of new cameras in line with PATCO customer safety and DRPA security. The contract will be in an amount not to exceed \$157,945.06. The purchase is provided with pricing under the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's COSTARS 3 Hardware contract. Chairwoman Parker inquired whether the Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner Frattali moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Sweeney seconded the motion. Commissioner Frattali abstained from the vote. All other Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

Citizens' Advisory Committee Report

Alan Becker of the Citizens' Advisory Committee noted there was no report. He wished Chairwoman Parker well in her role as Mayor of Philadelphia and thanked her for her support of the Citizens' Advisory Committee.

Unfinished Business

Chairwoman Parker stated there were no Unfinished Business items.

New Business

**DRPA-24-011 Consideration of Pending DRPA Contracts
(Between \$25,000 and \$100,000)**

Procurement and Storage Manager Betts presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate and enter into the one (1) pending PATCO contract identified in the attachment to the Resolution. Chairwoman Parker inquired whether the Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner Fentress moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Rigo 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 10:14 a.m.

Adjournment

With no further business, Chairwoman Parker proposed an adjournment of the Meeting. Commissioner Fentress moved to adjourn. Commissioner Frattali seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The Meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Raymond J. Santarelli, Esquire
General Counsel and Corporate Secretary