

**DELAWARE RIVER PORT AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING**

**One Port Center  
Camden, New Jersey  
Wednesday, January 15, 2025**

**Pennsylvania Commissioners**

Pasquale Deon, Sr. (for Pennsylvania Auditor General Timothy DeFoor) (via Teams)  
James Snell (for Pennsylvania Treasurer Stacy Garrity) (via Teams)  
Donna Powell (via Teams)  
Keiwana McKinney-Forde (via Teams)  
Vaughn Ross (via Teams)  
Gregory Schwab, Esq.  
Robert Ghormoz (via Teams)

**New Jersey Commissioners**

Jeffrey Nash, Esq., Vice Chairman of the Board  
Albert Frattali  
Richard Sweeney  
Charles Fentress  
Aaron Nelson (via Teams)  
Jonathan Young  
Bruce Garganio (via Teams)  
Sarah Lipsett (via Teams)

**DRPA/PATCO Staff**

John Hanson, Chief Executive Officer  
Jalila D. Parker, Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
Raymond J. Santarelli, Esq., General Counsel and Corporate Secretary  
Toni Brown, Chief Administrative Officer  
Jerry Sahi, Chief Financial Officer  
Michael Venuto, Chief Engineer  
John Rink, PATCO General Manager  
Robert Hicks, Chief Operating Officer  
David Aubrey, Inspector General  
Stephen M. Holden, Esq., Deputy General Counsel  
Christopher Jones, Director, Information Services  
Matthew Licata, Director, Fleet Management (via Teams)  
Ricardo DeOliveira, Director, WWB/CBB (via Teams)  
Joseph McAroy, Director, BRB/BFB (via Teams)  
Darlene Callands, Acting Director, Government Relations & Grants Administration  
Christina Maroney, Director, Strategic Initiatives  
Darcie DeBeaumont, Director, Finance, DRPA  
Mark Ciechon, Director, Finance, PATCO  
Jesse Mickel, Acting Manager, Purchasing & Stores  
Rohan Hepkins, PATCO Deputy General Manager  
Kathleen P. Vandy, Esq., Assistant General Counsel  
Amy Ash, Manager, Contract Administration  
Carol Herbst, Senior Accountant, Finance (via Teams)  
Dawn Whiton, Executive Assistant to the CEO

Mike Williams, Manager, Corporate Communications  
Amanda Hammock, Administrative Coordinator, Corporate Secretary Department  
Katherine Hilinski, Records Manager, Office of General Counsel

**Others Present**

Alexis Franklin, Esq., Associate Counsel, New Jersey Governor’s Authorities Unit  
Alan Kessler, Esq., Duane Morris, LLP (via Teams)  
Jessica Priselac, Esq., Duane Morris, LLP (via Teams)  
Bill Hamilton, former DRPA employee  
Mike Denardo, Reporter, WHY Y  
Christian Holt, Sales and Marketing Representative, Holt Logistics  
Paul Breeman, Director, Holt Logistics

**OPEN SESSION**

**New Commissioner Swearing-In**

By letter dated December 19, 2024, New Jersey Governor Philip Murphy appointed Jonathan Young to fill the vacancy in the Board of Commissioners. The Corporate Secretary, at the direction of Vice Chairman Nash, administered the Oath of Office to the Board’s New Jersey Commissioner, Jonathan Young.

**Roll Call**

Vice Chairman Nash called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and asked that the Corporate Secretary call the roll. The following Commissioners were present, constituting a quorum: Vice Chairman Nash, Commissioners Deon, Lipsett, Ghormoz, Fentress, Snell, Frattali, Powell, McKinney-Forde, Garganio, Ross, Sweeney, Schwab, Young and Nelson.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Report of the Chief Executive Officer**

Chief Executive Officer Hanson stated that his Report stood as previously submitted and he had no further comments. Commissioner Fentress moved to accept the CEO’s Report and Commissioner Schwab 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 and he had no further comments. There were no questions or comments from the Commissioners.

**Approval of the December 11, 2025 DRPA Board Meeting Minutes**

Vice Chairman Nash stated that the December 11, 2025 DRPA Board Meeting Minutes were previously provided to all Commissioners and to the Governors of New Jersey and Pennsylvania. There were no comments or corrections to the Minutes. Commissioner Schwab moved to approve the Minutes and Commissioner Sweeney 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 Months of November and December 2024**

Vice Chairman Nash stated that the List of Previously Approved Payments covering the months of November and December 2024 were previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no questions or comments. Commissioner Fentress moved to receive and file the List and Commissioner Sweeney 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 2024**

Vice Chairman Nash stated that the List of Previously Approved Purchase Orders and Contracts covering the month of December 2024 was previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no questions or comments from Commissioners on this item. Commissioner Schwab 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 7, 2025**

Vice Chairman Nash stated that the Minutes of the January 7, 2025 Operations & Maintenance Committee Meeting were previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no comments or corrections. Commissioner Fratalli moved to approve the Minutes and Commissioner Sweeney seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

**Adoption of Resolutions Approved by the Operations & Maintenance Committee on January 7, 2025**

Vice Chairman Nash stated that there were seven (7) Resolutions from the Operations & Maintenance Committee Meeting for consideration:

**DRPA-25-001                      Border Bridge Agreement with NJDOT and PennDOT**

Chief Engineer Venuto presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate a border bridge agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) relative to reporting bridge inspection data to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) of the United States Department of Transportation. Commissioner Deon moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Sweeney seconded the motion. There were no questions or comments from Commissioners on this item. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

**DRPA-25-002                      Title Transfer from DRPA and Access and Parking  
Easement to DRPA – Portions of 342 South Burnt Mill  
Road, Voorhees, NJ**

Deputy CEO Jalila Parker presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate a transfer agreement of an approximately 280 square foot triangular shaped area currently owned by DRPA/PATCO to the owners of 342 South Burnt Mill

Road in Voorhees Township, New Jersey, in return for a perpetual easement of access to and use of three parking spaces on the parcel in favor of DRPA. Commissioner Fentress moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Schwab seconded the motion. There were no questions or comments from Commissioners on this item. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

**DRPA-25-003                      Contract Modifications**

PATCO General Manager Rink presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for execution of contract modifications to the approved resolution DRPA-24-062, the PATCO Lindenwold Annex Building Lighting and Shop Fan Upgrades Project with Denny Electric Supply. The modification will consist of an interlock connection of new overhead fans with the existing fire alarm system. The current contract amount is \$329,864.00, the Change Order amount is \$29,804.40, for an adjusted contract agreement amount of \$359,688.40. Commissioner Schwab moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Fentress seconded the motion. There were no questions or comments from Commissioners on this item. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

**DRPA-25-004                      Federal Transit Administration Section 5337 Grant  
Application (State of Good Repair)**

Acting Director of Government Relations and Grants Administration Callands presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to advertise for and prepare an application to the Federal Transit Administration for Section 5337 funds in the amount of \$16,159,817.00 for PATCO capital improvements having a total planned project cost of \$20,199,771.00 and authorization of the non-federal matching share to be provided by the Authority in the amount of \$4,039,954, or 20% of the total. Commissioner Schwab moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Sweeney seconded the motion. There were no questions or comments from Commissioners on this item. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

**DRPA-25-005                      Federal Transit Administration Section 5307/5340 Grant  
Application**

Acting Director of Government Relations and Grants Administration Callands presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to advertise for and prepare an application to the Federal Transit Administration for Section 5307/5340 funds in the amount of \$6,665,680.00 for PATCO capital improvements having a total planned project cost of \$8,332,100.00 and authorization of the non-federal matching share to be provided by the Authority in the amount of \$1,666,420.00, or 20% of the total. Commissioner Fentress moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Sweeney seconded the motion. There were no questions or comments from Commissioners on this item. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

**DRPA-25-006****Purchase of 10 Replacement Ford Vehicles for DRPA and PATCO Fleet**

Fleet Director Licata presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate a purchase contract with Whitmoyer Ford, Inc. to purchase four (4) 2025 Ford Police Interceptor vehicles, two (2) 2025 Ford F-250 Crew Cabs, one (1) 2025 Ford F-150 Crew Cab, one (1) Ford 2025 Ranger Super Crew, and two (2) Ford 2025 Transit-150 Cargo Vans in the total amount of \$509,400.00. Commissioner Fentress moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Sweeney seconded the motion. There were no questions or comments from Commissioners on this item. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

**DRPA-25-007****Auto Parts Contract for DRPA and PATCO**

Fleet Director Licata presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate a one-year contract with National Auto Parts Association (NAPA) - Genuine Parts Company, for the purchase of aftermarket automotive parts for DRPA and PATCO fleet operations, for a total amount not-to-exceed \$165,000.00. Commissioner Schwab moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Sweeney seconded the motion. There were no questions or comments from Commissioners on this item. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

**Approval of Labor Committee Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2025**

Vice Chairman Nash stated that the Minutes of the January 7, 2025 Labor Committee Meeting were previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no comments or corrections. Commissioner Fentress moved to approve the Minutes and Commissioner Fratalli seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative to approve the Minutes. The motion carried.

**Adoption of Resolutions Approved by the Labor Committee on January 7, 2025**

Vice Chairman Nash stated that there were two (2) Resolution from the Labor Committee Meeting for consideration:

**DRPA-25-008****2025 Outside Employment Requests for Approval**

Chief Administrative Officer Brown presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization of the outside employment of the following employees: Chief Engineer Michael Venuto, Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management William Shanahan, PATCO Assistant General Manager Rohan Hepkins, Deputy General Counsel Stephen Holden, and Chief Safety and Security Officer Robert J. Finnegan. Ms. Brown advised that In all cases, it was determined that the outside employment will not conflict with the business of DRPA/PATCO and will not reduce the employees' efficiency in performing work for DRPA/PATCO. Commissioner Fentress moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Schwab seconded the motion. There were no questions or comments from Commissioners on this item. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

**DRPA-25-009**

**Reappointment of John T. Hanson to Chief Executive Officer for the Delaware River Port Authority and President of the Port Authority Transit Corporation**

Chief Administrative Officer Brown presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board reappointment of John T. Hanson to serve as Chief Executive Officer of the Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA) and as President of the Port Authority Transit Corporation (PATCO) for a term of not less than three (3) years. Commissioner Deon moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Fratalli seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Nash praised CEO Hanson's performance during his term of service, specifically noting his fiscal success and his dedication and compassion to employees. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

**Citizens Advisory Committee Report**

There was no Citizen Advisory Committee report.

**Unfinished Business**

There were no Unfinished Business items.

**New Business**

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

**DRPA-25-010**

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

Acting Purchasing Manager Mickel presented the Summary Statement and Resolution seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate and enter into one (1) pending DRPA contract identified in the attachment to the Resolution. Commissioner Fentress moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Schwab seconded the motion. There were no questions or comments from Commissioners on this item. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

**DRPA Board Meeting Held in Abeyance**

At 9:29 a.m., the DRPA Board meeting was held in abeyance to allow the PATCO Board Meeting to convene.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Commissioner Fentress moved to adjourn the Meeting. Commissioner Sweeney seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The Meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raymond J. Santarelli". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Raymond J. Santarelli, Esquire  
General Counsel and Corporate Secretary