

**DELAWARE RIVER PORT AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING**

**One Port Center
Camden, New Jersey
Wednesday, March 16, 2022**

Pennsylvania Commissioners

Cherelle Parker, Chair of the Board (via phone)
Pennsylvania Auditor General Timothy DeFoor
Joseph Martz (via phone)
Donna Powell (via phone)
Ted Christian (for Pennsylvania Treasurer Stacy Garrity) (via phone)
Keiwana McKinney
Angelina Perryman (via phone)

New Jersey Commissioners

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

DRPA/PATCO Staff

John T. Hanson, Chief Executive Officer
Obra Kernodle, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Raymond J. Santarelli, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary
Stephen M. Holden, Deputy General Counsel
Narisa Sasitorn, Deputy General Counsel (via phone)
James White, Chief Financial Officer
Toni Brown, Chief Administrative Officer
David Aubrey, Inspector General
John Rink, General Manager, PATCO
Michael Venuto, Chief Engineer
William Shanahan, Acting Director, Homeland Security and Emergency Management
Tonyelle Cook-Artis, Acting Director, Grants and Government Relations
John Lotierzo, Director of Finance
Steve Reiners, Director, Fleet Management (via phone)
Joseph McAvoy, Bridge Director, BFB & BRB (via phone)
Ricardo DeOliveira, Bridge Director, WWB & CBB (via phone)
Richard Mosback, Director of Procurement
Michael Williams, Manager, Corporate Communications
Kathleen Vandy, Assistant General Counsel (via phone)
Elizabeth Saylor, Administrative Coordinator, Corporate Secretary

Others Present

Jamera Sirmans, Associate Counsel, New Jersey Governor's Authorities Unit
Alan Kessler, PA Counsel, Duane Morris, LLP
Christopher Gibson, Archer & Greiner, P.C.
Hayden Rigo, Deputy Chief of Staff, Pennsylvania Auditor General

OPEN SESSION

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairwoman Parker called for everyone present to rise for a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

Chairwoman Parker called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and asked that the Corporate Secretary call the roll. The following Commissioners were present, constituting a quorum: Chairwoman Parker, Vice Chairman Nash, Powell, Fentress, Auditor General DeFoor, Sweeney, Christian, Perryman, Frattali, Lipsett, Nelson, McKinney, Martz, Christy and Garganio.

Chairwoman Parker opened the Meeting with the following remarks:

I would like to state for the record that today is an exciting day for four reasons. First, we are back. We are now able to meet in person and welcome back to the Commissioners and Staff who have assembled in the Board room. Being able to meet in person means that we are one step closer to beating the COVID-19 pandemic. This is definitely a good thing. While I had hoped to join everyone in person the City Council of Philadelphia has been called into a Committee of the Whole meeting that requires my presence.

Second, March is Women's History Month. I am so excited today because it gives me another opportunity to recognize Women's History Month. This month is the time to recognize the many ways that women have helped shape our nation's history. I want to pause and recognize all the amazing women who serve with me on this Board. I am grateful for your commitment to excellence and the outstanding example that you set as leaders. I would be remiss if I didn't recognize the many women at all levels who work hard at the DRPA and PATCO. I want them to know that we appreciate all that they do. This month is close to my heart. When I was seventeen, I participated in and won an oratorical contest in the city on Black History Month. I was invited to give a speech in front of the City Council that had my hands shaking and my knees buckling. This is when I decided to get involved in the community and the laws. This experience was what helped me get onto the path of community service.

Third, today the Board will consider two important staff appointments: Chief Security and Safety Officer and Chief of Police. Given the challenges of cyber security and safety in the region, I am pleased that we will be asked to vote on the appointment of our first ever Chief Security and Safety Officer. After an

extremely competitive process, Captain Robert Finnigan, Sr. has been recommended to fill this position. He has been described as an exceptional and proven leader, who possess strong organizational skills and an extensive working knowledge of homeland security and emergency management. He is also an active member of the Authority's Cyber Security Task Force. Captain Finnegan's tenure will be an asset to his position. He has also completed many specialized training programs such as cyber security, use- of-force crimes and intimidations to name a few. He is well qualified to fill this position.

Next is our Chief of Police. We will be asked to vote on the appointment of the new Chief of Police. Again, after an extremely competitive process, Captain Edward Cobbs, Jr. has been recommended to fill the vacancy of Chief of Police Jack Stief. Captain Cobbs has been described as a transformational leader who is committed to ethics and value-based policing. He possesses strong skills in emergency preparedness and mitigation. Captain Cobbs has also completed many specialized professional training programs offered by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development, the USDOT Transportation Safety Institute, the Camden County Police Academy and FEMA. Captain Cobbs is well qualified to become our next Chief of Police. If approved by our Board today, Captain Cobbs will also make history as the Authority's first black Chief of Police. This will be an important milestone in the Authority's history and one that is consistent with our commitment to fairness and equity. This magnitude of a milestone is one that I am sure, Commissioner Fentress, a former member of the DRPA Public Safety Department, can appreciate.

Finally, we have our excellent credit rating from S&P and Moody's Investment Services. Later in the meeting, we will receive an update from CFO White about the good news of the bond rating increase that we recently received. When I received the news, I felt like I was in church; I called it the "Good News". I was particularly excited about the six factors that S&P cited. The six factors include: 1) a strong market position; 2) strong economic fundamentals; 3) very strong management and governance with an experienced management team and a history of managing and maintaining cash flows to finance the capital program; 4) strong financial performance; 5) very strong debt capacity; and 6) very strong liquidity and financial flexibility. I want to thank the management team for everything you do daily to make these impressive ratings possible. I also want to thank our Finance Committee led by Vice Chairman Nash for the outstanding leadership and guidance he provides to the Executive team. His leadership has been invaluable and is the reason why S&P recognized our strong economic fundamentals.

Public Comment

Corporate Secretary Santarelli reported that there is no public comment.

Report of the Chief Executive Officer

CEO Hanson then stated that the CEO Report stood as previously submitted. He highlighted one item under his emergency powers for the procurement of 750VDC traction power cables from Scalfo Electric, in the amount of \$487,000.00. Commissioner Frattali moved to approve the CEO's Report and Auditor General DeFoor seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted to approve the CEO's Report. The motion carried.

Report of the Chief Financial Officer

CFO White stated that his Report stood as previously submitted. He highlighted that traffic was at 90% of pre-Covid number and at this time we do not see the effect of the high gas prices. We see continued growth for PATCO ridership. He stated that he was pleased with the improvement of bridge traffic and PATCO ridership. CFO White expressed that he was excited and nervous about the Bond rating as we approached the Moody's and S&P ratings. The key thing is the growth from 2020 and 2021, that we made an emphasis on positioning capital projects and where we stand on cyber security. This triggered Moody's to raise our PDP Bond rating. We were confident enough in our position, our management team, the approaches taken for cost containment and operational control to ask Moody's for that upgrade.

Approval of the February 16, 2022 DRPA Board Meeting Minutes

Chairwoman Parker stated that the Minutes of the February 16, 2022 DRPA Board Meeting were previously provided to the Governors of New Jersey and Pennsylvania and to the DRPA Commissioners. There were no comments or corrections. Commissioner Sweeney moved to approve the Minutes and Commissioner Martz 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 and List of Previously Approved Purchase Orders and Contracts covering the Month of February 2022.

Chairwoman Parker stated that the Lists of Previously Approved Payments and Previously Approved Purchase Orders and Contracts covering the month of February 2022 were previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no questions or comments. Commissioner Fentress moved to receive and file the lists 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 March 1, 2022

Chairwoman Parker stated that the Minutes of the March 1, 2022 Operations & Maintenance Committee Meetings were previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no comments or corrections. Commissioner Sweeney moved to approve the Minutes and Commissioner Fentress 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 1, 2022

Chairwoman Parker stated that there were four (4) Resolutions from the March 1, 2022 Operations & Maintenance Committee Meeting for consideration.

DRPA-22-028 PATCO Underground Radio System Upgrade.

Chief Engineer Venuto presented Summary Statement and Resolution No. DRPA-22-028 seeking Board authorization to negotiate a purchase contract with Tactical Public Safety, LLC for upgrades to the underground radio system serving PATCO's tunnels and underground passenger stations, in an amount not to exceed \$1,616,589.77. Chairwoman Parker inquired whether Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Auditor General DeFoor moved to adopt Resolution No. DRPA-22-028 and Commissioner Lipsett 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-22-030 System Upgrade Traffic Control, HVAC Systems and SCADA for DRPA Facilities.

Chief Operating Officer Hicks presented Summary Statement and Resolution No. DRPA-22-030 seeking Board authorization to negotiate a contract with the Tri-M Group for the upgrade of the Traffic Control, HVAC systems and SCADA for DRPAs four bridge facilities, in the amount of \$1,625,000.00. Chairwoman Parker inquired whether Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner Lipsett moved to adopt Resolution No. DRPA-22-030 and Commissioner Garganio 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-22-031 Tozour Trane Chiller Maintenance Agreement.

Bridge Director McAroy presented Summary Statement and Resolution No. DRPA-22-031 seeking Board authorization to negotiate a contract with Tozour Trane to provide annual preventative maintenance and emergency service for the facility chillers at all four DRPA bridge facilities for three (3) years, in an amount not to exceed \$132,360.00. Chairwoman Parker inquired whether Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner Lipsett moved to adopt Resolution No. DRPA-22-031 and Commissioner Fentress seconded the motion. All other Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative to adopt the Resolution. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

DRPA-22-032 Procurement of Fifty-Four (54) Signal Tech Lane Indicators for the Betsy Ross Bridge.

Bridge Director McAroy presented Summary Statement and Resolution No. DRPA-22-032 seeking Board authorization to negotiate a contract with Denny Electric Supply to supply fifty-four (54) signal tech lane indicator LED light fixtures to replace the existing bridge gantry lane indicators on the Betsy Ross Bridge, in an amount not to exceed \$160,098.12. Denny Electric is

a Co-Star contract vendor. Chairwoman Parker inquired whether Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner Sweeney moved to adopt Resolution No. DRPA-22-032 and Commissioner Fentress seconded the motion. All other 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 March 2, 2022

Chairwoman Parker stated that the Minutes of the March 2, 2022 Finance Committee Meeting were previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no comments or corrections. Commissioner Nelson 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 Finance Committee on March 2, 2022

Chairwoman Parker stated that there was one (1) Resolution from the March 2, 2022 Finance Committee Meeting for consideration.

DRPA-22-027 NetApp Storage Upgrades.

Information Services Director LaMarca presented Summary Statement and Resolution No. DRPA-22-027 seeking Board authorization to negotiate a contract with ePlus Technology, Inc. for the procurement of hardware upgrades to the Authority's NetApp Storage infrastructure, in an amount not to exceed \$172,082.91. The purchase is pursuant to Commonwealth of Pennsylvania CO-STARS 003-078 hardware contract. Chairwoman Parker inquired whether Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner Lipsett moved to adopt Resolution No. DRPA-22-027 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 2, 2022

Chairwoman Parker stated that the Minutes of the March 2, 2022 Audit Committee Meeting were previously provided to all Commissioners. There were no comments or corrections. Auditor General DeFoor moved to approve the Minutes and Commissioner Nelson 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 2, 2022

Chairwoman Parker stated that there was one (1) Resolution from the March 2, 2022 Audit Committee Meeting for consideration.

DRPA-22-033 Cash Toll Transportation and Processing Services.

Inspector General Aubrey presented Summary Statement and Resolution No. DRPA-22-033 seeking Board authorization to negotiate a contract with Brinks incorporated to provide cash toll revenue transportation and processing services for the DRPA and PATCO, in an amount not to exceed \$1,711,057.00 for an initial three-year term and two optional years, valued at \$641,010.00

and \$672,159.00. Chairwoman Parker inquired whether Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner McKinney moved to adopt Resolution No. DRPA-22-033 and Auditor General DeFoor seconded the motion. Commissioner Christian abstained from the vote. All other Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative to adopt the Resolution. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

Citizens Advisory Committee Report.

There was no Citizens Advisory Committee Report

Unfinished Business

There were no Unfinished Business items.

New Business

Chairwoman Parker announced four (4) New Business items for consideration:

DRPA-22-025 Selection of Chief Security/Safety Officer Robert J. Finnegan, Sr.

Chief Administrative Officer Brown presented Summary Statement and Resolution No. DRPA-22-025 seeking Board approval for the selection and promotion of Robert J. Finnegan, Sr. to the position of Chief Security/Safety Officer, Grade E5, effective March 2022. Chairwoman Parker inquired whether Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Auditor General DeFoor moved to adopt Resolution No. DRPA-22-025 and Commissioner Fentress seconded the motion. Commissioner Christian abstained from the vote. All other Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative to adopt the Resolution. The motion carried and the Board adopted the Resolution.

DRPA-22-026 Selection of Chief of Police Edward W. Cobbs, Jr.

Chief Administrative Officer Brown presented Summary Statement and Resolution No. DRPA-22-026 seeking Board approval for the selection and promotion of Edward W. Cobbs, Jr. to the position of Chief of Police, Grade E3, effective March 2022, to fill the vacant position due to the retirement of former Chief of Police John L. Stief. Chairwoman Parker inquired whether Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner Fentress moved to adopt Resolution No. DRPA-22-026 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-22-034 Ten (10) 2022 Ford Explorer Police Vehicles.

Fleet Manager Reiners presented Summary Statement and Resolution No. DRPA-22-034 seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate a purchase contract with Hertrich Fleet Services, Inc. for the purchase of ten (10) 2022 Ford Explorer Police Vehicles, in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00. The purchase is under the PA State Contract No. 4400020333. Chairwoman Parker inquired whether Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner Fentress moved to adopt Resolution No. DRPA-22-025 and

Commissioner Garganio 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-22-035 Consideration of Pending DRPA Contracts
(Between \$25,000 and \$100,000).**

Director of Procurement Mosback presented the Summary Statement and Resolution No. DRPA-22-035 seeking Board authorization for staff to negotiate pending DRPA contracts between \$25,000 and \$100,000. Mr. Mosback explained that there were eight (8) contracts for consideration with the following vendors: ePlus Technology, in the amount of \$28,7500.00; Lindsay Transportation Solutions, in the amount of \$35,080.00; ePlus Technology, Inc., in the amount of \$99,900.00; Carrier Corporation/Carrier Commercial Services, in the amount of \$27,200.00; PPG Architectural Finishes, Inc., in the amount of \$45,000.00; Herc Rentals, in the amount of \$42,300.00; Whitmoyer Auto Group, in the amount of \$50,350.00; and H.A. De Hart & Son, in the amount of \$31,073.54 Chairwoman Parker inquired whether Commissioners had any questions for staff concerning the Resolution. There were no questions. Commissioner McKinney moved to adopt Resolution No. DRPA-22-035 and Commissioner Powell seconded the motion. Commissioner Christian abstained from the vote. All other 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 9:55 a.m.

Adjournment

With no further business, Chairwoman Parker proposed to adjourn. Commissioner Fentress moved to adjourn. Commissioner Martz seconded the motion. All Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. The Meeting concluded at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Raymond J. Santarelli, Esquire
General Counsel and Corporate Secretary