

**HAMMOND PORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
May 20, 2025
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Members Present and In Person

Rosemary Wojdyla	Vice Chairman
Diane Kaminsky	Secretary/Treasurer
Kristin Cantrell	Member

Members Present Via Zoom

Eva Huerta	Member
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Members Absent

Thomas E. Kuhn	Chairman
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Hammond Port Authority Personnel Present

Jeffery Smith	Port Authority Director
Julia Pustek	Finance Director
Jamie Huck	Marina Director
Ashley Gordish	Bookkeeper & Board Recording Secretary
Kevin Smith	Attorney- Smith Sersic
Steve Sersic	Attorney- Smith Sersic

Hammond Port Authority Personnel Present Via Zoom

None.

Others Present

None.

Others Present Via Zoom

None.

Call to Order and Roll Call

The May 20, 2025 meeting of the Hammond Port Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Vice Chairman Wojdyla at 4:33pm. Three members are present and in person. One member is present via Zoom, and one member is absent. Vice Chairman Wojdyla, Secretary/Treasurer Kaminsky, and Member Cantrell are present and in person. Member Huerta is present via Zoom, and Chairman Kuhn is absent.

Vice Chairman Wojdyla called for the approval of minutes.

K. Cantrell made a motion to approve the minutes of May 6, 2025. D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Yes: E. Huerta, K. Cantrell, R. Wojdyla, D. Kaminsky

No: None.

Motion passes, 4 approve.

Vice Chairman Wojdyla opened up the public hearing.

Vice Chairman Wojdyla opened the public hearing on Resolution 25-02, proposed issuance of Port Authority bonds for certain improvement to the Port Authority. Attorney K. Smith attested that we have complied with all the laws and requirements regarding the publication of the Notice of Public Hearing. The Notice of Public Hearing ran in the Northwest Indiana Times and the Post Tribune. As no one was present for the Public Hearing, the Vice Chairman closed the public hearing and moved on to the Director's Report.

Vice Chairman Wojdyla called for the Director's Report.

Port Authority Director J. Smith reported on the following:

At the marina, there are currently 383 boaters with 48 new. The Hammond City Council meeting last week had the first and second reading for the bond, and the next Hammond City Council will have our bond on the agenda again. The diver has been working on fixing damage that was done over the winter. Interviews are still being held in order to hire summer help. The Clipper Room continues to book events throughout the rest of the year. The beach opens this weekend. Lost Marsh Golf Course has been busy, and they had 2 big outings last week. Niko continues to look for more advertisements to put on the GPS system. Their membership, food and beverage, and merchandise numbers are all up from last year. The Splash Pad is ready to open on Memorial Day. Supplies have been ordered, and Mike has been checking up on the equipment. The band pictures have been hung up at the Pavilion. HAPAPALOOZA was held over the weekend, and it had a great turnout. Raquel continues to work on getting things in order for WHAM and National Night Out. Wolf Lake maintenance staff has been cutting and fertilizing grass. Last Thursday, NIPSCO ended up having to shut down 700 feet of the bike trail from the Horseshoe Casino sign to 112th Street to repair a leak. It is expected to be shut down for about 10 days. There were some dead trees along Indianapolis Boulevard that were taken down. Devin from the Parks Department told us that they get the same kind of trees donated from NIPSCO each year, so they are going to come and replant them in the fall. Signs are going to be put up along the shoreline to remind fishermen to clean up after themselves, we are also going to see about putting out some more trashcans. About 30 feet of sidewalk was installed near the HOA houses last week. There is still some more sidewalk that needs to be done, but we are going to wait until the rest of the HOA homes are built before putting it in.

Vice Chairman Wojdyla presented the Chairman's Report.

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of May 20, 2025 began at 4:00p.m. Vice Chairman Wojdyla, Secretary/Treasurer Kaminsky, and Member Cantrell are present and in person. Member Huerta is present via Zoom. Chairman Kuhn is absent. Three members are present and in person, one person is present via Zoom, and one person is absent. The subject matter considered were matters for the discussion of strategy with respect to:

1. Contractual Concerns
2. Initiation or Pending litigation
3. Personnel matters

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b) (2) (B), (D), (9). The Board certifies that no subject matter was discussed in the executive session other than the subject matter specified in the public notice.

Vice Chairman Wojdyla called for the Construction Projects Updates.

Port Authority Director J. Smith reported on the following:

Fire Station #2- There is a recommendation for today that is expected to be approved awarding the demolition of old Fire Station #2.

N-Dock- The dock is up and running! Boats are already docked, and there are currently 16 season slips sold.

Wind Turbine at Forsythe Park- There are no updates to report.

Amoco Park Walking Trail- There are no updates to report.

Wayfinding Sign Repairs- Dean from City Engineering has been working with Legacy Signs to make sure all of the signs are updated.

Clipper Room HVAC Upgrades- The project is complete. However, the temperature continues to run cold. Gatlin Plumbing is going to send someone out to check if the system is working properly.

B & T Dock Replacement- There us another council meeting before the bond gets approved that Jeff will be attending next week.

Vice Chairman Wojdyla called for Old Business.

There was no old business to discuss.

Vice Chairman Wojdyla called for New Business.

K. Cantrell made a motion to approve Resolution 25-02. E. Huerta seconded the motion.

Discussion: K. Cantrell added that this resolution is recommending that the common council of the City of Hammond, Indiana, authorize revenue bonds for the purpose of constructing certain Port Authority projects and regarding certain related matters.

Yes: E. Huerta, K. Cantrell, R. Wojdyla, D. Kaminsky

No: None.

Motion passes, 4 approve.

D. Kaminsky made a motion to approve the transfer of funds. This includes \$60,000 from Fund 628 to Fund 629 Lakefront, \$200,000 from Fund 628 to Fund 630 Lost Marsh Golf Course, and \$300,000 from Fund 628 to Fund 631 Parks. K. Cantrell seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Yes: E. Huerta, K. Cantrell, R. Wojdyla, D. Kaminsky

No: None.

Motion passes, 4 approve.

K. Cantrell made a motion to approve the proposal from Actin Contracting in the amount of \$49,095 for the demolition of old Fire Station #2 on 2211 Calumet Avenue. D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Yes: E. Huerta, K. Cantrell, R. Wojdyla, D. Kaminsky

No: None.

Motion passes, 4 approve.

D. Kaminsky made a motion to approve the contract with Hyryder for June 28, 2025 in the amount of \$8,500. E. Huerta seconded the motion.

Discussion: D. Kaminsky added that this show is part of the Summer Concert Series at the Pavilion.

Yes: E. Huerta, K. Cantrell, R. Wojdyla, D. Kaminsky

No: None.

Motion passes, 4 approve.

K. Cantrell made a motion to approve the financial advisory services for proposed issuance of Hammond local improvement bond bank bonds, series 2025. D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: D. Kaminsky added that the contract is with Cender & Company, LLC dba Cender Dalton Municipal Advisors. The proposed fee is \$34,000 for the financial services, and they are anticipated to be paid out of bond proceeds.

Yes: E. Huerta, K. Cantrell, R. Wojdyla, D. Kaminsky

No: None.

Motion passes, 4 approve.

Vice Chairman Wojdyla called for the approval of Purchase Orders.

D. Kaminsky made a motion to approve the Purchase Orders as follows:

626 – Marina Operations

627 – Construction

628 – Embarkation

629 – Lakefront

630 – Lost Marsh Golf Course

631 – Parks

708 – Payroll
Electronic Transfers
K. Cantrell seconded the motion.
Discussion: None.
Yes: E. Huerta, K. Cantrell, R. Wojdyla, D. Kaminsky
No: None.
Motion passes, 4 approve.

Vice Chairman Wojdyla called for Public Comment.

None.

Vice Chairman Wojdyla announced the Next Meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Hammond Port Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, June 3, 2025. These meetings will be held at 701 Casino Center Drive, Hammond, IN 46320. The Board may attend in person or by Zoom with the stipulations adopted in Resolution 21-03 approved by the Board on July 27, 2021. The Executive Session will begin at 4:00p.m, the Construction Meeting will begin at 4:15p.m. and the Regular meeting will begin at 4:30p.m.

Vice Chairman Wojdyla called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

E. Huerta made a motion to adjourn the meeting. D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.
Yes: E. Huerta, K. Cantrell, R. Wojdyla, D. Kaminsky
No: None.

Motion passes, 4 approve.

The May 20, 2025 Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 4:46pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of May 20, 2025 began at 4:00p.m. Vice Chairman Wojdyla, Secretary/Treasurer Kaminsky, and Member Cantrell are present and in person. Member Huerta is present via Zoom. Chairman Kuhn is absent. Three members are present and in person, one person is present via Zoom, and one person is absent. The subject matter considered were matters for the discussion of strategy with respect to:

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Board Minutes Prepared By: Ashley Gordish