

**HAMMOND PORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
June 17, 2025
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Members Present and In Person

Thomas E. Kuhn	Chairman
Rosemary Wojdyla	Vice Chairman
Kristin Cantrell	Member
Eva Huerta	Member

Members Present Via Zoom

Diane Kaminsky	Secretary/Treasurer
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Members Absent

None.

Hammond Port Authority Personnel Present

Jeffery Smith	Port Authority Director
Julia Pustek	Finance Director
Jamie Huck	Marina Director
Ashley Gordish	Bookkeeper & Board Recording Secretary
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 June 17, 2025 meeting of the Hammond Port Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Kuhn at 4:30pm. Four members are present and in person, and one member is present via Zoom. Chairman Kuhn, Vice Chairman Wojdyla, Member Cantrell, and Member Huerta are present and in person. Secretary/Treasurer Kaminsky is present via Zoom.

Chairman Kuhn called for the approval of minutes.

R. Wojdyla made a motion to approve the minutes of June 3, 2025. E. Huerta seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 5 approve.

Chairman Kuhn called for the Director's Report.

Port Authority Director J. Smith reported on the following:

Over the weekend, the School City of Hammond held graduations for Hammond Central High School and Morton High School. There was some miscommunication between the School City of Hammond and us regarding the number of people that were going to be in attendance. We are going to make sure that is straightened out for next year. The first concert for the Summer Series was 2nd Hand News, a Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band. Around 600 people were there, and everyone seemed to have a really great time. The next concert is this weekend, Taylor Nation. We are expecting a large crowd with the hot weather. Raquel continues to work on materials for WHAM and National Night Out. The Roadie Run 5K is coming up on July 12th. Wolf Lake maintenance staff continues to fertilize and cut grass. The bike trail that was shut down by NIPSCO was opened up for Leon's Triathlon, shut back down, and is supposed to be reopened soon after it is paved. There was some fence damage on 129th along the toll road from Reath Riley. It was replaced, and they gave us the extra fencing. Business at the Splash Pad has really picked up with the nice weather. They were packed earlier this week. At the marina, this year we have 432 boaters with 65 new boaters. Last year, we had 422 boaters with 72 new boaters. There were 10 boaters that upgraded from a 30ft slip to be on N dock this season. Maintenance staff at the marina has been completing work order and painting gates and railings. The welcome back boater's party will be Saturday from 6pm-11pm. H-Vibe will be hosting karaoke, while Kingdom Catering will be the food truck. Venetian Night is coming up on July 12th. The Clipper Room is staying busy with parties. Lost Marsh Golf Course continues to be busy. All of the numbers, including memberships and food and beverage, are up compared to last year. Lakeshore is having their outing on July 25th. T. Kuhn asked for an update on the lights on the bin wall. Marina staff replied that it was a bad timer, and it has since been ordered.

Chairman Kuhn presented the Chairman's Report.

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of June 17, 2025 began at 4:00p.m. Chairman Kuhn, Vice Chairman Wojdyla, Member Cantrell, and Member Huerta are present and in person. Secretary/Treasurer Kaminsky is present via Zoom. Four members are present and in person, and one member is present via Zoom. 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.

Chairman Kuhn called for the Construction Projects Updates.

Chairman and Construction Committee Chairman Kuhn reported on the following:

Fire Station #2- Actin Contracting LLC was awarded the contract. They are responsible for contacting NIPSCO to turn off the gas and notify IDEM. It'll then be 10 days before any work can be done.

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

Amoco Park Walking Trail- Jeff is trying to get in contact with HWC. The Hammond Parks Foundation gave the Port Authority a \$49,000.00 check.

Wayfinding Sign Repairs- Dean from City Engineering has been working with the Port Authority and Legacy Signs to go over all of the final updates.

B & T Dock Replacement- Staff is going to come up with a plan deciding when the docks are going to be taken out and whether we are going to take them out or if we are going to hire someone to do it.

Chairman Kuhn called for Old Business.

There was no old business to discuss.

Chairman Kuhn called for New Business.

There was no new business to discuss.

Chairman Kuhn called for the approval of Purchase Orders.

E. Huerta made a motion to approve the Purchase Orders as follows:

626 – Marina Operations

628 – Embarkation

629 – Lakefront

630 – Lost Marsh Golf Course

631 – Parks

708 – Payroll

All Electronic Transfers and Bank of New York Mellon

D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 5 approve.

Chairman Kuhn called for Public Comment.

Board members would like to congratulate Raquel and staff on a very successful first concert for the 2025 Summer Series at the Pavilion! 2nd Hand News was wonderful, and they drew in about a 600 person crowd. The food vendor, G-Mac & More Kitchen, had a steady line throughout the night. It was a great start to The PAV Summer Series!

Chairman Kuhn announced the Next Meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Hammond Port Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, July 1, 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.

Chairman Kuhn called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

R. Wojdyla made a motion to adjourn the meeting. E. Huerta seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 5 approve.

The June 17, 2025 Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 4:39pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM

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Board Minutes Prepared By: Ashley Gordish