

**HAMMOND PORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
December 16, 2025
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Members Present and In Person

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

Members Present Via Zoom

None.

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
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 December 16, 2025 meeting of the Hammond Port Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Vice Chairman Wojdyla at 4:45p.m. Four members are present and in person, and one member is absent. Vice Chairman Wojdyla, Secretary/Treasurer Kaminsky, Member Cantrell, and Member Huerta are present and in person. Chairman Kuhn is absent

Vice Chairman Wojdyla called for any conflict of interest statements.

None.

Vice Chairman Wojdyla called for the approval of minutes.

D. Kaminsky made a motion to approve the minutes of November 18, 2025. E. Huerta 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 the Director's Report.

Port Authority Director J. Smith reported on the following:

At the marina, the bubbler systems are up and running. There are 174 boaters who have put a deposit down or paid for a 2026 season slip, 8 of those boaters are new to our marina. The Clipper Room has a few more events for the year, and she continues to book events into the new year. One of our security rovers were involved in an accident. Thankfully, no one was seriously injured. There was very minor damage to our vehicle. The water at the Splash Pad has been shut off, and the lines have been blown out. Mike continues to monitor the building. They plan on repainting part of the inside soon. We are interested in getting some prices for thermostats that connect to wifi so it can be controlled when someone isn't there. The Hammond Police hosted a polar plunge on December 13th. It was originally supposed to be held at Wolf Lake, but it was moved to the marina for easier beach access and because the lake hadn't frozen over yet. There ended up being about 30 people who participated. Raquel plans to add 2 dates for the PAV Summer Concert Series. One of those dates will be Echoes of Pompeii playing on the night of WHAM. We expect there to be a large turnout. Lost Marsh Golf Course is closed for the season. New carpet is being installed in the downstairs locker room area. Wolf Lake staff continued to mow grass until the snow arrived. The snow storms caused some branches and trees to come down, but staff went around picking up the debris throughout the parks. We are still waiting for the new gate at Forsythe Park to be installed, it seems like the delay could be due to the weather.

Vice Chairman Wojdyla presented the Chairman's Report.

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of December 16, 2025 began at 4:00p.m. Vice Chairman Wojdyla, Secretary/Treasurer Kaminsky, Member Cantrell, and Member Huerta are present and in person. Chairman Kuhn is absent. Four members are present and in person. One member 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:

Amoco Park Walking Trail- We will rebid for the project in 2026.

Fuel Dock UST- We are at a good starting point with EnviroForensics. The plan is still to have the tanks replaced in fall 2026.

B & T Dock Replacement- The arrival date for the docks is still on schedule for March 2026.

Additional Items

- Staff is waiting on some quotes to repair different fence damage at Lost Marsh and Wolf Lake.

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 25-09 Respecting Payment of Certain Debts Incurred by the Hammond Port Authority in a Timely Manner. E. Huerta seconded the motion.

Discussion: K. Cantrell mentioned that this resolution is approved every so often so staff is able to pay certain vendors as needed and in a timely manner.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 4 approve.

E. Huerta made a motion to approve the HPA retiree insurance rates for the 2026 fiscal year. D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: E. Huerta added that the insurance did increase compared to 2025, and there are currently 7 employees retired from the Hammond Port Authority. D. Kaminsky clarified that retired employees over 65 pay \$75 per month for the single plan or \$125 per month for the family plan. Retired employees under 65 pay \$90 per month for the single plan or \$155 per month for the family plan.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 4 approve.

K. Cantrell made a motion to approve the 2026 budget, salary schedule, organizational chart, and long-term obligations in substantial conformity and with the updates provided today. 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 transfer of funds for the following accounts:

- \$525,000 from Fund 628 to Fund 626 Marina Operations
- \$100,000 from Fund 628 to Fund 627 03S R&M Savings
- \$175,000 from Fund 628 to Fund 630 Lost Marsh Golf Course
- \$300,000 from Fund 628 to Fund 631 Parks.

E. Huerta seconded the motion.

Discussion: D. Kaminsky mentioned that the transfer requests are per budget.

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 – Port Authority Construction
- 628 – Embarkation
- 630 – Lost Marsh Golf Course
- 631 – Parks
- 633 – RDA Project
- 634 – Marina Construction
- 708 – Payroll
- All Electronic Transfers and Bank of New York Mellon

E. Huerta 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.

The board would like to thank Julia on all of her hard work on the budget! Julia always does a fantastic job of putting everything together so it's easy to navigate and understand. We truly appreciate it!

Vice Chairman Wojdyla announced the Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be the Board of Finance Meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 3:45p.m. The next regular Board of Directors meeting of the Hammond Port Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 4:30p.m. 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 4:45p.m.

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

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

Discussion: None.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 4 approve.

The December 16, 2025 Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 4:58pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of December 16, 2025 began at 4:00p.m. Vice Chairman Wojdyla, Secretary/Treasurer Kaminsky, Member Cantrell, and Member Huerta are present and in person. Chairman Kuhn is absent. Four members are present and in person. One member is absent. The subject matter considered were matters for the discussion of strategy with respect to:

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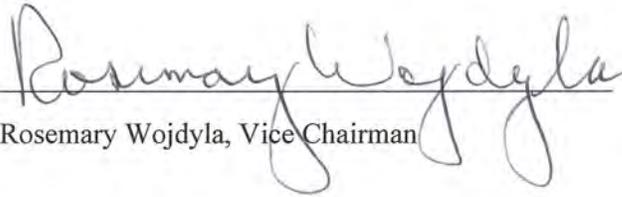
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Board Minutes Prepared By: Ashley Gordish

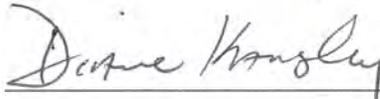
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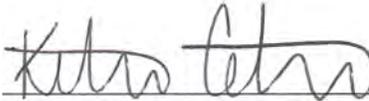
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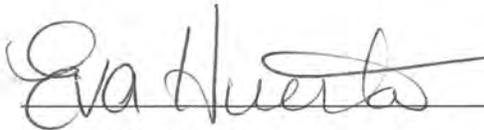
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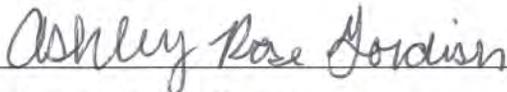
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ATTEST: 

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