

**HAMMOND PORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
February 17, 2026
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Members Present and In Person

Thomas E. Kuhn	Chairman
Kristin Cantrell	Vice Chairman
Diane Kaminsky	Secretary/Treasurer
Rosemary Wojdyla	Member

Members Present Via Zoom

Eva Huerta	Member
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Members Absent

None.

Hammond Port Authority Personnel Present

Jeffery Smith	Port Authority Director
Ashley Gordish	Bookkeeper & Board Recording Secretary
Steve Sersic	Attorney- Smith Sersic

Hammond Port Authority Personnel Present Via Zoom

Jamie Huck	Marina Director
Kevin Smith	Attorney- Smith Sersic

Others Present

None.

Others Present Via Zoom

None.

Call to Order and Roll Call

The February 17, 2026 meeting of the Hammond Port Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Kuhn at 4:32p.m. Four members are present and in person, and one member is present via Zoom. Chairman Kuhn, Vice Chairman Cantrell, Secretary/Treasurer Kaminsky, and Member Wojdyla are present and in person. Member Huerta is present via Zoom.

Chairman Kuhn called for any conflict of interest statements.

None.

Chairman Kuhn called for the approval of minutes.

D. Kaminsky made a motion to approve the minutes of February 3, 2026 as presented. R. Wojdyla and seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

The bubblers have been on at the marina, but they were turned off for the nice weather. Keith was able to get onto the abandoned boat on C dock to adjust some valves. Doing this should keep the boat floating, but we are keeping the pump on the boat just incase. Staff plans on moving the boat to the courtesy dock tomorrow. Last year at this time, we had 269 boaters signed up with 19 new boaters. Today, we have 313 boaters with 15 brand new boaters and 2 new returning boaters (someone who has been a slipholder with us in the past). The Clipper Room has started to book more parties. Jamie reported that she has been working with our lawyers on the eviction process for the 13 abandoned boats on the marina's property. The process takes 6 months, so it should be around August with an auction around October. The marina has a software meeting next Thursday with a company from the conference in Florida. There was also a meeting about the South Shore Bass Tournament this afternoon that Jamie attended. Raquel has all of the Summer Concert Series booked for the Pavilion. Now, she has just been working on booking some smaller events. At Lost Marsh Golf Course, staff has been focusing on fixing equipment for the upcoming season. Their rough mower has been ordered, but a delivery date has not been set yet. Wolf Lake maintenance staff has been working on cleaning up the parks and trails as the snow has been melting.

Chairman Kuhn presented the Chairman's Report.

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of February 17, 2026 began at 4:00p.m. Chairman Kuhn, Vice Chairman Cantrell, Secretary/Treasurer Kaminsky, and Member Wojdyla are present and in person. Member Huerta 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:

Amoco Park Walking Trail- The first bid advertisement was today, and the second one will be on February 24th. The bids will be opened on March 17th, and there was no pre-bid meeting.

Forsythe Park Gate- The poles for the gate were placed in the wrong spot. Hammond Fence has not been out to redo them yet.

Fuel Dock UST- A meeting has been scheduled with EnviroForensics. They are going to be coming out on Thursday at 11am to begin planning with marina staff.

B & T Dock Installation- Meeco Sullivan is on track to complete and deliver the dock by late February or early March.

B & T Dock Plumbing- The request for quotes for the labor is almost complete and is expected to be going out soon. Staff will be purchasing the materials.

B & T Dock Electric- The request for quotes for the labor is almost complete and is expected to be going out soon. Staff will be purchasing the materials.

Additional Items

- D. Kaminsky reported that the new community garden near Wolf Lake applied for a Master Garden grant through Purdue.

Chairman Kuhn called for Old Business.

There was no old business to discuss.

Chairman Kuhn called for New Business.

K. Cantrell made a motion to approve the change fund for Lost Marsh Golf Course. R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: K. Cantrell mentioned that this is a recommendation that is approved annually. This change fund is for the Pro Shop Point of Sale Fund for 2 drawers, an over-all cash change fund bank, a concession stand and cart sales and liquor/bar sales fund for 4 drawers, and a liquor cash fund.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 5 approve.

Chairman Kuhn called for the approval of Purchase Orders.

D. Kaminsky 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

R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 5 approve.

Chairman Kuhn called for Public Comment.

R. Wojdyla commented that the Hammond Port Authority received an award from the Whiting Robertsdale Chamber of Commerce to celebrate our 35th anniversary!

Chairman Kuhn announced the Next Meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Hammond Port Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2026. 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. D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 5 approve.

The February 17, 2026 Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 4:42pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM

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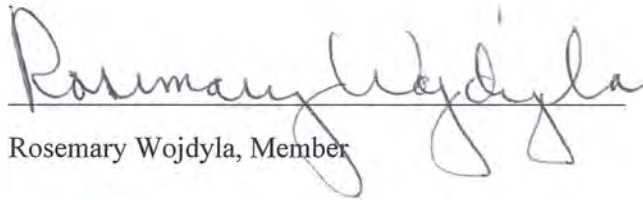


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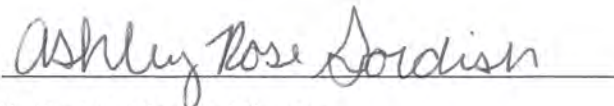


Rosemary Wojdyla, Member



Eva Huerta, Member

ATTEST:



Julia Pustek, Finance Director

Ashley Gordish, Bookkeeper & Board Recording Secretary