



**Hammond Port Authority
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 16, 2026
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Members Present and In Person

Kristin Cantrell	Vice Chairman
Diane Kaminsky	Secretary/Treasurer
Rosemary Wojdyla	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 June 16, 2026 meeting of the Hammond Port Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Member Wojdyla at 4:31p.m. Three members are present and in person, one member is present via Zoom, and one member is absent. Vice Chairman Cantrell, Secretary/Treasurer Kaminsky, and Member Wojdyla are present and in person. Member Huerta is present via Zoom. Chairman Kuhn is absent.

Member Wojdyla called for any conflict of interest statements.

None.

Member Wojdyla called for the approval of minutes.

D. Kaminsky made a motion to approve the minutes of June 2, 2026 as presented. K. Cantrell seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 4 approve.

Member Wojdyla called for the Director's Report.

Port Authority Director J. Smith reported on the following:

There are 499 boaters in the marina, 83 of those are new boaters and 5 of those boaters are new returning boaters. Last year around this time, we had 432 with 65 new boaters. At the end of the 2025 boating season, we had a total of 455 boaters. The Clipper Room has been busy with parties, and the ship store has continued to be busy as well. We have hired all of the necessary staff for the season. The beach has been crowded most days, however it was closed a few days for high E. coli counts. The marina has been receiving compliments about the new banners and the updated lights on the Clipper Room balcony. Thankfully, there wasn't any damage from the storms this past week. The damage done to Q and R dock from previous storms have all been repaired. On Saturday, June 20th, the marina will host the Welcome Back Boater Party on the patio starting at 6pm. There will be a DJ and karaoke, as well as a couple of food trucks. The Splash Pad was closed for a few days due to a broken valve. Salyer Plumbing has been out to fix the issue since then. The Splash Pad has had a few parties booked, and they seem to be going well. The Pavilion held a Summer Concert by Hollywood Swinging on June 13th. There was a decent turnout of about 400 people. We are going to be working to improve our social media engagement to bring more people to the upcoming concerts. Leon's Triathlon was held on June 7th. It had a nice turnout, and the event was finished cleaning up by the following Tuesday. Lost Marsh Golf Course continues to be busy, especially with the recent Chicago Bears announcement. The Slovak Club just had an outing that was very well attended. Niko continues to book outings throughout the summer. Mike and the Wolf Lake maintenance staff continues their typical parks and trail cleanup.

Member Wojdyla presented the Chairman's Report.

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of June 16, 2026 began at 4:00p.m. Vice Chairman Cantrell, Secretary/Treasurer Kaminsky, and Member Wojdyla, and are present and in person. Member Huerta is present via Zoom. Chairman Kuhn 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.

Member Wojdyla called for the Construction Projects Updates.

Port Authority Director Smith reported on the following:

Amoco Park Walking Trail- Staff has decided to hold off on making any further decisions regarding the project until the BP strike is over.

US 41 Screen Wall- The final designs should be complete soon.

Marina ChargePoint Station Upgrade- We are waiting to hear back about the results of the grant. Staff is going to get in contact with Chris Moore from Nies Engineering to see if we can get an update.

Fuel Dock UST- We have been approved for the 50% reimbursement from IDEM.

B & T Dock Installation- The installation of B and T dock are complete. The jet ski lifts are the final pieces to be installed.

B & T Dock Plumbing- The plumbing on B and T dock are complete.

B & T Dock Electric- The electric on B and T dock are complete.

Member Wojdyla called for Old Business.

There was no old business to discuss.

Member Wojdyla called for New Business.

K. Cantrell made a motion to approve the Wolf Lake Memorial Park use agreement with Cause 4Paws Gary for the Hound Pound 5K Dog Walk/Run. D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: K. Cantrell added that the event is scheduled to take place on Sunday, September 20, 2026, and there is expected to be around 100 participants. A waiver of the common and ordinary fees has been requested and approved by the Hammond Port Authority staff.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 4 approve.

D. Kaminsky made a motion to approve the Wolf Lake Pavilion use agreement with the UAW Local 551 for Family Day on Sunday, June 28, 2026. K. Cantrell seconded the motion.

Discussion: D. Kaminsky mentioned that there is an expected 800 participants for this event. The United Auto Workers Union has held their annual picnic at the Pavilion in the past, but they would like to return here because they like the venue and Splash Pad close by. The fees are as follows: \$1,000.00 deposit, \$500.00 clean up fee, and \$500.00 admin fee. These total to \$2,000.00. K. Smith added that this is one of the first times the Pavilion is using the updated agreement. Everything seemed to have gone smoothly!

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 4 approve.

D. Kaminsky made a motion to go out to bid for the replacement of the fuel dock underground storage tanks. E. Huerta seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 4 approve.

Member Wojdyla called for the approval of Purchase Orders.

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

626 – Marina Operations

628 – Embarkation

630 – Lost Marsh Golf Course

631 – Parks

634 – Marina Construction

708 – Payroll

Electronic Transfers

D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 4 approve.

Member Wojdyla called for Public Comment.

None.

Member Wojdyla announced the Next Meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Hammond Port Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, July 7, 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.

Member Wojdyla called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

D. Kaminsky made a motion to adjourn the meeting. K. Cantrell seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 4 approve.

The June 16, 2026 Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 4:42pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM

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Board Minutes Prepared By: Ashley Gordish



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