

**Hammond Port Authority
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2026
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Members Present and In Person

Thomas E. Kuhn
Kristin Cantrell
Diane Kaminsky
Rosemary Wojdyla
Eva Huerta

Chairman
Vice Chairman
Secretary/Treasurer
Member
Member

Members Present Via Zoom

None.

Members Absent

None.

Hammond Port Authority Personnel Present

Jeffery Smith
Julia Pustek
Jamie Huck
Ashley Gordish
Kevin Smith
Steve Sersic

Port Authority Director
Finance Director
Marina Director
Bookkeeper & Board Recording Secretary
Attorney- Smith Sersic
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Hammond Port Authority Personnel Present Via Zoom

None.

Others Present

None.

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None.

Call to Order and Roll Call

The August 4, 2026 meeting of the Hammond Port Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Kuhn at 4:30p.m. All five members are present and in person. Chairman Kuhn, Vice Chairman Cantrell, Secretary/Treasurer Kaminsky, Member Wojdyla, and Member Huerta are present and in person.

Chairman Kuhn called for any conflict of interest statements.

None.

Chairman Kuhn called for the approval of minutes.

K. Cantrell made a motion to approve the minutes of July 21, 2026 as presented. R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

No: None.

Abstain: E. Huerta, T. Kuhn

Motion passes, 3 approve and 2 abstain.

Chairman Kuhn called for the Director's Report.

Port Authority Director J. Smith reported on the following:

The marina has 528 boaters, with 95 brand new boaters and 8 new returning boaters. The 2025 boating season ended with 455 boaters and 82 new boaters. The Clipper Room continues to stay busy with parties and inquiries. The beach has remained busy, but we did have to close it for a couple of days due to high E. coli levels. The South Shore Bass Open Tournament was cancelled because of the weather and small craft advisories on the lake. During a heavy storm, the fuel dock was struck by lightning. No one was injured, but it did remain closed for a few days for repairs. The Splash Pad continues to be busy. The Hammond Fire Fighters Union Local 556 had their picnic at the Splash Pad. Everything went well, and they seemed to have a good time. National Night Out is being held at the Pavilion tonight, 4:30pm-8:30pm. WHAM will be on Saturday, and Echoes of Pompeii will be performing 7pm-9pm before the event. Lost Marsh Golf Course continues to be busy, especially with outings. Frankie V's held their outing yesterday, and there was a great turnout. Wolf Lake maintenance staff continues to mow. They are now focusing on cleaning up the trails for WHAM. Mike is going to be putting out the light towers on Friday.

Chairman Kuhn presented the Chairman's Report.

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

US 41 Screen Wall- There is no new update to report.

Fuel Dock UST- No bids were received for the project. Staff is looking into going out for quote or negotiation.

O, K, and C Dock Replacement- We are looking into replacing these docks for next season.

Additional Items

- The community garden has not had enough produce this year to donate. We are hoping to be able to expand for next year.
- After the lightning strike at the fuel dock, staff is looking into installing a transient voltage surge suppressor (TVSS). This would help protect the dock and equipment.

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 2027 slip rate increase. E. Huerta seconded the motion

Discussion: K. Cantrell mentioned that the slip rates are going to increase by about 5%. They have not increased in the last 5 years. We have also replaced 5 docks in the last 5 years, and we plan on replacing 3 more docks this upcoming year.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 5 approve.

D. Kaminsky made a motion that the board rejects all bids received from the contractors that bid on the Amoco Park walking trail back in January of this year. The Port Authority may reopen the project at a later date to be determined. R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: T. Kuhn added that this was due to a budgeting issue.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 5 approve.

E. Huerta made a motion to waive the fees for Red Roc Disc Golf for the Forsythe Park picnic shelter for a disc golf tournament. D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: E. Huerta mentioned that the tournament would take place on Sunday, September 13, 2026. R. Wojdyla added that Red Roc Disc Golf is the organization that built and upgraded the disc golf course in Forsythe Park.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 5 approve.

E. Huerta made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 haul out and launch agreement and winter storage fees. D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: E. Huerta added that the haul out and launch agreement is with Brownell Systems, Inc.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 5 approve.

D. Kaminsky made a motion to approve the transfer of funds as follows: \$50,000 from Fund 628 to Fund 629 Lakefront and \$300,000 to Fund 631 Parks. R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

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

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 5 approve.

D. Kaminsky made a motion to approve the slip rollover request for Sylvia and Allen Kalas. E. Huerta seconded the motion.

Discussion: R. Wojdyla added that Sylvia submitted a letter for the board to review, and she attended the last meeting via Zoom.

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

Electronic Transfers

R. Wojdyla 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.

None.

Chairman Kuhn announced the Next Meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Hammond Port Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18, 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 3:30p.m., the Insurance Workshop Session 1 will begin at 3:45p.m., the Construction Meeting will begin at 4:00p.m., the Insurance Workshop Session 2 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.

D. Kaminsky made a motion to adjourn the meeting. R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 5 approve.

The August 4, 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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