Hammond Port Authority
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
September 1, 2026
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Members Present and In Person

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

Members Present Via Zoom
None.

Members Absent
None.

Hammond Port Authority Personnel Present

Jeffery Smith	Port Authority Director
Julia Pustek	Finance Director
Jamie Huck	Marina Director
Steve Sersic	Attorney- Smith Sersic

Hammond Port Authority Personnel Present Via Zoom
None.

Others Present
Wilbert & Kathy Wallet-Yachting Society
Frank L. Brown Dock-B-08
Araya Hope-Parkview Ave. Whiting, IN

Others Present Via Zoom
None.

Call to Order and Roll Call
The September 1, 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 called for any conflict of interest statements.
There was no conflict of interest statements.

Chairman Kuhn called for the approval of minutes.

delivered a fantastic performance, and community response on social media has been overwhelmingly positive.

This coming Friday, the venue will host Kashmir (Led Zeppelin tribute), which is the makeup date for the show that had to be canceled due to severe weather a few weeks ago.
The golf course continues its exceptionally strong season under Niko's management. This past Sunday, Lost Marsh hosted the Ironworkers outing, which drew a solid turnout. Outing activity remained heavy throughout August, and strong interest is expected to continue into September.

Grounds maintenance is back on track with regular mowing schedules as conditions dry out. Following up on previous storm response efforts, the parks crew finished assisting Public Works with citywide tree and branch cleanup. Parks personnel worked alongside Public Works crews (including District 1 Coordinator Jason) to clear debris across assigned municipal zones.

Chairman Kuhn presented the Chairman's Report.
The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of September 1, 2026 began at 3:30p.m., Chairman Kuhn, Vice Chairman Cantrell, Secretary/Treasurer Kaminsky, and Member Huerta and Member Wojdyla are present and in person. 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

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Chairman Kuhn called for the Construction Projects Updates.
Chairman Kuhn reported on the following:

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

Fuel Dock UST- We are waiting for HASSE Construction and Northern Indiana Mechanical to get back to us in regards to replacing the tanks. Jamie will share information once available.

O, K, and C Dock Replacement- Designed and deposit check was sent.

Splash Pad – Looking into getting 3 quotes to replace pipes and functions at the splash pad due to corrosion.

Chairman Kuhn called for Old Business.
There was no old business to discuss.

Chairman Kuhn called for New Business.
D. Kaminsky made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Marina Property Insurance, Fixed and Floating and all applicable policy and surplus lines, fees and park policies as presented. E. Huerta seconded the motion.

D. Kaminsky made a motion to adjourn the meeting. E. Huerta seconded the motion.
Discussion: None.
Yes: E. Huerta, R. Wojdyla, K. Cantrell & D. Kaminsky, T. Kuhn
No: None.
Motion passes, 5 approve.

The September 1, 2026 Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 4:41pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM

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Board Minutes Prepared By: Julia Pustek

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ATTEST: _____
Julia Pustek, Finance Director