Hammond Port Authority
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
September 15, 2026
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Members Present and In Person

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

Members Present Via Zoom

Kristin Cantrell	Vice Chairman

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
Kevin Smith	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 September 15, 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. One member is present via Zoom.

Chairman Kuhn called for any conflict-of-interest statements.
There was no conflict-of-interest statements.

Chairman Kuhn called for the approval of minutes.
E. Huerta made a motion to amend the minutes of September 1, 2026, as presented. R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.
Discussion: E. Huerta stated to fix the amount of the dock deposit.
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 amended minutes of September 1, 2026, as presented.
D. Kaminsky 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 the Director's Report.
Port Authority Director J. Smith reported on the following:

At the Marina, active boater counts hold strong at 528 boats for the season, up from 455 last year. We are experiencing an exceptionally busy late summer with continuous looper traffic. Apparently, the loopers were bragging about our Cuban sandwiches, so the Ship Store has been selling a lot!

The abandon boat auction prepared over the last six months took place on Saturday. One owner settled outstanding fees in full of nearly $4,000 with the vessel departing today. The remaining three boats were sold. One to a current slip holder who is removing it today and pickup status is being monitored for the final two. Two sold for $100 and one sold for $50. I have been in contact with a company to dispose of what's leftover.

Motown Nigh at the Marina a couple weekends ago was extremely successful with high community attendance.

Jamie and Julia are coordinating implementation with the new POS software vendor ahead of the targeted first-of-the-year launch.

At Wolf Lake, things are a little slow at the splash pad. They are operating on reduced hours due to the return of the school year and cooler fall temperatures.

At the Pav, the Frank Sinatra Tribute concert was held this past Saturday under great weather; drew a strong turnout and went smoothly. We have our final concert weekend this weekend starting Friday with Rico. It is a makeup show from an earlier weather cancellation. Then it is the season finale on Saturday with three local bands featuring Day by Day, Caught on Cline, and Stop. Drop. Rewind. Raquel is working on the lineup for next year's Summer Concert Series.

Mike and his crew have finally been able to continue cutting grass as the parks have started to dry up. This past Sunday, we had a well-attended disc golf tournament throughout Forsythe Park.

At Lost Marsh, Niko continues to have outings set up for this month. Yesterday, she had the Firefighter's Union with their annual outing, and she also hosted the local UAW outing.

Chairman Kuhn presented the Chairman's Report.
The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of September 15, 2026, began at

4:00 p.m., Chairman Kuhn, Secretary/Treasurer Kaminsky, and Member Huerta and Member Wojdyla are present and in person. Vice Chairman Cantrell is present via Zoom. Four members are present and in person. 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 Kuhn reported on the following:

Fuel Dock UST- We had a 2:00PM meeting today with Hasse Construction and Austgen Electric T. Kuhn was present. They are complying a list of questions pertaining to the project to send to Jamie to help get answered with the help of EnvrioForensics. There is a 40-week lead-time on the tanks so they will not place those till the end of next season.

O, K, and C Dock Replacement- Expecting to go out to bid for demolition and install of O, K & C docks on September 25th. Bids are due on October 15th, 2026, at 2:00PM. We expect to award it at our meeting on October 20th, 2026.

Splash Pad – We got a quote from Landmark Aquatic for supplies. Looking to get quotes from plumbers for installation.

Chairman Kuhn called for Old Business.

There was no old business to discuss.

Chairman Kuhn called for New Business.

E. Huerta made a motion to approve Resolution 26-04 respecting declaration of certain property of the Port Authority as worthless as presented. R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: T. Kuhn stated this is just to be able to dispose of the items not sold at auction.

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 new vehicle purchase with Smith Ford of Lowell in the amount of $44,860.00 as presented. E. Huerta seconded the motion.

Discussion: Board stated Jeff was frugal and savvy with this purchase.

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.

R. Wojdyla 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

D. Kaminsky 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, October 6th, 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.

T. Kuhn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 5 approve.

The September 15, 2026, Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of September 15, 2026 began at 4:00 p.m., Chairman Kuhn, Secretary/Treasurer Kaminsky, and Member Huerta and Member Wojdyla are present and in person. Vice Chairman Cantrell was present via Zoom. Four members are present and in person. One member is present via Zoom. The subject matter considered were matters for the discussion of strategy with respect to:

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Board Minutes Prepared By: Julia Pustek

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ATTEST: _____

Julia Pustek, Finance Director