Hammond Port Authority
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
October 6th, 2026
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Members Present and In Person

Kristin Cantrell	Vice Chairman
Diane Kaminsky	Secretary/Treasurer
Eva Huerta	Member
Rosemary Wojdyla	Member

Members Present Via Zoom

Thomas E. Kuhn	Chairman

Members Absent
None.

Hammond Port Authority Personnel Present

Jeffery C. 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
None.
Others Present Via Zoom
None.

Call to Order and Roll Call
The October 6, 2026, meeting of the Hammond Port Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Vice Chairman Cantrell at 4:30 p.m. Four members are present and in person. One member is present via Zoom.

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

Vice Chairman Cantrell called for the approval of minutes.
D. Kaminsky made a motion to approve the minutes of September 15, 2026, as presented. E. Huerta seconded the motion.
Discussion: None.
Yes: E. Huerta, R. Wojdyla, D. Kaminsky, T. Kuhn & K. Cantrell.
No: None.
Motion passes, 5 approve.

Vice Chairman Cantrell 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. The transient loopers have been steadily coming in, helping keep the ship store busy. Clipper room is still booking events with events scheduled this weekend.

We had haul out this past weekend with 65 of 66 boats being taken out for winter storage and that went well.

After the boat auction we had a couple weeks ago, we had another person come in to purchase another boat from the list. He is going to keep it in the lot for winter storage then we will keep the trailer.

At the Parks, Mike have been keeping busy cleaning up branches and grass cutting now that the park has dried up. We had a bench donated to us and mike help to get it secured to the ground near Forsythe Square.

At Lost Marsh Niko has been busy with a really big outing, Big Shoulders and was well attended. Mya the City's social media coordinator went out there to get some pictures as well. On October 18th the Lost Marsh will have their annual Chili Open.

Vice Chairman Cantrell presented the Chairman's Report.
The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of October 6, 2026, began at 4:00 p.m., Vice Chairman Cantrell, Secretary/Treasurer Kaminsky, and Member Huerta and Member Wojdyla are present and in person. Chairman Kuhn 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.

Vice Chairman Cantrell called for the Construction Projects Updates.
Port Authority Director J. Smith reported on the following:

O, K, and C Dock Replacement- Demolition & Installation bid specs for Docks O, K, and C were officially released on September 25th. Bids are due back on October 15th at 3:00 PM, with plans to award the contract at our next meeting on October 20th. Six or seven contractors have already picked up bid packages.

Fuel Dock UST- Julia and Jamie went to a meeting with IDEM in Valparaiso, IN about the reimbursement program they have. They got a lot of useful information needed for this project.

Splash Pad – We looking to get quotes from plumbers for installation. Hoping to get some soon. We plan to get that done over the winter depending on cost.

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

Vice Chairman Cantrell called for New Business.
None.

Vice Chairman Cantrell 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

R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.
Discussion: None.
Yes: E. Huerta, R. Wojdyla, D. Kaminsky & K. Cantrell
No: None.
Motion passes, 4 approve.

Vice Chairman Cantrell called for Public Comment.
None.

Vice Chairman Cantrell announced the Next Meeting.
The next regular meeting of the Hammond Port Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20th, 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.

Vice Chairman Cantrell 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 September 15, 2026, Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM

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Board Minutes Prepared By: Julia Pustek

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ATTEST: _____
Julia Pustek, Finance Director