



**Connecticut Port Authority Board of Directors  
Special Meeting Minutes  
July 10, 2019 (12:00 PM)**

**Department of Economic and Community Development  
450 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, CT**

**Attendance**

- Board Members: Chairperson Bonnie Reemsnyder; Vice-Chairperson David Kooris; Parker Wise; Pam Elkow; Terry Gilbertson; Brian Thompson; Don Frost; Dave Pohorylo; Anna Barry
- Via Phone: Scott Bates; John Johnson; Grant Westerson; Nancy DiNardo; Linda Savitsky
- CPA Staff: Evan Matthews; Andrew Lavigne; Joe Salvatore; Cassandra Berthiaume; Kim Landess

**Absent**

- Jonathan Harris (OPM)

**Guests**

- Glenn Santoro; Adam Tamzoke; Paula Clarke; Bill Gash; Alissa DeJonge; Sarah Ficenec; Dawn Callen; Kevin Blacker; Steve Singer; Ed Evans; Loren Mahler
- **Quorum:** Yes

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Reemsnyder at 12:02 p.m.

**2. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes**

A motion to approve the June 19, 2019 Special Meeting minutes was made by Ms. Elkow, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Mr. Thompson asked that said minutes be amended to correctly reflect that Ms. Savitsky and not Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve Agenda Item #10 at the Special Meeting and that both Mr. Thompson and Ms. Elkow recused themselves from voting on Agenda Item #11 at the Special Meeting.

A motion to adopt the minutes as so amended was made by Ms. Elkow and seconded by Mr. Johnson, and was so VOTED unanimously.

### **3. Public Participation Relating to Agenda Items**

Kevin Blacker made comments regarding the Harbor Development Agreement to be discussed in Executive Session, requesting that said Agreement provide that existing freight operations at the State Pier remain in place. Mr. Blacker also stated that the State's territorial waters extend 12 miles out from the coast and windmills will be installed 50-60 miles out from the coast, and questioned whether that difference constitutes another country and whether the operators of said windmills would try to not pay State customs.

Chairperson Reemsnyder thanked Mr. Blacker.

### **4. CT Pilot Commission Report/CT Maritime Coalition Report**

No report from the CT Pilot Commission.

### **5. United States Coast Guard Report**

No report from the United States Coast Guard.

### **6. Staff Report**

Executive Director Matthews provided a report to the Board and indicated that the title of the report had been changed to reflect the entire staff's work. Mr. Pohorylo inquired as to whether the Authority had submitted comments on the Long Island Sound Blue Plan, to which Mr. Matthews responded that the Authority did not submit comments. Mr. Pohorylo also inquired about a meeting with the Attorney General's office regarding a dredge disposal site, to which Mr. Matthews responded that the Authority did not attend said meeting.

### **7. Finance Committee Report**

Chairperson Reemsnyder indicated that the Finance Committee did not hold a meeting, and therefore there is no report for this month. Chairperson Reemsnyder further stated that the Finance Committee will be looking to appoint a new chairperson.

### **8. Executive Session pursuant to Sections 1-225(f), 1-200(6)(E) and 1-210(b)(24) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, for the purpose of discussing a Harbor Development Agreement by and among the Authority, Gateway New London, LLC and BSW ProjectCo, LLC, with respect to the New London State Pier**

Mr. Johnson recused himself from discussion of this Agenda Item and from the Executive Session.

The Executive Director certified that the public interest in the disclosure of the discussion of a Harbor Development Agreement, by and among the Authority, Gateway New London, LLC and BSW ProjectCo, LLC, with respect to the New London State Pier, is outweighed by the public interest in the confidentiality of the same.

**RESOLVED: That, pursuant to Sections 1-225(f), 1-200(6)(E) and 1-210(b)(24) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Board present and voting, the Board of Directors hereby approves to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing a Harbor Development Agreement by and among the Authority, Gateway New London, LLC and BSW ProjectCo, LLC, with respect to the New London State Pier.**

At this time, Vice-Chairperson Kooris made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Wise, and the Board entered Executive Session at 12:10 P.M.

Ms. Elkow and Mr. Thompson recused themselves (together with Mr. Johnson as noted above) from the Executive Session and left the room. Legal counsel and staff essential to the discussion remained in the room.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 12:24 P.M.

**9. Consideration and approval of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into an agreement for Phase II environmental subsurface soil investigations for the East Shore Properties**

**RESOLVED: That the Executive Director, Evan H. Matthews, be and hereby is authorized, empowered and directed, for and on behalf of the Connecticut Port Authority, to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Anchor Engineering Services, Inc., for up to \$78,000, for services in connection with Phase II environmental subsurface soil investigations for the East Shore Properties, as further described in the Exhibit to Agenda Item #9, and to take all reasonable and necessary actions and negotiate, execute and deliver any and all other reasonable and necessary documents in furtherance thereof.**

A motion was made by Ms. Elkow, and seconded by Mr. Thompson. Mr. Matthews gave a brief description and history of the project and responded to questions of the Board. Board Members raised questions regarding whether certain land parcels to undergo Phase II investigations would be subject to the Property Transfer Act.

The Board VOTED in favor of the resolution unanimously.

**10. Presentation: CERC Economic Impact Study**

Alissa DeJonge and Sarah Ficenec of CERC presented the Economic Impact Study and responded to questions from the Board. Chairperson Reemsnyder thanked Ms. DeJonge and Ms. Ficenec.

**11. Call to the public**

Kevin Blacker questioned why the Authority had not submitted comments to the Blue Plan, why the Authority had not attended a meeting on a dredge disposal site, and commented that the Authority should not lose sight of small numbers of jobs that could be displaced due to commercial development of the State Pier.

## **12. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Vice-Chairperson Kooris, meeting adjourned at 1:08 PM.

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