



**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CONNECTICUT PORT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTIOS
Called by the Chair of the Board
Pursuant to Article III, Section 4 of the By-Laws
Wednesday, July 24, 2019 (1:00 PM)**

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

Attendance

- Board Members: Chairperson Bonnie Reemsnyder; Vice-Chairperson David Kooris; Scott Bates; Parker Wise; John Johnson (via phone); Grant Westerson; Nancy DiNardo; Pam Elkow (via phone); Terry Gilbertson (via phone); Brian Thompson; Don Frost; Dave Pohorylo; Linda Savitsky; Anna Barry (via phone); Jeff Beckham
- CPA Staff: Andrew Lavigne; Joe Salvatore; Casandra Berthiaume

Guests

- Glenn Santoro; Paula Clarke; Bill Gash; Kevin Blacker; Ed Evans; Judi Sheiffele; Julia Werth, David Collins, Jared Picco, Mark Augur, Max Reiss, J Stephen; Jim Watson; Loren Mahler; Dube McDowel Jewit; Julia Bergman
- **Quorum:** Yes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Reemsnyder at 1:06 p.m.

Chairperson Reemsnyder made a statement regarding the speculations regarding current state of the CT Port Authority i.e, press articles, BSW update, phase 1 of New London State Pier (construction and heavy lift operations), HDA negotiations are still on going. Discussion of art work at the CPA offices, she acknowledged this was the work of her daughter and that the artist is to buy back the work.

She further resigned as Board Chair (effective immediately) and from the Board (effective at the close of the meeting) and acknowledged that Vice-Chair David Kooris would be acting Chair until further notice.

Acting Chair David Kooris stated that at the August 7, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting the Board will assess and elect new officers. He also stated that Governor Lamont's expressed the importance of the BSW deal and that the CPA is to continue on its mission.

2. Public Participation Relating to Agenda Items

Kevin Blacker made comments that he was concerned with the ability of CPA to continue on without an Executive Director. He expressed his concerns regarding Resolutions 4 and 5 and why there were to be discussed in Executive Session. He cited Section 15.31A regarding Resolution 7. He again expressed his concerns regarding the fishermen, salt operator and various other industries that are going to be effected by the State Pier construction and BSW deal.

Acting Chairperson Kooris thanked Mr. Blacker.

3. CPA Updates and Chairman Remarks

4. Executive Session: (1) 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.

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 Connecticut Port Authority, Gateway New London, LLC and BSW ProjectCo, LLC, with respect to the New London State Pier.

The Board went into Executive Session at 1:19, present in addition to Board members was Glenn Santoro, as outside counsel to the CPA, and Andrew Lavigne. Motion made by Ms. Savitsky, seconded by Mr. Westerson. Brian Thompson and Pam Elkow recused themselves from the vote and the Executive Session. All in favor (excluding Ms. Elkow and Mr. Thompson) to go into Executive Session with Certification that the public interest in the disclosure of the discussion of the HDA is outweighed by the public interest in the confidentiality of same was certified to by Andrew Lavigne and David Kooris. No votes were taken in Executive Session and the Board came out of Executive Session at 1:28.

- 5. Executive Session: (1) pursuant to Sections 1-225(f) and 1-200(6)(E) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, for the purpose of discussing for the purpose of discussing the performance and evaluation of Authority personnel.**

RESOLVED: That, pursuant to Sections 1-225(f), and 1-200(6)(E) 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 the performance and evaluation of Authority personnel.

The Board went into Executive Session at 1:29, present in addition to Board members was Glenn Santoro, as outside counsel. Motion made by Mr. Beckham and seconded by Mr. Westerson. All in favor of going into Executive Session. No votes were taken in Executive Session and the Board came out of Executive Session at 2:26.

- 6. Consideration and approval of a resolution ratifying and confirming all past actions of Chairman and officers of the Connecticut Port Authority with respect to personnel matters.**

RESOLVED: That all past actions taken by the Chairman and officers of the Connecticut Port Authority with respect to the leave of the Executive Director is hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed in all respects.

A motion was made by Mr. Westerson, and seconded by Ms. DiNardo. No discussion

The Board VOTED in favor of the resolution unanimously.

- 7. Consideration and approval of a resolution authorizing the Vice Chair of the Board, on behalf of the Connecticut Port Authority to enter into a consulting agreement.**

RESOLVED: That the Vice-Chair of the Board, be and hereby is authorized, empowered and directed, for and on behalf of the Connecticut Port Authority, to negotiate and enter into a Senior Executive Consulting Agreement with Paul Whitescarver, in an amount not exceeding \$50,000.00, for services in connection with the daily operation and management of the Connecticut Port Authority, and to take all reasonable and necessary actions and negotiate, execute and deliver any and all other reasonable and necessary documents in furtherance thereof.

Questions raised by:

Mr. Frost: How long will agreement be?

Chair Korris: Short-term post

Ms. Savitsky: Payroll or 1099

Mr. Bates: 1099

Mr. Whitescarver's credentials were passed out

A motion was made by Mr. Westerson and seconded by Mr. Wise.

The Board VOTED in favor of the resolution unanimously.

8. Call to the public

Kevin Blacker 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.

9. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Nancy DiNardo meeting adjourned at 2:38 PM