



REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CONNECTICUT PORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Tuesday, August 16, 2022
12:00 p.m.**

Location:

In response to concerns regarding the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), and in the interest of the safety and well-being of participants, this meeting will be held remotely by conference call.

**Please Note: In addition to the minutes below, an audio recording of this meeting can be found on the Authority's website at <https://ctportauthority.com/governance/>*

Board Attendance

Chair David Kooris; John Flores; Brian Thompson; Carlo Leone; Paul Hinsch; Tom Gill; Felix Reyes; John Johnson; Larry McHugh; Dave Pohorylo; Judi Sheffele; Grant Westerson; Parker Wise

Absent: Mayor Justin Elicker; Alexandra Daum; Tom Patton

CPA Staff/Other: Ulysses Hammond; Veronica Calvert; Joseph Salvatore; Marlin Peterson (AECOM)

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Kooris called the meeting to order at 12:01pm.

Chair Kooris thanked Don Frost for his contributions to the Authority.

Kooris also welcomed new board member Larry McHugh to the board.

Dave Pohorylo highlighted Don Frost's 60-plus years of maritime industry experience, noting the significant loss of Don's service to the Authority and state. Mr. Pohorylo also noted his disappointment regarding the Authority's handling of the ethics matter.

2. Approval of minutes of June 21, 2022 Regular Meeting

Motion by Grant Westerson, seconded by Parker Wise. Abstention by Brian Thompson, John Johnson and Larry McHugh. So VOTED

3. Public Comment

(Begins at 0:09:00)

4. Executive Director's Update

(Begins at 0:23:58) Ulysses Hammond provided an update regarding: financial management; Pier 7 at Fort Trumbull in New London; the New Haven Harbor Navigation Improvement Project; state dredging team; the third round of the Small Harbor Improvement Projects Program (SHIPP); educational conferences and commercial opportunities; coordination with state partners; and community engagement.

(Note: There was a brief delay from 0:43:46 to 0:45:30 while the conference lines were reconnected.)

5. Finance Committee Update

(Begins at 0:46:24) Chair Kooris provided an update of the committee's morning meeting. He also noted that the committee has discussed during its last two meetings a potential trip to Europe with our partners Orsted, Eversource and Gateway to visit a comparable port in Copenhagen, turbine manufacturers and barge companies.

6. State Pier Infrastructure Improvements Project Update

(Begins at 0:49:50) Ulysses Hammond provided an update on the project. Currently, nine (9) key areas of the project have construction in progress. Six (6) of the key areas are progressing on schedule. These areas include the Central Wharf, Upland – Drainage, Upland - Potable Water, Upland - Electrical Infrastructure and the Northeast Bulkhead and Heavy Lift Platform. Consistent with the project schedule, the Delivery Berth located at the Northeast Bulkhead is anticipated to be substantially complete by the end of this calendar year. Furthermore, to-date there are no outstanding quality issues.

However, three (3) areas have experienced difficulties since the last Board meeting, which include the South Wall, State Pier Heavy Lift Platform and the State Pier Toe-Wall. According to our contractor (Kiewit), these difficulties that have negatively impacted pile driving productivity are related to higher than anticipated rock elevations, obstructions and the contractor's means and methods. Our Contract Administrator, AECOM, led by Marlin Peterson, has intensified its onsite supervision and in consultation with the contractor has developed a series of alternative solutions that are in the process of implementation at each location. These work-around solutions include mobilizing additional equipment (drill rig), equipment operators, working additional shifts and replacement components, such as pile driving shoes.

We remain optimistic that under the leadership of our Contract Administrator, Kiewit and the entire Project Team that the work around solutions will restore the required productivity rates in these three areas to enable completion of the remaining East Berth portion of the State Pier in early Spring 2023. Substantial completion is targeted for February 28, 2023, and final completion June 1, 2023.

(Begins at 0:52:30) Marlin Peterson (construction administrator AECOM) provided a more in-depth update.

(Begins at 1:03:00) Questions and discussion with board members.

7. Consideration and approval of a resolution authorizing the designation of a new Ethics Liaison

(Begins at 1:05:25) Chair Kooris noted that Veronica Calvert has been the Authority's liaison and compliance officer during her prior employment during 2020-21. Andrew Lavigne was the only other non-executive director full-time employee. The intent was to make the finance director the liaison and officer once hired.

RESOLVED, that Veronica Calvert is hereby reappointed to serve as (i) ethics compliance officer of the Connecticut Port Authority ("the Authority"), pursuant to Section 1-101rr(a) of the General Statutes of Connecticut ("CGS"), in order to coordinate and monitor the development and implementation of, and compliance with, ethics policies and training programs for the Authority; and

(ii) as liaison for the Authority to the Office of State Ethics, pursuant to Section 1-101rr(b) of the CGS, in order to coordinate the development of ethics policies for the Authority.

Motion by John Johnson, seconded by Grant Westerson.

So VOTED

8. Connecticut Pilot Commission Update

(a) Administrative Hearing Update

(Begins at 1:08:10) Ulysses Hammond provided an update on the administrative hearing authorized by the board at the June meeting. A contested case of this nature has not been heard in Connecticut in over 15 years. The Authority has consulted with the Department of Transportation and Department of Administrative Services. A solicitation for potential presiding officers has been issued and applications are due Friday 19 August. Once a presiding officer has been selected, the hearing process can commence.

(Begins at 1:11:25) Questions and discussion with board members.

9. Consideration and approval of Small Harbor Improvement Projects Program (SHIPP) Round 3 Project List

(Begins at 1:16:20) Joe Salvatore provided an overview of the application process, submission requirements and projects reviewed for approval.

RESOLVED, that the Connecticut Port Authority (“the Authority”) Board of Directors endorses the Small Harbor Improvement Projects Program (SHIPP) Round 3 Project List, and the Authority Executive Director is hereby authorized to recommend to the State Bond Commission the SHIPP projects included in the form attached hereto as the Exhibits to Agenda Item #9.

CITY - TOWN	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	REQUEST CONST.	REQUEST PLANNING	PERMITTED	TOTAL PROJECT COST	SHIPP REQUEST	FUNDING MATCH	APPROVED AMOUNT
HARBOR MANAGEMENT - STUDIES								
Norwich	Riverfront Pier/Walkway		Y		\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ -	\$ 45,000.00
Norwalk	Public Access-Street Ends		Y		\$ 44,000.00	\$ 44,000.00	\$ -	\$ 44,000.00
BOAT RAMP FACILITIES								
Stamford	Feasibility Study For Ramp		Y	N	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
MARINA REPAIR (Docks, Piles & other)								
Norwich	Municipal Marina Docks	Y		Y	\$ 1,041,887.25	\$ 289,489.80	\$ 208,377.45	\$ 289,489.80
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Stratford	Emergency Service Dock	Y		Y	\$ 79,182.00	\$ 63,345.00	\$ 15,836.40	\$ 63,345.60
DREDGING								
Stamford	Cove Island Park	Y		IP	\$ 3,869,400.00	\$ 3,095,520.00	\$ 773,880.00	\$ 3,095,520.00
Guilford	Guilford Marina	Y		Y	\$ 1,077,176.22	\$ 861,500.00	\$ 215,676.22	\$ 861,500.00
BREAKWATER - PIER - Wharf (other)								
Branford	Branford Point Wharf	Y		Y	\$ 1,250,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00
Stonington	Town Pier-Commercial Fishing		Y	N	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ -	\$ 250,000.00
Stamford	Cummings Marina Design		Y		\$ 236,500.00	\$ 236,500.00	\$ -	\$ 236,500.00
				TOTAL	\$ 7,938,145.47	\$ 5,905,354.80	\$ 1,488,770.07	\$ 5,905,355.40

Motion by Grant Westerson, seconded by John Johnson.

(Begins at 1:23:20) Questions and discussion with board members.

So VOTED.

10. Old Business

(Begins at 1:29:50)

(a) Executive Director Search Update

Chair Kooris noted that this will be a focal agenda item at the September Human Resources Committee meeting.

(b) Future Meeting Format

Discussion with board members regarding format, location and timing of meetings.

11. New Business

(Begins at 1:38:50) Chair Kooris noted that with the recent vacancy of the vice-chair position, he would like to make a motion to take up consideration of board chair and vice-chair. Seconded by John Johnson. So VOTED.

Chair Kooris invited motions for board chair.

Paul Hinsch made a motion to re-elect David Kooris as chair. Seconded by Tom Gill. There were no other nominations. David Kooris confirmed he would accept the two-year term. Judi Sheffele noted that the Authority doesn't have a board secretary or treasurer. David Kooris confirmed the Authority by-laws do not include those as officers. So VOTED, with Dave Pohorylo opposed.

Chair Kooris made a motion to elect Grant Westerson as vice-chair. Seconded by John Johnson. There were no other nominations. So VOTED.

(Begins at 1:44:19) Dave Pohorylo noted his desire to receive board notifications as promptly as possible.

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by John Johnson and seconded by Paul Hinsch. Meeting adjourned at 1:50pm.