



ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Section 15-31a(n) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, “for the purpose of evaluating the adequacy of the State’s maritime policies, facilities and support for maritime commerce and industry.”

**Tuesday, December 10, 2024
5:00 PM**

Location: VIRTUAL

Zoom link was provided

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

Board Attendance

Chairman Paul Whitescarver; David Kooris; John Johnson; Gaffney Feskoe; Paul Hinsch; Kristin Urbach; Tom Patton; Doug Dalena; Brian Thompson; Paul O. Robertson

Absent: Tom Gill; Mayor Passero; Chuck Roman; Mayor Elicker; Dave Pohorylo; Grant Westerson

CPA Staff/Other: Fayola Haynes; Jill Dowling-Moreno

NOTES

1. Call to Order

Chairman of the Connecticut Port Authority (CPA) Board of Directors Paul Whitescarver called the Annual Public Hearing to order at 5:03pm.

CPA Office Manager Jill Dowling-Moreno conducted roll call.

Chairman Whitescarver introduced the presentation. Pursuant to Section 15-31a(n) of the General Statutes of Connecticut for the purpose of evaluating the adequacy of the State’s maritime policies, facilities and support for maritime commerce and industry.

2. Connecticut Port Authority Presentation

(Begins at 02:06 of the audio recording)

Chairman Whitescarver provided a presentation including an update on New London State Pier operations, completion of South Fork Wind and commencement of Revolution Wind. He noted that one of the advantages of State Pier in New London is that it is the only operational heavy lift pad on the east coast that can do 5,000lbs per square foot (psf), making it a great asset for the State. He noted that Sunrise Wind is anticipated to go through late 2026/early 2027, and that other offshore wind developers are already looking at State Pier for sub-subleases for periods when State Pier is anticipated to be available in 2027.

Chairman Whitescarver provided an overview of the Small Harbor Improvement Projects Program (SHIPP) showing a couple of examples of municipalities that have received SHIPP grants. He noted that the approved application list for SHIPP Round 4 totaling approximately \$11M in projects for municipalities will be submitted to the State Bond Commission for approval. He also noted the statute from the last legislative session that allows private entities to apply for SHIPP grants going forward, and the policies that will need to be created to address this for future rounds of SHIPP.

3. Public Comment

(Begins at 05:42 of the audio recording)

None

4. Adjournment

(Begins at 08:13 of the audio recording)

Motion to adjourn made by Tom Patton, seconded by John Johnson. Hearing adjourned at 5:11pm.