NOTICE OF
SPECIAL MEETING OF
CONNECTICUT PORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, May 13, 2026
3:00 PM

Location: VIRTUAL

Zoom link was provided.

**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

Vice-Chair Grant Westerson; Gaffney Feskoe; John Johnson; Kristin Urbach; Thomas Patton; James Donegan; Robert Mezzo; Brian Thompson; Paul Hinsch; Harry Rilling; David Kooris; Doug Dalena

Absent: Chair Paul Whitescarver; Thomas Gill; Sally Kruse; Kaelie Moran; Kirti Patel; Dave Pohorylo; Felix Reyes; Christine Xenelis

Staff/Other: Michael O'Connor; Fayola Haynes; Jill Dowling-Moreno; Melissa Root; Anthony Afriyie

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**

   Vice-Chairman of the Board Grant Westerson called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

2. **Public Comment**

   None

3. **Request for Proposals (RFP) for Long Lead Electrical Equipment**

   (Begins at 2:40 of the audio recording)

   Hear and act on a request to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and enter into an agreement for Long Lead Electrical Equipment for Shore Power Connections and Cable Management System for the New London State Pier Shore Power Project.

   Michael O'Connor noted that the New London State Pier Shore Power Project with EPA grant funding continues to progress. He noted this next step of procurement of long lead electrical components for shore power connections for the cable management system. He noted that the bid from ABB of $1,724,000 is within the funds available in the budget. He noted that despite the outreach to a large number of suppliers, only three bids were received and that ABB was the only entity that bid on all four components, with the other two submissions bidding only on one component. He noted that upon review of the submissions that the Selection Committee felt ABB was the best choice, matching engineering estimates for the cost. He noted the document that was provided to the Board that outlines the basis for moving forward with the selection of ABB and to move forward with less than three bidders in accordance with the procurement manual. He noted that in addition to Board approval, the approval of the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM) designee is also needed. Paul Hinsch noted that the request is with the finance unit at OPM for their review and that a reply is anticipated in the next day or two. Michael O'Connor noted his request today for Board approval to enter into an agreement with ABB for the RFP for Long Lead Electrical Equipment and to proceed with less than three bids subject to approval of the entity at OPM.

Motion made by Thomas Patton, seconded by John Johnson.

Doug Dalena asked for clarification of the governing authority regarding the procurement policy and Michael O'Connor read the language from the procurement manual that was included in the document provided to the Board stating that if there are less than three proposals and the Connecticut Port Authority (Authority) wishes to make a selection, the Authority must supply justification and receive approval from the Board of Directors including an affirmative vote by the OPM Secretary or their designee. Paul Hinsch noted that OPM put that in the procurement manual. Michael O'Connor confirmed that it is in the Authority's procurement manual which was replicated from other procurement manuals in the state.

John Johnson asked if the equipment would monitor the amount of electricity being supplied and Michael O'Connor noted that it is not part of these components but will be addressed with the construction and engineering work to be done. Grant Westerson asked if electrical usage will be billed back to the ship and Michael O'Connor noted that it would and noted the environmental benefits.

So, VOTED with NO opposed and NO abstentions.

Michael O'Connor thanked Board members for joining the special meeting today to keep the process moving.

Michael O'Connor noted that the Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant application for Buckeye Groton Fuel Terminal that the Authority supported last year was not selected. He noted the feedback sessions the Authority and Buckeye attended this week and that the Authority is coordinating with Buckeye to determine if an application will be made for the current June 1st PIDP application deadline. He noted there may be a need for another Special Board Meeting before the end of the month to address this item as well as a potential legal settlement.

4. **Adjournment**

(Begins at 10:22 of the audio recording)

Motion to adjourn made by John Johnson, seconded by Doug Dalena. Meeting adjourned at 3:11pm.