

ILLINOIS INTERNATIONAL PORT DISTRICT

Summary Record of Proceedings of the REGULAR BOARD MEETING

February 21, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Illinois International Port District was held on Friday, February 21, 2025, at 3600 E. 95th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Roll was called at approximately 10:50 am. The following Directors were present:

Mr. Solis	Present	Ms. Cassel	Present	Ms. McClendon	Present
Dr. Sriraj	Present	Mr. Wisniewski	Present	Ms. Sanchez-Azadeh	Present
Ms. Edwards	Present	Ms. Rodriguez	Present		

A quorum was present.

Also present: Erik Varela, Executive Director; Maria Limonciello, IIPD; LaKesha Lundy, IIPD Treasurer; and Brad Smith, Neal and Leroy.

General public present: Mark Wagstaff, Smith Group; Zubair Haidar, Baxter & Woodman; Jack Eskin, HNTB; and John Yonan, Collins Engineering.

Chairman Solis requested a Motion to allow Secretary Dart to attend the meeting via teleconference. The Motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez, seconded by Mr. Wisniewski, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Solis welcomed new Board member Betty Sanchez-Azadeh.

REPORTS ON STANDING COMMITTEES

Leases and Agreements Committee Report – Items requiring action.

Adoption of Committee Minutes

Chairman Solis reported the Leases and Agreements Committee recommended the Board of Directors approve the Committee's January 21, 2025 meeting minutes and requested a Motion for approval. The Motion was made by Mr. Wisniewski, seconded by Ms. Rodriguez, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Finance and Personnel Committee Report – Items requiring action

Adoption of Committee Minutes

Chairman Solis reported the Finance and Personnel Committee recommended the Board of Directors approve the Committee's January 21, 2025 meeting minutes and requested a Motion for approval. The Motion was made by Dr. Sriraj, seconded by Ms. Rodriguez, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Adoption of Financial Reports

Chairman Solis reported the Finance and Personnel Committee recommended the Board of Directors approve the December 2024 Financial Reports and requested a Motion for approval. The Motion was made by Dr. Sriraj, seconded by Ms. Rodriguez, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Finance and Personnel Committee Report – Items requiring action (continued)

Adoption of Financial Reports

Chairman Solis reported the Finance and Personnel Committee postponed approval of the January 2025 Financial Reports.

PIDP Grant

Chairman Solis reported no action is required.

Professional Service Agreement – Arcadis (Climate and Resiliency Plan)

Chairman Solis reported the Finance and Personnel Committee recommended the Board of Directors approve the Arcadis professional service agreement and requested a Motion to approve. The Motion was made by Ms. Cassel, seconded by Ms. Rodriguez, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution Designating BMO Signatures

Chairman Solis reported no action is required.

Professional Services Contract Renewals

Chairman Solis reported the Finance and Personnel Committee recommended the Board of Directors approve the 2025 renewal of the professional service contracts with Raimondo and Associates, the Gurgone Group, and Morreale Communications. Chairman Solis requested a Motion for omnibus approval. The Motion was made by Ms. Cassel, seconded by Dr. Sriraj and the Motion passed unanimously.

Emergency Electrical Service – Shed 1

Chairman Solis reported the Finance and Personnel Committee recommended the Board of Directors approve an emergency expenditure relating to the fire in Shed 1 and recommended the leasing of a generator to supply electricity to Shed 1 at a monthly cost not to exceed \$14,800. Chairman Solis requested a Motion to approve this rental agreement. The Motion was made by Ms. Cassel, seconded by Ms. Rodriguez, and the Motion passed unanimously.

ADOPTION OF BOARD MINUTES

After review, Chairman Solis requested a Motion to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2025, Board of Directors meeting. The Motion was made by Dr. Sriraj, seconded by Ms. Rodriguez, and the Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Solis reported there was no Old Business to be addressed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Solis reported there was no business to discuss in Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Solis reported there was no New Business to be addressed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Varela reported:

- IIPD staff have placed various barriers at the entrances of the Clean Harbor site along Stony Island to prevent vehicular trespass.
- He will be meeting with a potential tenant and providing a site tour of available land and warehouse space at Lake Calumet. Representatives from World Business Chicago will also attend. The tour will focus on vacant parcels within Lake Calumet and one quadrant of warehouse space in Shed 4.
- The Clean Ports Program, which was funded by the Inflation Reduction Act, appears to be entirely frozen. Ports are unable to withdraw money from their accounts. The ILEPA informed the IIPD they have not received any communications regarding cancellation of the grant and are currently developing the various bid documents necessary to bring aboard consultants and program management identified in the grant. However, they do not know if funding requests will be honored when submitted.
- He will be speaking at the annual Shipmasters Industry Day.
- He will be attending the AGLPA DC Fly-in to advocate for port interests and explore federal opportunities and meet with MARAD regarding the status of our PIDP grant agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

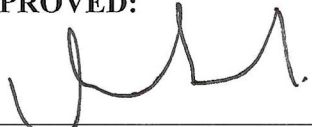
ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Board, Chairman Solis requested a Motion to adjourn. The Motion was made by Dr. Sriraj, seconded by Ms. Rodriguez, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Next Scheduled Meeting

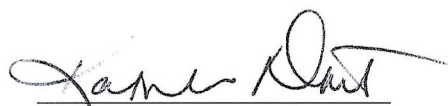
The next Board of Directors meeting, the Leases and Agreements Committee meeting, and the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting will be held on Friday, March 21, 2025 at 3600 E. 95th Street, Chicago, Illinois. The Leases and Agreements Committee meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m., followed by the Finance and Personnel Committee. The Regular Board Meeting will follow the adjournment of the Finance and Personnel Committee.

APPROVED:



Ivan Solis
Chairman

ATTESTED:



Kathleen Dart
Secretary