

ILLINOIS INTERNATIONAL PORT DISTRICT

Summary Record of Proceedings of the REGULAR BOARD MEETING

July 18, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Illinois International Port District was held on Friday, July 18, 2025, at the offices of the IIPD, at 3600 E. 95th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Roll was called at approximately 8:45 am. The following Directors were present:

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

A quorum was present.

Also present: Erik Varela, Executive Director; Maria Limonciello, IIPD; Counsel Brad Smith, Neal and Leroy, LLC, and IIPD Treasurer LaKesha Lundy (via teleconference).

General Public Present: Jack Eskin, HNTB; Ma Cherry Trivedi; Bria Scudder, State of Illinois; Jonathan Garcia, IDOT; Robyn Grange, Director of Community Engagement-Argonne National Laboratory; and Grant Crowley, Crowley's Yacht Yard.

Chairman Solis requested a Motion to allow Treasurer Lundy to attend the meeting via teleconference. The Motion was made by Ms. Cassel, seconded by Ms. Edwards, and the Motion passed unanimously.

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 June 20, 2025 meeting minutes and requested a Motion for approval. The Motion was made by Ms. Cassel, seconded by Ms. Rodriguez, and the Motion passed unanimously.

FTZ Operating Agreements

Chairman Solis reported that the Leases and Agreements Committee recommended the Board of Directors approve the FTZ Operating Agreements with Lear Jet Inc. and Michaels Store Procurement Company. Chairman Solis requested a Motion of unanimous consent, approving the two FTZ Operating Agreements. The Motion was made by Ms. Cassel, seconded by Ms. Edwards, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Finance and Personnel Committee Report – Items requiring action

Chairman Solis reported that the Finance and Personnel Committee recommended the Board of Directors approve:

- 1) The Committee's June 20, 2025 meeting minutes.
- 2) April 2025 Financial Reports.
- 3) May 2025 Financial Reports.
- 4) June 2025 Financial Reports.
- 5) IIPD 2024 Audit.
- 6) Issuance of an RFP for Security Services and preparation and delivery of a non-renewal notice to Gomez Security.

Chairman Solis requested a Motion of unanimous consent, approving the six items. The Motion was made by Ms. Cassel, seconded by Dr. Sriraj, and the Motion passed unanimously.

ADOPTION OF BOARD MINUTES

After review, Chairman Solis requested a Motion to approve the Board of Directors meeting minutes from the June 20, 2025 Board of Directors meeting. The Motion was made by Ms. Cassel, seconded by Ms. Edwards, 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:

- A Community Night at the Range event was held at Harborside on July 2. KemperSports and NASCO sponsored the event.
- Filming of the movie "Enemies" took place at the IIPD from July 1-5. A24 Productions utilized the area around the South Grain Elevator for filming.
- The Chicago & Western Port Council held its annual golf outing and awards banquet at Harborside on June 25. The IIPD was presented with the "Friend of Maritime" Award in recognition of the IIPD's improvements and commitment to promoting shipping.
- The American Great Lakes Ports Annual Meeting will be held in Chicago on August 14-15.
- The latest issue of the IIPD Newsletter will be distributed before the end of the month.
- He is working on marketing vacant space at the IIPD.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT (CONTINUED)

Grant Updates

- MARAD/IDOT PIDP Dock Wall
IIPD will submit a second request to MARAD for spending authority to ensure interim reimbursement until the agreement is fully executed. Additionally, the IIPD is working with IDOT to secure the required grant agreement to obtain matching funds. An update from the engineering team on status and scheduling will be provided to the Finance and Personnel Committee in August.
- USEPA Clean Ports
IIPD's review and preparation of the grant agreement is ongoing. The IIPD has enrolled in the State Comptroller's Direct Deposit Program to expedite future fund disbursements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

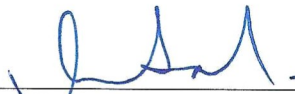
ADJOURNMENT

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

Next Scheduled Meeting

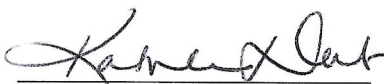
The next Board of Directors meeting, the Leases and Agreements Committee meeting, and the Finance and Personal Committee meeting will be held on Friday, August 15, 2025 at 3600 E. 95th Street, Chicago, Illinois. The Leases and Agreements Committee meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m., followed by the Finance 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