

ILLINOIS INTERNATIONAL PORT DISTRICT
Leases and Agreements Committee Meeting

April 17, 2026

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

Members Present:

Averil Edwards, Chair
Henry Wisniewski
Danielle Cassel
Michelle McClendon
Erika Rodriguez

Others Present:

Ivan Solis, Ex Officio Member	
Betty Sanchez, Director	Erik Varela, Executive Director
PS. Sriraj, Director	Maria Limonciello, IIPD
LeKesha Lundy, Treasurer	Ma Cherry Trivedi, IIPD
Brad Smith, Neal & Leroy	

Committee Chairwoman Edwards opened the meeting of the Leases and Agreements Committee at approximately 8:05 am. Roll was taken and a quorum was present.

General Public Present: See attached list of members of the public present.

Committee Chairwoman Edwards made a Motion to take the meeting agenda out of order to allow public comment, the Motion seconded by Ms. Cassel, and the Motion passed unanimously. See page 2 for Public Comment summary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Chairwoman Edwards requested a Motion recommending the Board of Directors approve the Leases and Agreements Committee meeting minutes from March 20, 2026. The Motion was made by Ms. Cassel, seconded by Ms. Rodriguez, and the Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee Chairwoman Edwards reported there was no Old Business to be addressed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion of litigation matters pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.
Discussion of property lease matters pursuant to Section 2(c)(6) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.
Committee Chairwoman Edwards deferred any discussion to the Board meeting executive session.

NEW BUSINESS

FTZ Operating Agreement – Progressive Components International Corporation

Committee Chairwoman Edwards reported that Progressive Components International Corporation has submitted a request for FTZ Operating Agreement relating to its warehousing facility in Wauconda. Progressive Components International develops, designs, procures, warehouses and distributes components for the construction and the repair of molds for the plastic molding and die cast industries.

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

Chairwoman Edwards made a Motion recommending the Board of Directors approve the standard IIPD FTZ Operating Agreement as prepared by counsel and in accordance with the summary sheet presented. The Motion was seconded by Ms. Cassel, and the Motion passed unanimously.

FTZ Operating Agreement Amendment – FNS, Inc

Committee Chairwoman Edwards reported that FNS, Inc. has submitted a request to amend its existing FTZ Operating Agreement. FNS, Inc. is expanding its space within its existing warehouse in Joliet.

After discussion, Ms. Cassel made a Motion recommending the Board of Directors approve the amendment to the FNS, Inc. FTZ Operating Agreement as prepared by legal counsel. The Motion was seconded by Ms. McClendon, and the Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Gino Becerra, Vice President, Great Lakes NASCO read a statement. The statement is attached.

Mr. Joe Perez, ILA

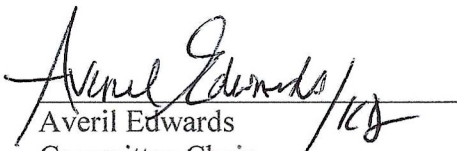
Mr. Perez introduced the International Longshoreman Association (ILA) and its work at the Port of Chicago, stating that the ILA was founded at the Port of Chicago in 1877. He stated that the ILA now represents 85,000 members nationwide. He stated that the ILA members are still the skilled workforce moving cargo through the Port facility every day.

Mr. Perez stated that the ILA is the certified bargaining agent for the workers and is currently negotiating a contract for ILA members employed at QSL. He stated that the ILA's goal is an agreement that reflects the training, safety and professionalism of its members, while maintaining the efficiencies the Port requires. He stated that the ILA recognizes the IIPD's critical role of overseeing these economic gateways and is committed to concluding negotiations in a manner that benefits its members and the long-term strength of the IIPD.

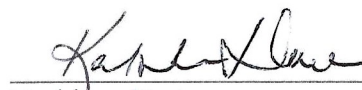
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Committee Chair Edwards requested a Motion to adjourn. The Motion was made by Ms. Cassel, seconded by Ms. McClendon, and the Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:


Averil Edwards
Committee Chair

ATTESTED:


Kathleen Dart
Secretary

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Statement From Mr. Gino Becerra, Vice President, Great Lakes NASCO

We thank you for the opportunity to provide an update on the following matters.

We regret that the Board has been placed in the middle of a jurisdictional dispute between two labor organizations. That being said, QSL also honors the importance of the right of workers to organize and has been working with organized labor throughout its network since the very beginning of its existence. Since November 2025, we have been negotiating with the International Longshoremen's Association and our negotiations have been productive, professional, and, at times, spirited. We are currently very close to reaching a final agreement, with only a few outstanding issues remaining.

As you requested, we are pleased to provide you with the following status report on various pending legal matters including, details on the ongoing matters at issue amongst the various grievances pending with the NLRB as well as on the complaints and violations with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) concerning operations at IIPD terminals.

NLRB Matters

NASCO recently submitted its position statement to the NLRB with respect to the charge filed by the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 150, AFL-CIO ("IUOE") and alleging that NASCO violated the National Labor Relations Act "by interfering with employees' Section 7 rights by dominating and providing unlawful assistance to ILA Locals 2038 and 1969."

In its detailed submissions, NASCO explained to the NLRB how these allegations are factually and legally unfounded and should be dismissed in their entirety. As you know, the IUOE previously disclaimed any interest in representing NASCO's employees and only rescinded that disclaimer after the ILA had been certified as the collective bargaining representative. Under such circumstances, NASCO has demonstrated to the NLRB that it did not provide unlawful assistance to the ILA by entering into and complying with a market-standard and lawful neutrality agreement. NASCO has further demonstrated that there has not been, in any circumstances, any unlawful employer assistance to the ILA, nor any coercion, threats, or retaliation against employees.

The NLRB has expressly indicated that this matter is being treated as a priority case. NASCO continues to cooperate fully with the process in order to have it resolved as soon as possible. We will provide further updates as they become available.

Health and Safety Matters

NASCO continues to firmly deny all of IUOE's allegations and claims relating to health and safety concerns. As we mentioned in our last correspondence addressed to the Board, NASCO reached a settlement agreement with OSHA in early December 2025, under which OSHA vacated five (5) of the initial citations it had issued, and requalified the seven (7) other citations as "other-than-serious." The details of these citations are publicly available on OSHA's website.

Mr. Gino Becerra Statement continued

We can now confirm that abatements have been completed to OSHA's satisfaction for all of the remaining citations, except for one dealing with the repair and recertification of one of the two cranes referenced in OSHA's citations which are expected to be completed by the end of May or early June. Until repairs and recertification are completed, this crane will remain out of service. The other crane referenced in OSHA's citations has been fully repaired and recertified as of March 12, 2026.

We also want to remind you that, in December 2025, our Chicago terminal was successfully recertified by BSI Group, a leading international standards and certification organization renowned for the rigor and credibility of its audits. The terminal passed its ISO 45001 recertification audit (the international standard for Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems), as well as its ISO 14001 recertification audit (the international standard for Environmental Management Systems).

In addition, our teams conduct frequent internal audits and verification activities, working closely with both internal and external experts to maintain robust oversight and operational discipline. QSL considers employee welfare and health and safety obligations across its network to be of the utmost importance. These principles remain central to how we manage our operations, engage with our workforce, and govern our labor relations.

In closing, QSL has been operating in Chicago for more than 20 years, and we are committed to continuing our collaboration to support the Port's growth. In each of our prior communications and meetings, we have requested the opportunity to establish an ongoing dialogue. We respectfully reiterate that request and would welcome a working session to discuss how we can collectively achieve these goals.

NASCO has always respected core jurisdiction and remains committed to operating in a professional, efficient, and cooperative manner that benefits the Port of Chicago and the surrounding community.

Thank you for your time and consideration

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Wilfred Quinn	Associate General Counsel Local 150
Kristine Kavanagh	Local 150
Freddy Alvarez	Local 150
Ray Sundine	Local 150 Director of Organizing
Alex Munoz	QSL
Arturo Cortes	QSL
Braulio Partida	NASCO
Carlos Saldana	NASCO
Clemens Gizynski	Local 150/QSL/NASCO
DaVonne Taylor	QSL
George Kyriakakis	Local 150/QSL
Hector Valadez	NASCO
Heriberto Gutierrez	Local 150
Jesus Vasquez	NASCO
Jonathon Rodriguez	NASCO
Leo Lopez	NASCO
Manuel Roa	Local 150/NASCO
Oscar Ornelas	NASCO/Local 150
Richard Betz	NASCO
Richard Hernandez	QSL/NASCO
Terrill McWilliams	NASCO/Local 150
Uriel Sanchez	QSL
Alfredo A	NASCO
Alyssa Bonnila	QSL
Andre C	NASCO
Antonio Salinas	QSL
Armando Ocampo	QSL
Armundo Romin	QSL
B Stewart	Arcadis
B. Tipres	NASCO
Cassandra Raye	QSL
Cerashaan Davis	QSL
Darrius Sanders	NASCO
Dominick Sanchez	NASCO
Edwin Orellana	NASCO
Fabiola R	NASCO
Francisco Martinez	QSL
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Isidro Martinez	NASCO
J Cabrales	NASCO
J Resendiz	Local 150
Jaimee Ramiroz	Local 150
Jamariyon Hopkins	QSL
Jessica Soto	QSL
Joaquin Morales	NASCO
Joe Perez	ILA
Josh Wilkinson	QSL
Kellie Tovar	QSL
LeeAnn Tomas	Arcadis
Lucian Viveroz	QSL
Malcom McNeal	QSL
Manny Vela	QSL
Manuel Rea	NASCO
Mark McGregor	QSL
Martin Sanders	QSL
Mike Starble	QSL
Nancy Jaramillo	QSL
Niccie Zabala	QSL
Norberto Ames	QSL
R Cruz	QSL
R Jonas	NASCO
Richard Hyedl	QSL
Robert Gatliff	NASCO
Ruben Ramirez	NASCO
Rudy Luna	NASCO
S Avry	Local 150
S Cray	QSL
Scott Peterson	QSL
Sharon Campos	QSL
Spencer Hudson	QSL
Steve Spicer	QSL
Todd Aldrich	ILA 1969
V Marinez	QSL
Veronica Adorno	NASCO
Wallace Easley	QSL
Marcus Jordan	
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