

ILLINOIS INTERNATIONAL PORT DISTRICT
Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting

July 24, 2026

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

Members Present:

Ivan Solis, Committee Chair
PS Sriraj (via teleconference)
Henry Wisniewski
Danielle Cassel
Erika Rodriguez
Betty Sanchez

Others Present:

Averil Edwards, Director
Marcus Jordan, Director
Michelle McClendon, Director (via teleconference)
Brad Smith, Neal & Leroy
LaKesha Lundy, Treasurer
Erik Varela, Executive Director

Committee Chairman Solis opened the meeting of the Finance and Personnel Committee at approximately 8:25 am. Roll was taken and a quorum was present.

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

Committee Chairman Solis requested a Motion allow Director McClendon and Committee Member, Director Sriraj to attend the meeting via teleconference. The Motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez, seconded by Mr. Wisniewski, and the Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Chairman Solis requested a Motion recommending the Board of Directors approve the June 23, 2026 minutes of the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting, subject to the correction of the spelling of Mr. Varela's name on page one. The Motion was made by Ms. Cassel, and was seconded by Ms. Sanchez, and the Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The June 2026 Financial Statements were presented. After review and discussion, Treasurer Lundy recommended approval of the June 2026 Financial Statements.

Ms. Cassel made a Motion recommending the Board of Directors approve the June 2026 Financial Statements. The Motion was seconded by Ms. Sanchez and the Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Lundy reported she met with Marquette and Associates earlier in the week to discuss the performance of the pension investments. She reported net cash flow increasing, and the overall performance is on track, if not above expectations.

Treasurer Lundy reported work has begun on the 2027 Budget. As part of the process, she is working with the Executive Director and COO on the review of current vendors and costs, making sure that each vendor is the best fit for the IIPD.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 26-02– Authorization of Easement Conveyance relating to Doty Ditch Maintenance
Counsel Smith reported this document relates to the Doty Avenue Ditch Maintenance IDOT Intergovernmental Agreement that was approved at the June meeting. The Resolution relates to the conveyance of a permanent easement to IDOT for the permanent maintenance of the Doty Avenue ditch.

Ms. Cassel made a Motion recommending the Board of Directors adopt Resolution 26-02 which authorizes the easement conveyance relating to the Doty Ditch maintenance. The Motion was seconded by Ms. Sanchez, and the Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion of personnel matters pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Ill. Open Meetings Act.
Discussion of litigation matters pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of the Ill. Open Meetings Act.

Committee Chairman Solis reported there was no business requiring discussion in Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 26-03– Authorization of Application for 2026 FEMA Port Security Grant
Executive Director Varela reported the application relates to a grant for security equipment at Lake Calumet offered through FEMA, Homeland Security. The grant will include replacing and adding new security cameras at Lake Calumet. The IIPD received a similar grant in 2022 for Iroquois Landing. The application is due July 24, with the award being issued in September/October. The project cost is estimated at two million dollars, the IIPD would be responsible for a 25% match. The Resolution is required to allow the IIPD to apply for the grant.

Ms. Cassel made a Motion recommending the Board of Directors adopt Resolution 26-03 which authorizes the application for the 2026 FEMA Port Security Grant. The Motion was seconded by Ms. Sanchez, and the Motion passed unanimously.

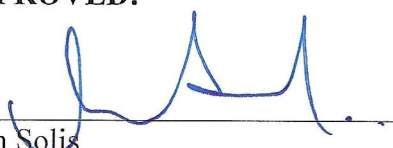
PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED:


Ivan Solis
Committee Chairman

ATTESTED:


Kathleen Dart
Secretary

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Public In Attendance	
Ray Sundine	Local 150 Director of Organizing
Freddy Alvarez	Local 150
Kristine Kavanagh	Local 150
Acy Wartsbaugh	Local 150
Alex Munoz	QSL
Braulio Partida	QSL
Clemens Gizynski	QSL
DaVonne Taylor	
George Kyriakakis	QSL
Hector Roman	QSL
Heriberto Gufiank	QSL
Jesus Vasquez	QSL
Johnathan Delgado	QSL
Johnathan	QSL
Leonardo Lopez	QSL
Manuel Roa	QSL
Oscar Ornelas	QSL/150
Richard Betz	
Uriel Sanchez	QSL
John P	
KJ Anderson	Resident
*Please excuse misspellings or typos	