

ILLINOIS INTERNATIONAL PORT DISTRICT
Leases and Agreements Committee Meeting

August 21, 2026

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

Members Present:

Averil Edwards, Chair
Henry Wisniewski
Danielle Cassel
Michelle McClendon
Erika Rodriguez (via teleconference)
Ivan Solis, Ex Officio Member

Others Present:

Betty Sanchez, Director
PS. Sriraj, Director (via teleconference)
Marcus Jordan, Director
Brad Smith, Neal & Leroy
Erik Varela, Executive Director
Ma Cherry Trivedi, IIPD COO

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Chairwoman Edwards requested a Motion recommending the Board of Directors approve the Leases and Agreements Committee meeting minutes from July 24, 2026. The Motion was made by Ms. Cassel, seconded by Mr. Wisniewski, and the Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

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

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 requested a Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a litigation matters pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) and property lease matters pursuant to Section 2(c)(6) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. The Motion was made by Ms. Cassel, seconded by Mr. Wisniewski, and the Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion was concluded, Committee Chairwoman Edwards requested a Motion to exit Executive Session. The Motion was made by Ms. McClendon, seconded by Ms. Cassel, and the Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Chairwoman Edwards reported there was no New Business to be discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Gino Becerra, Vice President, Great Lakes Region NASCO.

Mr. Becerra provided the following update to the Committee:

- The significant storms that have recently hit the area have caused material damage to the terminal, no injuries occurred.
- Repairs are underway, power was restored last night (August 20) after some challenges, and the terminal has full power. They are now working on communications, with the fiber optic lines to be reinstalled in the next few days.
- Due to the material damage that occurred, service to customers was shut down for a few days to make sure the terminal area was safe. Everything is now back to normal.
- Communications are currently being handled by Starlink Satellite while the fiber optic lines are under repair.
- From the business point of view:
 - Volume is up 16% from the same six-month period in 2025.
 - It is QSL's understanding that the trade agreement between US and Canada is about to be signed, and if that is the case, volume should resume as before.
 - They have two new customers at Lake Calumet that will allow them to double the volume that they have been handling at Lake Calumet. This will start in September.
 - They have two new customers on rail that will triple the number of cars that they have been getting at the terminal. There is a challenge with the rail service because of the ongoing Local 150 picketing. They are in the process of working out an agreement with CN, so CN will service QSL twice a week instead of once a week, which will enable them to handle the new cars coming in.
- Regarding the NLRB situation. QSL is respectful of the NLRB process and understands it takes time. Yesterday, they received notification from the NLRB that two of the charges against QSL were closed. They are following up with the remaining charges. It takes time for the NLRB to resolve the cases.

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED:


Averil Edwards
Committee Chair

ATTESTED:


Kathleen Dart
Secretary

August 21, 2026 Leases and Agreements Committee Public In Attendance	
Ray Sundine	Local 150 Director of Organizing
Freddy Alvarez	Local 150
Kristine Kavanagh	Local 150
Wilfred Quinn	Associate General Counsel Local 150
Acy Wartsbaugh	Local 150
Andrew Walsh	Local 150
Glenn Minyard	Local 150, Safety Coordinator
Clemens Gizynski	QSL
DaVonne Taylor	Local 150
George Kyriakakis	QSL
Hector Roman	QSL
Heriberto Gutrirz	QSL
Jayla Betz	QSL
Johnathan R	QSL
Manuel Roa	QSL
Oscar Ornelas	QSL/150
Richard Betz	
Uriel Sanchez	QSL
John P	
Mike Staehle	QSL
Gino Becerra	QSL, VP Great Lakes Region
John Yonan	Collins Engineers
Mark Wagstaff	Smith Group
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