ILLINOIS INTERNATIONAL PORT DISTRICT

Summary Record of Proceedings
of the
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

September 18, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Illinois International Port District was held on Friday, September 18, 2026, 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. Edwards	Present	Ms. McClendon	Present
Ms. Rodriguez	Present	Mr. Jordan	Present	Mr. Wisniewski	Present
Ms. Sanchez	Present	Dr. Sriraj	Present	Ms. Cassel (via teleconference)	

Also present: Erik Varela, Executive Director; Ma Cherry Trivedi, IIPD COO, LaKesha Lundy, Treasurer, and Counsel Brad Smith, Neal and Leroy, LLC.

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

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

REPORTS ON STANDING COMMITTEES

Leases and Agreements Committee Report. – Items requiring action

Adoption of Committee Meeting Minutes

Chairman Solis reported the Leases and Agreements Committee recommended the Board of Directors approve the August 21, 2026 meeting minutes. A Motion to approve was made by Ms. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Rodriguez, and the Motion passed unanimously.

FTZ Operating Agreements

1. DSV Contract Logistics, LLC
2. SB CFS, Inc.

Chairman Solis reported the Leases and Agreements Committee recommended the Board of Directors approve the FTZ Operating Agreements with DSV Contract Logistics, LLC and SB CFS, Inc. Chairman Solis requested a Motion for approval. The Motion was made by Ms. Edwards, seconded by Ms. McClendon, 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 August 21, 2026 minutes and requested a Motion for approval. The Motion was made by Ms. Sanchez, seconded by Mr. Jordan, and the Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS ON STANDING COMMITTEES (continued)

Finance and Personnel Committee Report – Items requiring action

Adoption of Financial Reports
Chairman Solis reported the Finance and Personnel Committee recommended the Board of Directors approve the July 2026 and August 2026 Financials Reports and requested a Motion to approve. The Motion was made by Mr. Jordan, the Motion was seconded by Ms. Sanchez, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of IIPD 2025 Audit Report
Chairman Solis reported the Finance and Personnel Committee recommended the Board of Directors approve the IIPD 2025 Audit Report, prepared by Baker Tilly, and requested a Motion to approve. The Motion was made by Ms. Sanchez, the Motion was seconded by Ms. Edwards, and the Motion passed unanimously.

IIPD 2026/2027 Insurance Renewal
Chairman Solis reported the Finance and Personnel Committee recommended the Board of Directors approve the IIPD 2026/2027 IIPD Insurance renewal and requested a Motion to approve. The Motion was made by Ms. Sanchez, the Motion was seconded by Mr. Jordan, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Equipment Acquisition Approval – Boom Lift
Chairman Solis reported the Finance and Personnel Committee recommended the Board of Directors approve the acquisition of a Boom Lift, at a cost not to exceed $20,000. Chairman Solis requested a Motion to approve. The Motion was made by Mr. Jordan, the Motion was seconded by Ms. Sanchez, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Maintenance and Repair Items
Chairman Solis reported the Finance and Personnel Committee recommended the Board of Directors approve:

1) The repair of a broken water line behind Shed 3, and the installation of a new ground-level yard hydrant at Lake Calumet at a cost not to exceed $23,000.
2) The upgrading of the storm water management system at the Lake Calumet Pump House at a cost not to exceed $31,000.
3) The annual fire protection system testing and inspection, and the replacement of two system valve/components at 12800 S Butler Drive, at a cost not to exceed $22,000.

Chairman Solis requested a Motion to approve the above items 1, 2 and 3. The Motion was made by Ms., Sanchez, the Motion was seconded by Dr. Sriraj, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda item "Maintenance – Lake Calumet Mission Building Water Valve Replacement" does not require Board action.

REPORTS ON STANDING COMMITTEES (continued)

Finance and Personnel Committee Report – Items requiring action

Resolution 26-04: Federal PROTECT Grant for Stormwater Management Plan
Chairman Solis reported the Finance and Personnel Committee recommended the Board of Directors approve Resolution 26-04 and requested a Motion to approve. The Motion was made by Ms. Sanchez, the Motion was seconded by Ms. Edwards, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 26-05: Funding and Phase I Design for the Lake Calumet Trail
Chairman Solis reported the Finance and Personnel Committee recommended the Board of Directors approve Resolution 26-05 and requested a Motion to approve. The Motion was made by Ms. Sanchez, the Motion was seconded by Mr. Jordan, and the Motion passed unanimously.

ADOPTION OF BOARD MINUTES

Adoption of Minutes
Chairman Solis requested a Motion to approve the Board of Directors' August 21, 2026 meeting minutes. The Motion was made by Ms. Sanchez, seconded by Ms. Edwards and the Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Solis 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 Ill Open Meetings Act.
Discussion of personnel matters pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

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

NEW BUSINESS

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Varela reported on several items including:

- The IIPD is undertaking a coordinated modernization of the policies, agreements, and fee structures governing maritime operations at the Port. Detailed information will be provided at the October and November meetings.
- The IIPD is implementing required staff training and preparing the necessary cybersecurity assessment, plan, manuals, and operating procedures. The IIPD has applied for a federal grant to install new cameras along the Lake Calumet dock and will pursue additional funding and investments to extend modern CCTV coverage to other areas throughout the Port.
- IIPD management is meeting with St. Moritz (security contractor) to review their digital system and is now testing a new digital gate check-in form.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT (CONTINUED)

- The Tenant Compliance Checklist has been updated to require monthly incident reporting to IIPD. The updated checklist will be reissued to all tenants by end of September 2026.
- Status of the Shed Roof Replacement Project:
  - Shed 4 main roof replacement is 100% complete. DCG to complete gutters and flashing.
  - Shed 4 canopies – 100% of north canopy deck has been replaced; and 25% of the south canopy deck has been replaced. Re-roofing work is forthcoming.
  - Shed 2 – 66% of the main roof has been replaced. DCG to complete gutters and flashing.
- A Travel Policy is being drafted.
- He will be attending the AAPA conference in New Orleans at the end of September.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Wilfred Quinn, Associate General Counsel, Local 150. Mr. Quinn stated he has been thinking about how the ongoing labor dispute has played out and how it has not pleased anyone involved. He stated that it has been over one year and it has caused stress and uncertainty for everyone, especially the workers. He stated that the dispute will continue as long as it needs to.

Mr. Quinn stated he wanted to talk about looking forward, to answer the question how the IIPD can avoid a situation like the labor dispute in the future by being proactive now. He stated the first solution he proposes is a Responsible Bidder Ordinance ("RBO"). He stated he is not familiar with the IIPD's procurement and vendor policy or how it selects between bidders, but assumes the lowest bidder has the advantage. He stated that an RBO allows a government body to consider other things other than cost. He stated that the labor dispute is a great example of if you only look at cost, and you do not look at qualifications and practices of a company, any money saved in upfront costs is far outweighed by the problems and costs incurred further down the line. He stated that RBOs allow you to look at proof of the contractors licensing, require disclosure of state, federal and OSHA violations, get qualifications and references, require proof of training, and proof of apprenticeship programs. He stated there are many ways the IIPD can use RBOs to be able to safeguard the Port from irresponsible contractors such as QSL.

Mr. Quinn stated the other solution he would recommend is Project Labor Agreements ("PLAs"). He stated that PLAs are agreements between an owner, labor and contractor/construction company doing the work. He stated that a PLA sets the terms and conditions on a project before it begins, everyone is in agreement. He stated that PLAs commonly carry a no strike clause for the duration of the project. He stated that PLA's help to avoid this situation and ensure projects come in on time and on budget. He stated that PLAs are commonly used in Illinois, and referenced the new Google HQs project had a PLA, with many unions on site, and there was no labor dispute, and also referenced the Jane Byrne Interchange project was done under a PLA and there were no work stoppages.

Mr. Quinn stated that he encourages the Board to consider the approaches he has mentioned and its familiarity with the maritime industry to consider how we can avoid a situation like the ongoing labor dispute in the future and how we can protect the workers at the Port.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Board, Chairman Solis requested a Motion to adjourn at approximately 9:15 am. The Motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez, seconded by Dr. Sriraj, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Next Regularly 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, October 16, 2026 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

September 18, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting Public In Attendance	
Wilfred Quinn	Associate General Counsel Local 150
Freddy Alvarez	Local 150
Kristine Kavanagh	Local 150
Andrew Kavalauskas	IUOE 150
Glenn Minyard	Local 150, Safety Coordinator
Justin Kuehn	Local 150
Emilia Ruszel	Local 150
R. Avelda	Local 150
Clemens Gizynski	QSL
Heriberto Gutierrez	QSL
Jesus Zavala	QSL
Manuel Roa	QSL
Richard Betz	QSL
Richard Hernandez	QSL
John P	
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