



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Jacksonville Port Authority
2831 Talleyrand Avenue
December 9, 2024**

A meeting of the Jacksonville Port Authority Board of Directors was held on Monday, December 9, 2024 at the Port Central Office Building, 2831 Talleyrand Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida. Chair Wendy Hamilton called the meeting to order at 9:00AM and welcomed all attendees. Board Member Patrick Kilbane led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Board Members Attending:

Ms. Wendy Hamilton, Chair
Mr. Palmer Clarkson, Vice Chair
Ms. Soo Gilvarry, Treasurer
Mr. Tom Slater, Secretary
Mr. Daniel Bean, Member
Mr. Patrick Kilbane, Member

Other Attendees:

Mr. Eric Green, Chief Executive Officer
Ms. Beth McCague, Chief of Staff
Mr. Joey Greive, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Robert Peek, Chief Commercial Officer
Mr. James Bennett, Chief Operating Officer
Ms. Linda Williams, Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Chelsea Kavanagh, Chief Communications Officer
Mr. Nick Primrose, Chief, Regulatory Compliance
Mr. Reece Wilson, Office of General Counsel
Mr. Chris Miller, City Council Liaison
Ms. Rebecca Dicks, Board Liaison

Approval of Minutes

Chair Hamilton called for approval of the October 28, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes. After a motion by Mr. Bean and a second by Mr. Clarkson, the Board unanimously approved the minutes as submitted.

Public Comments

Chair Hamilton called for comments from the public. There were no public comments.

Presentations

Ms. Beth McCague recognized Susan Stewart, Legislative Aide, for reaching her 10-year milestone and thanked her for her service. Ms. McCague also recognized Neil Stephens, Manager, Public Safety Administration, for reaching his 10-year milestone and thanked him for his service.

Mr. James Bennett recognized Suzanne Hamrock, Process Specialist, for reaching her 10-year milestone and thanked her for her service. Mr. Bennett also recognized Brandon Blanton, Asset Manager, for reaching his 15-year milestone and thanked him for his service.

New Business

BD2024-12-01 Public Transportation Grant Agreement JAXPORT Rail Expansion for Aggregate Distribution Financial Project 454937-1

Mr. Justin Ryan presented this submission for Board approval of a Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to conduct a port-wide rail network Planning, Development, and Environmental (PD&E) study. FDOT and JAXPORT have agreed that FDOT will provide funds of \$2,625,000.00 under Reimbursement Payment Provisions according to the terms and conditions of the Public Transportation Grant Agreement.

After a motion by Mr. Clarkson and a second by Mr. Slater, the Board voted to approve this submission.

AC2024-11-01 Terminal Development for SET CM at Risk GMP8 Packages – JE Dunn Construction Co.

Mr. James Bennett presented this submission for Board approval of the issuance of Project Continuation Order (CPO) No. 17 to JE Dunn Construction Company in the amount of \$5,527,247.00 for Terminal Development at SET – CM at Risk GMP8. The total contract cost to include Change Order No. 1 – 17 will be \$133,150,724.13.

After a motion by Ms. Gilvarry and a second by Mr. Bean, the Board voted to approve this submission.

BD2024-12-02 Contribution to SET Auto Processing Development at Blount Island

Mr. James Bennett presented this submission for Board approval of a \$6,000,000 contribution to Southeast Toyota Blount Island Auto Processing Terminal Development due to its size and scale of the project. The development of this project secures JAXPORT's position as a national leader in the vehicle import/export cargo segment.

After a motion by Mr. Clarkson and a second by Ms. Gilvarry, the Board voted to approve this submission.

**AC2024-11-02 BIMT Roof Rehabilitation, B35 Shed #1
Tecta America Corp.**

Mr. James Bennett presented this submission for Board approval of a budget transfer to create a new capital project in the amount of \$1,779,550.00 and to approve the issuance of a contract to Tecta America Southeast LLC for BIMT Roof Rehabilitation B-35 Shed #1 in the amount of \$1,779,550.00.

After a motion by Mr. Bean and a second by Mr. Clarkson, the Board voted to approve this submission.

**AC2024-11-03 Roof Replacement B-19 Transit Shed Three (GITMO)
Tecta America Corp.**

Mr. James Bennett presented this submission for Board approval of the issuance of a contract to Tecta America Southeast LLC for Roof Replacement Shed B-19, Transit Shed Three (GITMO) in the amount of \$1,298,750.00.

After a motion by Mr. Slater and a second by Mr. Kilbane, the Board voted to approve this submission.

CEO UPDATE

Mr. Green reported that the port is closely monitoring the potential for a coast-wide International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) strike. Negotiations between the ILA and the United States Maritime Alliance (USMX) broke down in November over issues concerning automation, raising the possibility of a work stoppage starting January 15th.

Mr. Green noted that a potential ILA strike would significantly disrupt international trade across East and Gulf Coast ports. While JAXPORT is not directly involved in negotiations, some terminal operators relying on ILA labor would be affected. However, JAXPORT's diverse trade lanes and cargo types limit the overall impact. A week-long strike would cancel or delay an estimated 16 vessels.

As January 15th approaches, JAXPORT continues to maintain close communication with tenants and customers reliant on ILA labor. Additionally, coordination with law enforcement partners is ongoing to ensure readiness to accommodate any peaceful demonstrations, as successfully managed during the previous strike.

Mr. Green reported that the port is actively monitoring potential policy changes under the incoming Trump Administration, specifically the possibility of new tariffs on imported foreign goods. While the impact of such measures remains uncertain at this stage, Mr.

Green emphasized that the port's strategic diversification—particularly through partnerships with domestic carriers—positions it well to maintain a stable revenue base.

Mr. Green informed the Board that JAXPORT recently received some national exposure from Congress. He presented a brief video clip from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, which featured a shot of Blount Island and showcased the Committee's efforts to deliver transportation and infrastructure improvements during the 118th Congress. He expressed gratitude for JAXPORT's strong relationships with elected officials at all levels of government, highlighting their importance in supporting JAXPORT's growth and its role in creating jobs for the city and state.

Mr. Green reported increased activity and utilization at JAXPORT's Dames Point Terminal. In recent weeks, the facility has handled thousands of pieces of U.S. military equipment and automobiles, alongside its regular weekly container service. This growth aligns with JAXPORT's strategic vision of becoming one of the nation's most diversified ports. Mr. Green emphasized that this diversification continues to protect the port from disruptions in specific trade lanes, cargo types, and external factors such as work stoppages and tariffs.

Mr. Green highlighted the importance of JAXPORT's cruise segment as a key component of its diversification strategy. Last month, JAXPORT joined Chair Hamilton, Mr. Bean, Mr. Slater, and Mrs. Gilvary for a Veterans Day-themed event aboard the Carnival Elation. The event celebrated Carnival's 20th anniversary in Jacksonville and the milestone of serving over three million passengers from JAXPORT. As part of the celebration, Carnival donated a service dog to a local veteran through the K-9s For Warriors program. Mr. Green expressed gratitude for Carnival's partnership over the past two decades and shared optimism for their continued success in Jacksonville.

Mr. Green concluded his update by informing the Board about a recent JAXPORT Security Workshop hosted by the senior team and Public Safety. The workshop included representatives from key partners such as the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, and Allied Universal, JAXPORT's contract security vendor. Discussions focused on maritime safety rules and regulations and collaborative efforts to ensure operational efficiency as cargo volumes continue to grow. Mr. Green expressed his gratitude to all participants for contributing to the event's success.

Reports

R2024-12-01 Engineering and Construction Update

Mr. James Bennett provided an overview of the key capital and engineering projects.

R2024-12-02 Financial Highlights & Monthly Financials/Vital Statistics

Mr. Joey Greive provided Financial Highlights for the month of October 2024 and provided an overview of the financials and vital statistics.

R2024-12-03 Commercial Highlights

Mr. Robert Peek provided updated commercial highlights to the Board in their books for the month of December 2024.

R2024-12-04 Safety Report

Mr. Nick Primrose provided a Safety Report for the month of December 2024 as info only.

Other Business

After a motion by Mr. Kilbane and a second by Mr. Bean, the Board unanimously approved travel by one or more Board Members of the Authority for business solicitation purposes or to attend any necessary conferences and/or meetings during the months of January/February 2025.

There being no further business of the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:03AM.