BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Jacksonville Port Authority
2831 Talleyrand Avenue
May 27, 2025

A meeting of the Jacksonville Port Authority Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, May 27, 2025 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 Tom Slater 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. Patrick Kilbane, Member
Mr. Charles Spencer, Member

Absent: Mr. Daniel Bean, Member

Other Attendees:

Mr. Eric Green, Chief Executive Officer
Ms. Beth McCague, Chief of Staff
Mr. Joey Greive, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. James Bennett, Chief Operating Officer
Mr. Robert Peek, Chief Commercial Officer
Ms. Linda Williams, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Nick Primrose, Chief, Regulatory Compliance
Ms. Chelsea Kavanagh, Chief Communications Officer
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 April 28, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes. After a motion by Mr. Clarkson and a second by Mr. Spencer, the Board unanimously approved the minutes as submitted.

Public Comments

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

New Business

BD2025-05-01 Talleyrand Marine Terminal Real Estate Acquisition

Mr. James Bennett presented this submission for Board approval for JAXPORT to acquire a 0.12-acre parcel located at 2063 Blair Street through auction, with a maximum purchase price of $125,000. The property, located adjacent to JAXPORT's Talleyrand Terminal Administration building, will support enhanced secure parking and improve traffic flow for increased safety.

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

BD2025-05-02 Public Transportation Grant Agreement
BIMT Berths 30, 31 and 32

Mr. James Bennett presented this submission for Board approval of the execution of a Public Transportation Grant Agreement between the Florida Department of Transportation and the Jacksonville Port Authority for state funding in FDOT fiscal year 2025 for the redevelopment of Berths 30, 31, and 32 at Blount Island Marine Terminal.

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

BD2025-05-03 Public Transportation Grant Agreement
Talleyrand Aggregate Terminal

Mr. Nick Primrose presented this submission for Board approval of the execution of a Public Transportation Grant Agreement between the Florida Department of Transportation and the Jacksonville Port Authority for state funding in FDOT fiscal year 2025 for the Talleyrand Aggregate Terminal Project.

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

BD2025-05-04 Public Transportation Grant Agreement
Autonomous Tracking & Reporting for Efficiency & Utilization

Mr. Nick Primrose presented this submission for Board approval of the execution of a Public Transportation Grant Agreement between the Florida Department of Transportation and the Jacksonville Port Authority for state funding in FDOT fiscal year 2025 for the Autonomous Tracking & Reporting for Efficiency & Utilization Pilot Project.

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

CEO UPDATE

Mr. Green reported that he and the team are finalizing the port's new strategic master plan. This plan is designed to guide operations over the next five years, and the plan outlines strategies to grow cargo volumes and support private sector job creation. Highlights of the plan will be shared with employees this afternoon to illustrate how their roles contribute to its success. The plan incorporates input from the Board as well as feedback from staff across the organization. Quarterly progress updates will be provided.

Mr. Green stated that the port's Commercial team recently welcomed a new service operated by Maersk and Hapag-Lloyd, providing a direct connection between Jacksonville and Cartagena, Columbia. As a major transshipment hub, Cartagena serves as a central transfer point for global cargo. This new connection significantly enhances JAXPORT's access to international markets, including Europe, South and Central America, and Asia.

Mr. Green stated that over the past month, JAXPORT has significantly strengthened its connections to Central America and the Caribbean with the addition of two new Crowley operated ships. Fueled by liquefied natural gas, these vessels reduce carbon emissions and will make regular calls at JAXPORT, serving key growth markets including Guatemala, Honduras and the Dominican Republic.

Mr. Green informed the Board that tariffs remain a major topic in the industry. JAXPORT is maintaining close communication with global partners and local tenants while actively monitoring ongoing developments. Despite the uncertainty, container volumes have remained strong through April. A detailed update will be provided by Robert in his commercial report.

Mr. Green informed the Board that he, along with other team members, traveled to Washington, DC to join representatives from the Puerto Rico Ports Authority and three of JAXPORT's carriers – Tote, Crowley and Trailer Bridge – in meetings with Federal Maritime Commissioner Louis Sola and members of Congress. The group is advocating for increased manufacturing in Puerto Rico, JAXPORT's top trading partner. Expanding domestic production of critical goods, such as medical supplies, strengthens national supply chain security and supports American jobs.

Mr. Green informed the Board that JAXPORT's Public Safety and IT teams have successfully collaborated to implement a new electronic badge scanning system at terminal entry points. The system is now fully operational at Blount Island, with plans to expand to the remaining terminals in the coming months.

Mr. Green stated that the unofficial start of summer over Memorial Day has given a boost to JAXPORT's cruise business. Carnival Cruise Lines anticipates embarking 55,000 passengers from Jacksonville between now and Labor Day, generating an economic impact of over $21 million for the region. Beginning July 19, Carnival will add Celebration Key - its private island in the Bahamas - as a new destination from Jacksonville. The local cruise industry currently supports 870 jobs and contributes more than $210 million in annual economic impact, figures expected to grow alongside continued cruise expansion.

Reports

R2025-05-01 Engineering and Construction Update

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

R2025-05-02 Financial Highlights & Monthly Financials/Vital Statistics

Mr. Joey Greive provided Financial Highlights for the month of April 2025 and provided an overview of the financials and vital statistics.

R2025-05-03 Commercial Highlights

Mr. Robert Peek provided updated commercial highlights to the Board in their books for the month of May 2025.

Other Business

After a motion by Mr. Clarkson and a second by Mr. Kilbane, 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 month of June 2025.

There being no further business of the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:54AM.