



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

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A meeting of the Jacksonville Port Authority Board of Directors was held on Monday, January 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 Daniel Bean 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 – via Zoom

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 December 9, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes and the January 8, 2025 Board of Directors Workshop Minutes. After a motion by Mr. Clarkson and a second by Mr. Slater, the Board unanimously approved the minutes as submitted.

## Public Comments

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

## Presentations

Mr. Joey Greive recognized Retta Rogers, Director of Procurement, for reaching her 20-year milestone and thanked her for her service. Mr. Greive also recognized Carolus Daniel, Director of Financial Planning & Analysis/Controller, for reaching his 10-year milestone and thanked him for his service.

## New Business

### **BD2025-01-01      Funding for Memorandum of Agreement Department of the Army – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**

Mr. James Bennett presented this submission for Board approval to submit \$500,000 for estimated costs associated with maintenance activities on the DMMA to the Department of Army for the 2024/2025 year and further approve future annual payments as presented in JAXPORT's annual capital budget.

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

### **BD2025-01-02      Peoples Gas System, Inc. Utility Easement for Southeast Toyota Project at Blount Island Marine Terminal**

Mr. James Bennett presented this submission for Board approval of a new easement at the SET Project at Blount Island Marine terminal to allow the installation of a gas line to serve the new processing facilities. Peoples Gas System, Inc. is the current provider for the area, however, in order to install the new gas lines, an easement is required for the installations of these new gas lines to serve SET.

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

### **AC2025-01-02      BIMT Equipment Wash Facility Combined Industries, LLC**

Mr. James Bennett presented this submission for Board approval of a contract to Combined Industries, LLC for BIMT Equipment Wash Facility in the amount of \$750,000.00.

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

**AC2025-01-03      BIMT Hanjung Crane #8810 Refurbishment and IHI Crane  
#2253 Dismantle & Removal – Reading Crane & Engineering Co.**

Mr. James Bennett presented this submission for Board approval of the issuance of a contract to Flatiron Crane Operating Company, LLC d/b/a Reading Crane and Engineering Co. for BIMT Hanjung Crane #8810 Refurbishment and IHI Crane #2253 Dismantle & Removal in the amount of \$3,372,736.00 which includes \$3,260,648.00 for the Base Bid, \$49,350.00 (quantity 1) for Owner’s Option No. 2 and \$62,738.00 (quantity 1) for Owner’s Option No. 3.

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

**CEO UPDATE**

Mr. Green stated that earlier this month, the ILA and USMX reached a tentative labor agreement, successfully averting another coastwide work stoppage. The next step is for the agreement to be fully voted on and approved by both parties. Prior to the strike threat, the East Coast had maintained a reputation for labor peace for many decades, and this agreement restores that stability for at least the next six years.

Mr. Green stated that the port continues to closely monitor developments in Washington regarding potential new tariffs. The situation is still evolving, as just last night, the administration announced plans to impose a 25% emergency tariff on imports from Colombia, which would be a 50% increase within a week. In response, Colombia’s president threatened a 25% tariff increase on U.S. exports. However, both plans now appear to be on hold. While many details remain uncertain, JAXPORT is generally well-positioned due to its business diversification across trade lanes and cargo types. This diversification allows JAXPORT to navigate economic challenges like tariffs more effectively than ports reliant on a single trade lane or business sector.

Mr. Green stated that JAXPORT’s ability to access the world’s top trade lanes will expand significantly next month with the launch of a new direct container service to Cartagena, Colombia. This service enhances connections not only to South American markets but also to the global Gemini Network, which includes ports in Asia, Central America, the Caribbean, and Europe. In preparation for this new service, Mr. Green traveled to Cartagena earlier this month to meet with port leadership and discuss current and future growth opportunities.

Mr. Green stated that December provided a clear snapshot of the importance of JAXPORT’s business diversification. It was a strong month, with multiple segments performing well, including containers, breakbulk, overall tonnage, and military cargo. During the month, JAXPORT facilitated the movement of approximately 3,000 pieces of military cargo, including tanks and helicopters. Notably, this was the first-time military cargo was moved simultaneously from both the Blount Island and Dames Point terminals.

Mr. Green informed the Board that JAXPORT continues to strengthen its relationships with federal partners. Last month, the port participated in an emergency preparedness exercise with the Coast Guard. The exercise was highly productive, providing leadership

from both organizations the opportunity to refine response strategies and enhance collaboration in addressing potential threats.

Mr. Green concluded his report by announcing that the annual State of the Port event will take place on Thursday, February 6th, at the Regency Hyatt Hotel. This event provides hundreds of transportation and logistics professionals with an update on JAXPORT's growth and the supply chain trends impacting Jacksonville. During the event, First Coast News anchor Jeannie Blaylock will moderate a panel discussion on the key advantages driving growth across JAXPORT's trade lanes and cargo types.

### **Reports**

#### **R2025-01-01 Engineering and Construction Update**

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

#### **R2025-01-02 Financial Highlights & Monthly Financials/Vital Statistics**

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

#### **R2025-01-03 Commercial Highlights**

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

#### **R2025-01-04 Safety Report**

Mr. Nick Primrose provided a Safety Report for the month of January 2025 as info only.

### **Other Business**

After a motion by Mr. Bean and a second by Mr. Clarkson, 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 March 2025.

There being no further business of the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:53AM.