

Minutes of the Patriots Point Development Authority 564th Board Meeting, 10:00 A.M., Friday, September 19, 2025, Patriots Point Boardroom, Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wayne Adams, *Acting Chair*
Mayor Will Haynie
James Smith
David Riggins

STAFF PRESENT:

Allison Hunt, *Executive Director*
Chris Hauff, *Chief Operating Officer*
Nick Magar, *Chief Financial Officer*
Sam Elkin, *Marketing Director*
Terry Ansley, *Property Management Director*
Gina Zahran, *Visitor Services Director*
Kenny Brinckman, *Education and Public Programs Director*
Chris Jones, *Operations Director*
Chris Coleman, *IT Director*
Lauren Austin, *Assistant Marketing Director*
Lindsey Christmas, *Volunteer Programs Coordinator*
Diane Brown, *Custodial Supervisor*
Lisa Venezia, *Custodian*
Miranda Helton, *Curator*
Rich Mady, *Volunteer*
Barb Amidon, *Ticketing and Volunteer*
Rosemary Haggett, *Volunteer*
Emily Johnson, *Administrative Coordinator*

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bill Craver, *Counsel*
Brandon Dermody, *The Southern Group*
Beverly Hardin, *Executive Director, USS Yorktown Foundation*
Chauncey Clark, *USS Yorktown Foundation*
Kayla Webber, *USS Yorktown Foundation*

Acting Chair Wayne Adams called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

The agenda was approved with no changes.

B. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES.

The minutes were approved with no changes.

C. INTRODUCTIONS

Allison Hunt introduced Beverly Hardin, the new Executive Director of the USS Yorktown Foundation.

Ms. Hunt then recognized volunteer Rich Mady with a plaque for his work on the Volunteer Engagement Initiative. Mr. Mady introduced the team of volunteers and staff who developed the project.

Ms. Hunt asked Diane Brown to recognize custodian Lisa Venezia, who is retiring after twenty-two years with Patriots Point.

D. FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Hunt gave the Financial report, highlighting the submittal of the 2026/27 state budget request, upcoming meetings with the governor's office and other state entities, the submittal of the 2025 accountability report, and 2024/25 auditor statements that are due October 1st.

E. MUSEUM AND EDUCATION REPORT

Kenny Brinckman gave the Museum and Education report, noting recent activities of the Flight Academy, Collections, and Special Programs, and the submittal of the EIA grant.

F. DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Chris Hauff gave the Development report, announcing an intern from the College of Charleston, the reopening of Operation Overnight, the launch of the new VIP tour, and the latest To the Point newsletter.

G. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Hunt gave the Executive Director's report. The oil remediation project is 82% complete and is projected to wrap up by October 22nd. The Yorktown Foundation received donations from the Rowland Family Foundation, Tin Can Sailors, and Gecko Robotics. The annual Yorktown Association reunion occurs October 9th through 12th, coinciding with the 250th birthday of the US Navy, which will be observed at the Meet and Greet that Saturday.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING LEGAL AND PERSONNEL ISSUES AND CONTRACTUAL MATTERS RELATED TO PATRIOTS POINT PROPERTY

James Smith moved to enter Executive Session, and David Riggins seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The board went into Executive Session at 10:27 A.M.

The board returned from Executive Session at 12:55 P.M. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

I. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

J. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

**K. NEXT TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED PPDA BOARD MEETING,
OCTOBER 17, 2025**

L. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Emily Johnson

Emily Johnson, *Recording Secretary*

c/Allison Hunt

Allison Hunt, *Executive Director*