

Minutes of the Patriots Point Development Authority 568th Board Meeting, 10:00 A.M., Friday, February 20, 2026, Patriots Point Boardroom, Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wayne Adams, *Acting Chair*
James Smith
David Riggins
Zeb Williams, via virtual call

STAFF PRESENT: Allison Hunt, *Executive Director*
Chris Hauff, *Chief Operating Officer*
Nick Magar, *Chief Financial Officer*
Terry Ansley, *Property Management Director*
Kenny Brinckman, *Education and Public Programs Director*
Ron Smith, *Flight Academy Program Manager*
Gina Zahran, *Guest Services Manager*
Lauren Austin, *Interim Marketing Director*
Emily Johnson, *Administrative Coordinator*

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

Acting Chair Wayne Adams called the meeting to order at 10:05 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. FINANCIAL REPORT

Nick Magar gave the Financial report.

David Riggins, Chairman of the Finance Committee, brought a recommendation from the committee to approve funding for two Permanent Improvement Projects: the Temporary Building Facility (\$2.8 million) and the Laffey Dry Dock (\$3.7 million). As a committee recommendation, the motion did not require a second. There being no discussion, the board voted unanimously to approve two resolutions in support of both projects.

D. MUSEUM AND EDUCATION REPORT

Kenny Brinckman gave the Museum and Education report. He introduced Ron “Smitty” Smith, the new Program Manager for the Flight Academy.

E. DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Chris Hauff gave the Development report. Mr. Hauff distributed copies of the *Post & Courier* “Charting 50 Years” insert to board members.

F. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Allison Hunt gave the Executive Director’s report, outlining timelines for two upcoming Permanent Improvement Projects.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING:

- 1. Contractual matters related to College of Charleston athletic facilities**
- 2. Contractual and legal matters related to Patriots Point events**

Mr. Adams amended the Executive Session purpose to include contractual matters related to Patriots Annex. James Smith made a motion for the board to enter into executive session. Mr. Riggins seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The board went into Executive Session at 10:27 A.M.

The board returned from Executive Session at 11:38 A.M. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

I. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

J. NEXT SCHEDULED PPDA BOARD MEETING, **March 20, 2026**

K. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:39 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Emily Johnson

Emily Johnson, *Recording Secretary*

c/Allison Hunt

Allison Hunt, *Executive Director*