

Minutes of the Patriots Point Development Authority 570th Board Meeting, 10:00 A.M., Friday, April 17, 2026, Patriots Point Boardroom, Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wayne Adams, *Acting Chair*
Susan Marlowe
Mayor Will Haynie
James Smith
David Riggins
Pat Waters, via virtual call
Zeb Williams, via virtual call

STAFF PRESENT: Allison Hunt, *Executive Director*
Chris Hauff, *Chief Operating Officer*
Terry Ansley, *Property Management Director*
Chris Jones, *Director of Operations*
Kenny Brinckman, *Education and Public Programs Director*
Gina Zahran, *Guest Services Manager*
Lauren Austin, *Communications Director*
Aaron Franklin, *Flight Academy Program Coordinator*
Emily Johnson, *Administrative Coordinator*

OTHERS PRESENT: Bill Craver, *Counsel*
Beverly Hardin, *Executive Director, USS Yorktown Foundation*
Kayla Webber, *USS Yorktown Foundation*
Jennifer Sanders, *USS Yorktown Association*

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. FINANCIAL REPORT

Allison Hunt gave the Financial report in Nick Magar's absence. Agency departments are preparing budgets for Fiscal Year 2027. The state proposed budget includes a two percent cost-of-living adjustment for employees.

D. MUSEUM AND EDUCATION REPORT

Kenny Brinckman gave the Museum and Education report. He recognized Aaron Franklin's nomination for the Blue Angel Key Influencer program.

E. DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Chris Hauff gave the Development report. Fourth of July celebration tickets are on sale now.

F. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Allison Hunt gave the Executive Director's report. Lauren Austin has accepted the permanent role of Communications Director. Charleston Race Week runs April 15-19.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING CONTRACTUAL MATTERS RELATED TO PATRIOTS POINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

David Riggins moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contractual matters related to Patriots Point. James Smith seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. The board went into Executive Session at 10:18 A.M.

The board returned from Executive Session at 11:17 A.M. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

I. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Smith moved to adopt a resolution to support naming a new aircraft carrier after the USS *Yorktown*. Susan Marlowe seconded the motion. After discussion, the resolution passed unanimously.

Mr. Smith moved to offer free admission to active-duty military, including the National Guard, with a current military ID. Mayor Will Haynie seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

J. NEXT SCHEDULED PPDA BOARD MEETING, May 15, 2026

K. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:21 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Emily Johnson

Emily Johnson, *Recording Secretary*

c/Allison Hunt

Allison Hunt, *Executive Director*