

Minutes of the Patriots Point Development Authority 573rd Board Meeting, 10:00 A.M., Friday, July 17, 2026, Patriots Point Boardroom, Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Allison Hunt, *Executive Director*
Chris Hauff, *Chief Operating Officer*
Nick Magar, *Chief Financial Officer*
Terry Ansley, *Property Management Director*
Chris Jones, *Director of Operations*
Kenny Brinckman, *Education and Public Programs Director*
Lauren Austin, *Communications Director*
Kellie Kennedy, *Logistics Coordinator*
Lori Held, *Administrative Coordinator*
Emily Johnson, *Administrative Coordinator*
Matt Franklin, *Technology Specialist*

OTHERS PRESENT: Bill Craver, *Counsel*, *via virtual call*
Beverly Hardin, *Executive Director, USS Yorktown Foundation*
Chauncey Clark, *Board Member, USS Yorktown Foundation*
Kayla Webber, *USS Yorktown Foundation*

Chair Wayne Adams called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Mr. Adams welcomed Charles Carmody to the board.

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. The Laffey loan has been paid in full. The FY26 budget audit will start at the end of July, and year-end statements should be provided to the board by the August meeting.

David Riggins brought a recommendation from finance committee for approval for an increase allocation for the Steel Beach project not to exceed \$3.8 million. Terry Ansley gave an update on the Steel Beach project and proposal. The motion passed unanimously.

D. OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES REPORT

The committee did not meet. Allison Hunt reported that an update on operations will be shared in the Executive Director's report.

E. MUSEUM AND EDUCATION REPORT

Kenny Brinckman gave the Museum and Education report. He recognized Kellie Kennedy, Logistics Coordinator. The department has been busy hosting summer camps and educator events. Mr. Brinckman reviewed EIA year-end numbers.

F. DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Chris Hauff gave the Development report. The 4th of July event was a success. The earned media report was shared with board members. Events revenue has exceeded projections, and IT upgraded Microsoft Outlook.

G. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Allison Hunt gave the Executive Director's report, sharing progress made on two permanent improvement projects: tank repairs and pier repairs. Patriots Point is participating in the national Blue Star Museums program, offering free admission to active-duty military and their families through Labor Day. Explore Charleston awarded Patriots Point two Golden Pineapple awards, recognizing its 50th anniversary and contributions to the hospitality industry.

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING CONTRACTUAL AND LEGAL MATTERS PERTAINING TO PATRIOTS POINT PROPERTY

Mr. Riggins moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contractual and legal matters pertaining to Patriots Point property. Mayor Will Haynie seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. The board went into Executive Session at 10:36 A.M.

The board returned from Executive Session at 11:09 A.M. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

J. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Riggins moved to approve the Tenth Amendment to the Parcels BC&D Lease. Mr. Carmody seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Riggins moved to approve Parcels B,C, and D Lease. Pat Waters seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Riggins moved to approve the transfer of Parcel A Lease: The Hotel. Mr. Carmody seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Riggins moved to approve the transfer of Parcel B-1 Lease: the Marina. Mr. Carmody seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Haynie nominated Susan Marlowe to fill the Vice Chair vacancy. Mr. Riggins seconded the nomination. With no other nominations, and Mr. Waters moved to close the nominations. Ms. Marlowe was approved as Vice Chair.

K. NEXT SCHEDULED PPDA BOARD MEETING, August 21, 2026

L. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:13 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

s/*Emily Johnson*

Emily Johnson, *Recording Secretary*

c/*Allison Hunt*

Allison Hunt, *Executive Director*