

**MANATEE COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, HONORABLE PATRICIA M. GLASS CHAMBERS  
1112 Manatee Avenue West  
Bradenton, Florida  
April 21, 2026**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4KFtzaC9Z87D5mn\\_SKKtBA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4KFtzaC9Z87D5mn_SKKtBA)

Present were:

Mike Rahn, Chairman  
George W. Kruse, Second Vice-Chairman  
Amanda Ballard  
Dr. Bob McCann  
Tal Siddique

One Member seat is vacant


Absent was:

Jason Bearden, First Vice-Chairman


Also present were:


Carlos Buqueras, Executive Director  
Noah Daiker, Port Authority Attorney  
Denise Hege, Accounting, Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Robin Toth, Deputy Clerk, Clerk of the Circuit Court

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

 Chairman Rahn called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**PORT AUTHORITY MEETING PROTOCOL**


 Chairman Rahn stated there have been numerous emails following the last Port meeting (3/24/26), regarding how the Port Authority functions when sitting on the dais. Port Authority meetings are completely different from Board of County Commissioner meetings. Once the County Commission Chairman passes the gavel to the Port Authority Chairman, Commissioners are then sitting in the capacity of Port Authority Members. Most Port Authority meetings are held at SeaPort Manatee, but Port meetings are also held in County Commission Chambers.

 Port Authority meetings held at Seaport Manatee are not live-streamed but are recorded and published on YouTube shortly thereafter. That is the reason why there is no host, call-in capability at meetings held at SeaPort Manatee, and it is not consistent in the way in which meetings are held at SeaPort Manatee.


**AGENDA**


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2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** (All Agenda and non-Agenda Items)


 There were no public comments.

**ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

 No items were pulled from the Consent Agenda by Authority Members.

 Carlos Buqueras, Executive Director, withdrew Consent Agenda Item 3.F.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

 A motion was made by Member Kruse, seconded by Member Siddique, and carried 5 to 0, with Member Bearden absent, to approve the Consent Agenda, incorporating the language as stated in the recommended motions on the cover sheets for the Consent Agenda, with deletion of Item 3.F.

A. **WARRANT LIST**

Accepted Warrant Listing from March 13, 2026, to April 12, 2026 PA20260421DOC004

B. **MINUTES**

Approved the Minutes of March 24, 2026

C. **BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Adopted Budget Resolution PA-26-09 budgeting the following:

- Reallocates FDOT funding in the amount of \$1,964,118 from Grant G3200, originally designated for the Berth 4 Rehabilitation Project, to the Berth Planning Project. These funds will support the design of toe walls, or comparable structures, at Berth 4 to accommodate future deepening activities. The funding also provides for the design of toe walls (or comparable structures) at Berths 5, 9, 12, and 14, to accommodate future deepening activities. This amount completes the non-federal required local match of \$2,618,824; and
- As approved on March 24, 2026, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has awarded the Authority a \$10,375,000 planning grant to support engineering and permitting for the berth reconstruction program (U.S. DOT MARAD-PIDP Grant) and \$654,706 in Port cash approved as local match

D. **DELETION OF PORT ASSETS**

Authorized deletion of assets as listed on attached Asset Deletion – April 21, 2026, from the Fixed Assets Listing PA20260421DOC006

E. **CERTIFICATION OF LANDS/NEW WEIRS IN UPLAND DISPOSAL AREA**

Approved and authorized Chairman to execute a Certification of Lands between the Department of the Army and Manatee County Port Authority, for installing new weirs at the Dredge Material Management Area, contingent upon the Board of County Commissioner’s (BOCC) approval of a temporary construction easement to be presented at the BOCC meeting on April 21, 2026 PA20260421DOC007

G. **WAREHOUSE 8, PALLET RACK SYSTEM ADDED SERVICES**


- Authorized Change Order 1, for an increase in the Purchase Order to Workspace Technology, Inc., in the amount of \$12,821.10, comprised of \$12,210, plus five percent contingency of \$611.10, to lower the top rails of the racks in Rooms 3 and 4; and
- Authorized Change Order 1, for an increase in the Purchase Order to Dynafire in the amount of \$12,627, comprised of \$6,180, plus five percent contingency of \$6,447 (including the contingency to the original operating approved cost), to remove and reinstall the fire suppression system of the top rails of the racks in Rooms 3 and 4 PA20260421DOC008


H. **PORT MANATEE TARIFF NO. 3, ITEM 441**

Approved the revised wording to Port Manatee Tariff No. 3, Item 441, to increase the charge for refrigerated containers rates from \$50 to \$75 PA20260421DOC009


(End Consent Agenda)

4. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

 Carlos Buqueras, Executive Director, distributed the 2026 SeaPort Manatee Directory to Port Members. The Directory is available online at [www.seaportmanatee.com/newsroom/port-publications.com](http://www.seaportmanatee.com/newsroom/port-publications.com).

 He thanked Property Management staff for their assistance with a recent Port/County project.

5. **PORT AUTHORITY MEMBER COMMENTS**

 Member Siddique informed Authority Members that Port Anchor House Chaplain Jeff Holton's wife was recently admitted to the hospital, and he asked everyone to lift her up in prayer.

There were no further Member comments.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Chairman Rahn adjourned the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

Minutes Approved: May 19, 2026