

Board Minutes

January 26, 2021 Board of Directors Special Meeting

First Floor Conference Room, 3 East Fourth Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Manuel Chavez called the Port Board of Directors meeting to order at 9:06am.

Board Members Present:

Chavez, Manuel
Smitson, Patricia
Fisher, Bobby
Jones, Damon

Duffy, Sister Sally
Bekal, Pradeep
Wideman, Melissa
Luken, Charlie

Staff Present:

Brunner, Laura
Johnson, Melissa
Denning, Philip
Fischer, Bill
Millikin, Tom

Castellini, Todd
Recht, Chris
Daniels, Jilson
Powell, Jessica

Guests:

Julia Novak – Novak Consulting
Catherine Carter – Novak Consulting

2. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Manuel Chavez; Julia Novak

Mr. Chavez introduced Julia Novak, who provided an overview of what the strategic planning process has achieved up to this point, and what the group hopes to accomplish during the meeting.

3. **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS AND DISCUSSION**

Laura Brunner

Ms. Brunner provided historical background on the Port, as well as a summary of the strategic planning process that took place in 2015. Ms. Brunner also shared a high-level overview of the Port's activities, along with a brief summary of the most notable strengths of and challenges faced by the Port at present. The Board asked questions about some of the challenges referenced, and brainstormed approaches to addressing them.

Ms. Novak thanked the Board for its participation in the strategic planning process and asked the individual Directors for their final thoughts. Ms. Novak stated that she would circle back with the Board after the input has been incorporated into the plan.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Patricia Smitson moved, pursuant to Ohio Revised code 121.22 (G)(4), to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Port and to go into executive session for the purpose of considering the terms and conditions of employment of an employee of the agency.

Through roll call vote, the Board entered into Executive session at 2:48pm. The Board of Directors meeting reconvened by roll call vote at 3:08pm.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The January 26, 2021 Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 3:08pm.

Respectfully,



Laura N. Brunner
Secretary