

Board Minutes

**February 12, 2025, Board of Directors Meeting**

Dinsmore & Shohl

255 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Amy Spiller called The Port Board of Directors meeting to order at 8:02am.

**Board Members Present:**

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| Amy Spiller      | Fisher, Bobby   |
| Qualls, Roxanne  | Duke, Rance     |
| Wideman, Melissa | Bekal, Pradeep  |
| Jones, Damon     | Jones, Angelita |

**Staff Present:**

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| Brunner, Laura    | Denning, Philip  |
| Hudson, Rick      | Garth, Andrew    |
| Michael, Rahiel   | Castellini, Todd |
| Millikin, Tom     | Daniels, Jilson  |
| Johnson, Melissa  | Florea, Lindsey  |
| Bancroft, Amy     | Herrmann, Luke   |
| Robinson, Dominic |                  |

**2. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

*Amy Spiller*

Amy Spiller asked for a motion to approve the items set forth on the consent agenda, which consisted of the meeting minutes from the January 15 Board of Directors meeting and Resolution 2025-06.

**Motion:** Rance Duke moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Bobby Fisher and was approved by the remainder of the board.

**3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

*Laura Brunner*

Laura Brunner offered best wishes to Rick Hudson on his departure from the Port to accept a new position. Laura Brunner outlined interim next steps until a permanent replacement is hired.

Laura Brunner presented the 2025 Strategic Goals, highlighting some of the changes and focus for the coming year.

The board asked questions about the goals, all of which were answered to satisfaction.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

6.

The Board asked questions about the information provided, all of which were answered to satisfaction.

Rick Hudson reviewed the Landbank budget for 2025, which was approved at the last Landbank board meeting.

Rick Hudson presented a high-level overview of the most recent Landbank financials, including revenues and expenditures.

Philip Denning presented the most recent inventory and acquisitions for the Landbank, reviewed the various programs used within the Landbank, and shared progress of specific properties.

Philip Denning provided information from the most recent Landbank board meeting, presenting an operations overview and highlighting information from the Landbank management report.

Philip Denning provided an overview of the Hamilton County Land Reutilization Corporation ("Landbank"), a Port-managed entity.

*Philip Denning, Rick Hudson*

**LANDBANK BOARD MEETING OVERVIEW**

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**Motion:** Roxanne Qualls moved to approve Resolution 2025-08. The motion was seconded by Rance Duke and was approved by the remainder of the board.

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PORT TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO UTILIZE OHIO STRATEGIC COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUNDS**

Andrew Garth presented Resolution 2025-08: approval of the use of grant funds awarded specific to the maintenance and upgrades of the 609 Plum Street Convention Center garage.

**Motion:** Melissa Wideman moved to approve Resolution 2025-07. The motion was seconded by Pradeep Bekal and was approved by the remainder of the board.

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PORT TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO UTILIZE FEDERAL COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING GRANT AWARD**

Philip Denning presented Resolution 2025-07: approval to receive and spend federal earmark dollars specific to the Lukkenheimer building for nuisance and abatement work on the property.

*Philip Denning, Andrew Garth*

**RESOLUTIONS**

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*Rick Hudson*

Rick Hudson presented the final financials for 2024 and asked for motion to approve the unaudited financials. Rance Duke moved to approve, seconded by Pradeep Bekal, with all in favor.

**7. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Amy Spiller moved pursuant to R.C. 121.22 (G)(4) to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Port and to go into executive session for the sole purpose of a discussion and review of the terms and conditions of employment for an employee of the agency.

The Board of Directors, by roll call vote, approved the motion and entered into executive session at 8:54am.

The Board of Directors meeting emerged from executive session at 9:14am.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The February 12, 2025, Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 9:15 am.

Respectfully,



Laura N. Brunner  
Secretary

