DRWC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JULY 31,2026
MINUTES

A meeting of the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation Board of Directors was held on Friday, October 20, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom conference pursuant to notice duly given under the By Laws and the Pennsylvania sunshine Act.

Attending: Jay Goldstein, Bill Hankowsky, Avi Eden, Karen Fegely, Mike Hauptman, John Mondlak, Matt Ruben, Angela Val, Bill Wilson, Diane Dalto Woosnam, Ellen Yin, Mario Zacharjasz

Also attending: Joe Forkin, Lizzie, Woods, Sarah Eberle, Erika Joy Erb, Lavelle Young, Teddy Saltzman, Jarreau Freeman, Jackie Lai, Karen Thompson, Jessica Roberts, Mike Barone, Tre Rials, Katie Pistik, Jasmine Wiggins, Gina DiBiase, Jason Rothman, Alan Jacobson, Brenna Kingsley

MINUTES
The minutes of the April 24, 2026, DRWC Boad of Directors meeting were approved as submitted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

OPEN SESSION
Joe Forkin announced Karen Thompson's departure from DRWC and thanked her for her years of service and her excellent public outreach.

BUDGET & FINANCE
Joe Forkin presented the FY'27 budget. Jay Goldstein presented a resolution approving the FY'27 Operating Budget. A motion was made, seconded and approved.

EOP
Jessica Robets gave the EOP Committee report stating that DRWC is continuing to support local business and increase WBE and MBE spending.

PROJECT UPDATES

I-95 CAP & PENN'S LANDING PARK

Lizzie Woods reported that PennDOT is continuing work on caissons for Pier 2, lightweight aggregate fill placement, and the café load transfer platform. She said that a GMP amendment with Keating was executed and they are beginning buy-out of key subcontractors. She added that a behind the scenes tour with Inga Saffron was being planned and that they are working with PennDOT for a media preview for the South Street Pedestrian Bridge in winter 2027.

DELAWARE RIVER TRAIL: PENN TREATY PARK TO THE BATTERY

Ms. Woods said that fencing, signage, and erosion control measures have been installed as have most of the helical piles. She added that boardwalk will be placed on top of helical piles in August.

CUMBERLAND STEET CONNECTOR

Lizzie Woods reported that DRWC and NV5 held a public meeting on July 29th at Cione Recreation Center and said that this public meeting along with meetings with the City Streets Department will help to finalize the design over the next couple of months.

SOUTH WETLANDS PARK

Ms. Woods stated that Olin continues working on a signage plan for the South Wetlands Park, while awaiting permitting approval. She said that the signage plan aims to create unique but connected themes for each pier. In response to a question from Karen Fegely, Ms. Woods said that the park is located behind Walmart.

WASHINGTON AVENUE CONNECTOR

Lizzie informed the board that the sidewalk and asphalt trail have been installed and that Washington Avenue is currently being milled and paved in sections and should be complete by August. She added that an official ribbon cutting is being planned for September.

WATERFRONT SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCE PLAN

Karen Thompson stated that the report is final, departmental summaries are complete and that the report has been shared with key partner agencies. She

said that staff is developing first year pilot projects for composting and ecological programming. She said that this will be announced in the upcoming P & D quarterly email and roll-out on DRWC's social media in the fall.

DATA & RESEARCH

Tre Rials reported that a survey of all the street furniture was done in June and that the goal is to ultimately develop a replacement schedule and that this will be a survey done every spring and fall going forward. In response to a question from Bill Hankowsky, Joe Forkin said that DRWC is financially responsible and uses funds from the city capital and operating budgets. Lizzie Woods thanked the team for their work on this project.

RIVERLINK FERRY

Lavelle Young stated that this is the 35th anniversary of the ferry and said that ridership was mostly reliant upon concerts at the Freedom Mortgage Pavillion.

DELAWARE RIVER TRAIL NORTH/I-95 HEADQUARTERS

Lavelle Young described the progress of the parking parcel and presented the signage that would be posted on site.

AMERICAN LIBERTY CRUISE LINES

Mr. Young said that the cruise lines reported that they had a positive experience and their desire to return. Mr. Forkin added that there will be 5 additional visits next year. In response to question from John Mondlak, Mr. Forkin stated that docking payment is based upon the length of the stay with a minimum of $15,000 dockage fee that will fluctuate and that it's mostly tourists boarding and departing the ship, not loading and unloading provisions.

PARKS, PROGRAMMING & WATERFRONT ARTS

Sarah Eberle said that the America 250 events were faced with challenging weather and that some events had to be rescheduled.

Sarah said that SSHP has great attendance during the good weather and described the events that were held at the park. Jackie Lai added that weather impacts attendance but that concessions were ahead.

SUMMERFEST
Sarah Eberle informed the board that Smith Playground is a partner of Summerfest. Jackie Lai said that Summerfest is open Thursday through Sunday and attendance is down slightly and that Summerfest will remain open through Labor Day and then the transition to Winterfest will begin.

CHERRY STREET PIER
Mr. Lai reported that food and beverage sales are slightly ahead and that a collaboration was carried out with the Penn's Landing Hilton and Van Guard.

Sarah described the events at the pier and said that CSP is participating in the Bloomsburg Arts and that students visited.

PECO MULTICULTURAL SERIES
Sarah Eberle thanked Kofi Smith for his hard work on the series and said that these are great events for DRWC and that there will be 9 festivals this year.

WHERE FREEDOM FLOWS
Sarah described the outdoor public art gallery in front of CSP.

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS
Erika Joy Erb thanked the marketing team: Mike Barone, Jarreau Freeman, Jasmine Wiggins and Austin Marsdale for their hard work.

MISCELLANEOUS
In response to a question from Mike Hauptman, Mr. Forkin said that there has been contact with the developer for the property beyond the Giant Supermarket in South Philadelphia, but he has not received a site plan just yet.

PUBLIC COMMENT
There being no public comment, the meeting was adjourned.