

# MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING February 21, 2024

#### **PhilaPort Board Members Present:**

Chairman Michael Pearson, Rocky Bryan, Boise Butler, Robert Clark, David Cuff, Richard Lazer, James Shacklett, Leigh Whitaker

## **PhilaPort Staff Present:**

Jeffrey Theobald, Edward Henderson, Colette Pete, James Walsh, Kate Bailey, Yordania Almonte, Sean Mahoney, George Hutchinson, Ryan Mulvey

## **Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:**

Denise Soisson

#### Others:

John Henkel, Paul Breeman, Tim Avanzato, Lisa Kline, Manny Citron

Chairman Pearson convened a Public Session.

The next order of business was the approval of the Board Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2024. The minutes were moved, seconded, and approved.

Chairman Pearson convened an Executive Session.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

## 2024-02 - AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT RAISE GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority ("PhilaPort") has been authorized under Section 6 of the Act of July 10, 1989, P.L. 291, 55 P.S. Section 697 et seq. of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (the "PRPA Act") to promote, apply for and accept grants for the purposes of advancing regional port facilities and port-related projects to include furtherance of cooperative state efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Transportation announced federal funding for the 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant program; and

WHEREAS, eligible projects include port infrastructure projects and port planning projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the staff of PhilaPort has reviewed port infrastructure/planning projects that would benefit the region if grant funding is received; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of PhilaPort has determined, on the basis of information provided to it (which information is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by references) to approve the submission of the Fueling Our Future: PhilaPort Sustainability Program planning grant application.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1. The PhilaPort hereby authorizes its staff to apply for grant funding through the United States Department of Transportation's 2024 RAISE grant program for the projects listed in Exhibit "A", and submission of the formal grant application.
- 2. The Executive Director and CEO of PhilaPort, with the advice of its Chief General Counsel, is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate the specific terms and conditions of the agreements and the Executive Director and CEO is hereby authorized and directed to execute, acknowledge and deliver on behalf of PhilaPort any agreements, documents or other instruments as may be necessary to effectuate such arrangements.

The motion was made, seconded, and approved. Resolution No. 2024-02 on file with the Authority.

There being no further public business to come before the board, the Public Session was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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