



**MINUTES FOR THE PHILAPORT SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
January 28, 2026**

**PhilaPort Board Members Present:**

Chairman Michael Pearson, Rocky Bryan, Boise Butler, David Cuff, Richard Lazer, David Maser, Warren Santone, James Shacklett, Ali Perelman

**PhilaPort Board Members Absent:**

Robert Clark, John Skoutelas

**PhilaPort Staff Present:**

Jeffrey Theobald, Edward Henderson, Colette Pete, Brian Gocial, Yordania Almonte, Ryan Mulvey

**Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:**

Denise Soisson

**Others:**

Max Tuttleman, Suzanne Boda, Howard Kass, Lorne Cass, John Harvey, Rob Zuritsky, Brian Berson, Dimitri Angelakos, Kevin Levy, Megan Moyer

**Public Session:**

The Board unanimously passed a resolution to enter a contract with Korn Ferry upon the terms set for in this resolution.

**Resolution:**

**2026-04 AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO  
KORN FERRY FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH**

**WHEREAS**, the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority ("PhilaPort") is authorized under Section 6 of the Act of July 10, 1989, P.L. 55 P.S. Sections 697.1 *et seq.* of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (the "PRPA Act") to make and enter into contracts in furtherance of its purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the PRPA Act authorizes PhilaPort to make and execute contracts and other instruments necessary or convenient for the conduct of its business and to the exercise of the powers of the authority pursuant to 55 P.S. Sections 6(b)(12) and (21); and,

**WHEREAS**, PhilaPort's current Executive Director has announced plans to retire, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has formed an Executive Director Search Committee to lead the search for a new Executive Director, and

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Director Search Committee solicited, received, and evaluated proposals from qualified executive search firms, and

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Director Search Committee recommends the award of a contract to recruit qualified candidates for the Executive Director position to Korn Ferry for a fixed-fee of \$150,000.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. PhilaPort hereby authorizes its staff to enter into a contract with Korn Ferry based upon the terms set for in this resolution.
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.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

*Yordania Almonte*

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