

Georgia Ports Authority

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

8:30 a.m.

Savannah, GA

762-233-1679

Conference ID: 182 886 748#

Agenda

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Womack | 1. | Call to Order
a) Approval of Agenda
b) Attendance Report |
| Fountain | 2. | Approval of Minutes |
| Fountain | 3. | Receive Comments Regarding Agenda and Non-Agenda Items |
| | 4. | Committee Chair Reports
Compensation & Leadership Development – Wooten
Administration – Cyr
Audit, Budget & Finance – Womack
Community & Government Affairs – Tarbutton
Ports Development – Hertz
Sales, Marketing & Communication – McKnight |
| McCurry | 5. | Executive Division
a) Property Resolution Savannah, GA |
| McCurry | 6. | Administrative Division
a) Monthly Purchasing Request(s)
b) Capital/Operating Purchase Report |
| Dooley | 7. | Finance Division
a) FY 2025 Operating, Cash and Capital Budget
b) Enterprise Resource Planning Approval |
| Novack | 8 | Engineering Division
a) Colonel's Island Berth 4
b) East River Terminal Water Distribution Improvements |
| Lynch | 9. | Chief Executive Officer Report |
| Fountain | 10. | Chairman's Comments
a) Nominating Committee Report & Election of Officers |
| Fountain | 11. | Executive Session (If Needed) |

NEXT AUTHORITY MEETING IS JULY 28 – 29 IN SAVANNAH, GA

AN ITEM OR ITEMS WHICH BECOME NECESSARY TO ADDRESS
DURING THE COURSE OF THE MEETING MAY BE ADDED AND ACTION MAY BE TAKEN

MINUTES OF MEETING

GEORGIA PORTS AUTHORITY SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

March 25, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kent Fountain. Other Authority Members present were Vice Chairman, Alec Poitevint, Secretary and Treasurer, Christopher C. Womack and Authority Members, James L. Allgood, Leda Chong, David J. Cyr, Don A. Grantham, Jr., Douglas J. Hertz, Martin "Trey" Kilpatrick, William D. McKnight, Ben J. Tarbutton, III and Philip Wilheit, Jr. Joel Wooten was excused for good cause.

Staff members attending were President & CEO Griffith Lynch, Lise Altman, Flavio Batista, Tom Boyd, Robert Dooley, Olli Himbert, Ed McCarthy, James McCurry, Christopher Novack, William Sutton, and Emily Richardson. Special Assistant Attorney General Paul Threlkeld also attended. Guests are shown on the attached sign in sheet.

On motion by Mr. Poitevint, seconded by Mr. Tarbutton, it was unanimously voted: To approve the agenda.

On motion by Mr. Allgood, seconded by Mr. Kilpatrick, it was unanimously voted: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 28, 2025, and accept them as distributed.

On motion by Mr. Poitevint, seconded by Mr. Tarbutton, it was unanimously voted: To approve the Non-Exclusive Easement Agreement between Georgia Ports Authority and Georgia Power Company in the form attached hereto.

On motion by Mr. Grantham, seconded by Mr. Allgood, it was unanimously voted: To approve the Board Resolution authorizing the GPA President & CEO to enter into a Lease and Operating Agreement between Georgia Ports Authority and CSX Transportation, Inc., subject to terms and conditions acceptable to both parties.

Current policy requires that the Authority approve all purchases that total \$500,000 or more. For the period, there is one (1) capital purchases and two (2) operating purchases for a total of \$3,350,000. On motion by Mr. Allgood, seconded by Mr. Poitevint, it was unanimously voted: To approve three (3) purchases as presented in the attached report.

Current policy requires that the Staff provide monthly reports to the Authority concerning capital and operating purchases totaling \$100,000 or more, but less than \$500,000. For the period, there were no (0) capital purchases and ten (10) operating expenses totaling \$ 2,348,943. This item is provided for information only. No action by the Authority is required.

On motion by Mr. Cyr, seconded by Mr. Poitevint, it was unanimously voted: To establish contract signature authority to the GPA's President and Chief Executive Officer; 2.) authorize Staff to issue contracts and purchase orders in support of the project, and 3) establish an overall project budget of \$2,000,000 for the GCT Ship to Shore Crane Hydraulic Systems project.

On motion by Mr. Kilpatrick, seconded by Mr. Cyr, it was unanimously voted: To adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Kent Fountain
Chairman

Christopher Womack
Secretary and Treasurer

MINUTES OF MEETING

GEORGIA PORTS AUTHORITY SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

March 25, 2025

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The full Chief Executive Officer's Report was included in the Board package.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Fountain complimented and thanked Mr. Lynch. He spoke about the great reports that the new ILA contracts have been signed, container volumes are at record levels, overall revenue is strong and that expenses are being kept under control. All this success is a testimony to the full GPA team. Please pass along the board's compliments to everyone for a job well done.



TO: Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority
SUBJECT: Property Resolution | Savannah, GA
DATE: May 20, 2025

ISSUE: The Authority desires to sell, and The Mayor and Alderman of the City of Savannah desire to purchase, a portion of real property, containing approximately .918 acre, located at the Megasite in the City of Port Wentworth, Georgia (the "Property"), for a purchase price of \$242,600.00. The Authority and City are currently negotiating a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Property. The Authority is authorized to sell property which it determines is not required for port or warehouse operations or for the future expansion of the State system of docks, provided that any sale is first approved by the Governor, Auditor, and Attorney General of the State of Georgia. Attached for approval is a Resolution to declare the Property to be surplus and to empower the President and Chief Executive Officer and Chief Administrative Officer of the Authority to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement and any closing documents necessary to effect the closing of the sale of the Property, subject to the prior approval of the Governor, Auditor, and Attorney General, as evidenced by their signatures attached to the Resolution.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: The sale of the Property requires approval of a Resolution by the Georgia Ports Authority and prior approval of the Governor, Auditor, and Attorney General of the State of Georgia.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The sale price of the Property would be \$242,600.00, less any fee obligations of the Authority at closing.

STAFF CONTACT: James C. McCurry, Jr., Chief Administrative Officer
Paul H. Threlkeld, Special Assistant Attorney General

RECOMMENDATION: That the Authority approve the attached Resolution (i) declaring the Property to be surplus, (ii) approving the Authority's sale of approximately .918 acre of real property located in the City of Port Wentworth, Chatham County, Georgia, to The Mayor and Alderman of the City of Savannah for a price of \$242,600.00, and (iii) authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer and Chief Administrative Officer of the Authority to negotiate and execute a mutually acceptable Purchase and Sale Agreement and any and all closing documents necessary to effect the sale of the Property, having first received approval of the Governor, Auditor, and Attorney General of the State of Georgia.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Griff Lynch".

Griff Lynch
President and Chief Executive Officer



TO: Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority
SUBJECT: **Monthly Purchasing Requests**
DATE: May 20, 2025

ISSUE: At each regular meeting of the Authority, a list of purchase requests in an amount of \$500,000 or greater is presented by staff for approval.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: Current policy requires that the Authority approve all purchases that total \$500,000 or more.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: For the period, there are no (0) capital purchases and three (3) operating purchases for a total of \$3,200,000.

STAFF CONTACT: James C. McCurry, Chief Administrative Officer
Tamela Wright, Purchasing Manager

RECOMMENDATION: That the Authority approves three (3) purchases as presented in the attached report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Griff Lynch
President and CEO



TO: Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority
SUBJECT: **Capital/Operating Purchases Report**
DATE: May 20, 2025

ISSUE: At each regular meeting of the Authority, a list of capital and operating purchases between \$100,000 and \$500,000 is presented by Staff for information.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: Current policy requires that the Staff provide monthly reports to the Authority concerning capital and operating purchases totaling \$100,000 or more, but less than \$500,000.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: For the period, there were no (0) capital purchases and five (5) operating expenses totaling \$ 1,075,000.

STAFF CONTACT: James C. McCurry, Chief Administrative Officer
Tamela Wright, Purchasing Manager

RECOMMENDATION: This item is provided for information only. No action by the Authority is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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Griff Lynch
President and CEO



TO: Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority
SUBJECT: **FY 2026 Operating, Cash and Capital Budgets**
DATE: May 20, 2025

ISSUE: The staff has prepared final Operating, Cash and Capital Budgets for FY 2026 for presentation to the Authority.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: Not applicable

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The Audit, Budget and Finance Committee reviews and recommends approval of the budget package to the Authority.

STAFF CONTACT: Robert F. Dooley III – Chief Financial Officer

RECOMMENDATION: That the Authority accept the recommendation of the Audit, Budget and Finance Committee and approve the FY 2026 Operating, Cash and Capital Budget as submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

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Griff Lynch
President & CEO



TO: Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority

SUBJECT: **Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)**

DATE: May 20, 2025

Issue:

As Georgia Ports Authority (GPA) continues to expand and improve its facilities to meet the growing demands of international shipping, GPA is embarking on an enterprise digital transformation including modernization of its foundational systems. The focus has been on seeking a qualified enterprise-wide resource planning software and implementation partner to support our expanding operations. Currently, GPA utilizes SAP ECC6 on premise ERP solution. The Georgia Ports Authority engaged with Deloitte Consulting, LLC to prepare a comprehensive current assessment, as well as a needs assessment for our ERP solution. Based on the comprehensive assessment, GPA evaluated 3 ERP solutions and selected Workday and Maximo ERP solutions. The Georgia Ports Authority is currently evaluating implementation consultants to partner with on implementation of Workday and Maximo. The Enterprise Resource Planning system will provide an integrated solution that will have the ability to grow with the operations of the Georgia Ports Authority.

The requested funds of \$29,000,000 for the ERP software and implementation are available through the GPA's internal capital improvement program. The funds requested are for a 10-year agreement with Workday, 5-year agreement with Maximo and the estimated implementation cost with an implementation consultant.

Policy Implications:

This project is in keeping with established policy to enhance operations, administration, and customer service at the GPA's facilities.

Financial Impact:

Expenditures of up to \$29,000,000 over the next ten fiscal years from the Internal Capital Budget are required for the Enterprise Resource Planning project.

Staff Contact:

Robert F. Dooley III, Chief Financial Officer

Recommendation:

That the Authority 1.) establishes contract signature authority to the GPA's President and Chief Executive Officer; 2.) authorize Staff to issue contracts and purchase orders in support of the project, and 3) establish an overall project budget of \$29,000,000 for the Enterprise Resource Planning project.

Respectfully submitted,

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Griff Lynch
President & Chief Executive Officer



TO: Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority
SUBJECT: **Colonel's Island Berth 4**
DATE: May 20, 2025

ISSUE:

In mid-2014, the Georgia Ports Authority began the planning, design and permitting for a fourth berth at Colonel's Island that will provide the infrastructure necessary for the large ro-ro vessels calling Brunswick now and in the future. Since that time, major milestones on the project included receipt of the Army Corps of Engineers federal permit in 2019 that is valid through 2029 and award of a federal grant in the amount of \$14.65 million in 2022 to partially fund the construction. With these two milestones, the GPA has formally obtained competitive bidding for the construction of the project. Bids were received on April 30, 2025, with The Industrial Company (TIC) of Savannah, Georgia as the lowest responsive bid.

The construction consists of a new roll-on/roll-off vessel berth adjacent to and downriver of the three existing ro-ro berths at Colonel's Island Terminal. Components of the project include construction of a pile supported deck to accommodate large ro-ro vessels; breasting and mooring dolphins; an access trestle that will connect the fourth berth to Joe Frank Harris Boulevard; a dock connector that will link the new fourth berth to Berth No. 1; and the necessary dredging to provide a consistent depth along the fourth berth that is similar to the existing berthing facilities at Colonel's Island..

The funds necessary for this project totals \$99,795,000 that includes \$14,647,284 of federal reimbursement through the federal government's FY21 Port Infrastructure Development Program with the remaining funds from the GPA's internal capital budget.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

This project is in keeping with established policy to enhance operations and customer service at the GPA's Port of Brunswick facilities.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Expenditures of \$99,795,000 that includes \$14,647,284 of federal reimbursement through the federal government's FY21 Port Infrastructure Development Program with the remaining funds from the GPA's internal capital budget.

STAFF CONTACT:

Christopher B. Novack, P.E., Vice President of Engineering & Facilities Maintenance

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Authority 1.) establishes contract signature authority to the GPA President and Chief Executive Officer; 2.) authorize Staff to issue contracts and purchase orders in support of the project, and 3) establish a budget of \$99,795,000 for the Colonel's Island Berth 4 project.

Respectfully submitted,

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Griff Lynch
President & Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1) Capital Expenditure Request-Colonel's Island Berth 4
 2) Work Breakdown Structure:-Colonel's Island Berth 4
 3) Recommendation Letter-Moffatt Nichol



TO: Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority
SUBJECT: **East River Terminal Water Distribution Improvements**
DATE: May 20, 2025

ISSUE:

After fire destroyed Warehouse 4 at East River Terminal in May 2021, the State Fire Marshal submitted a consent order to Logistec (the tenant and operator of Warehouse 4) that included a requirement to increase the water supply to the south end of the facility. Review of the existing water distribution system determined that the best way to increase the water supply for firefighting purposes is to renew and upgrade the entire water distribution system throughout the terminal. The current lease with Logistec requires that the GPA be responsible for the repair and/or replacement of subterranean water supply lines.

To satisfy the consent order and complete the project, a four-phase program over four fiscal years is required to minimize the disruption of the existing cargo operation and continually provide fire protection during construction. Once improvements are completed, the water supply volumes will increase 2-3 times the current volumes throughout the terminal and satisfy the state fire marshal's consent order. Funding for this project is planned, beginning in FY2025, for a total amount of \$11,400,000. These funds are available through the GPA's internal capital improvement program.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

This project is in keeping with established policy to enhance operations and customer service at the GPA's Port of Brunswick facilities.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Expenditures up to \$11,400,000 over the next four fiscal years from the Internal Capital Budget are required for the East River Terminal Water Distribution Improvements project.

STAFF CONTACT:

Christopher B. Novack, P.E., Vice President of Engineering & Facilities Maintenance

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Authority 1.) establishes contract signature authority to the GPA's President and Chief Executive Officer; 2.) authorize Staff to issue contracts and purchase orders in support of the project, and 3) establish an overall project budget of \$11,400,000 for the East River Terminal Water Distribution Improvements project.

Respectfully submitted,

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Griff Lynch
President & Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1) Work Breakdown Structure-ERT Water Distribution Improvements
2) Capital Expenditure Report-ERT Water Distribution Improvements
3) Moffatt Nichol Letter of Recommendation