

**PORT OF GALVESTON  
REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION AND  
TRUSTEES ACTION**

**MINUTES**

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**PREPARED BY:** Angelina Ramirez      Secretary, Board of Trustees      November 21, 2023

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**SUBJECT:** Minutes – Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Galveston Wharves held Tuesday, November 7, 2023

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**BACKGROUND:** Attached are the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Galveston Wharves held Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Port staff respectively requests Board approval of the minutes from the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Galveston Wharves held Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

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**Respectfully Submitted By:**

  
Rodger Rees, Port Director/CEO

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**DATE ACTION TAKEN:** \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Disapproved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deferred To: \_\_\_\_\_  
Incorporated into Minutes: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Unanimous: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the  
Board of Trustees of the Galveston Wharves  
Tuesday, November 7, 2023**

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Galveston Wharves held Tuesday, November 7, 2023, in the offices of the Port of Galveston on the 8<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Shearn Moody Plaza, 123 Rosenberg, Galveston, Texas.

Chairman Pierson called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m., Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

The Board Secretary called roll.

Presiding Officer: Victor Pierson Chairman, Board of Trustees

Present:	Chairman Victor Pierson	Vice Chairman Jeff Patterson
	Trustee/Mayor Craig Brown	Trustee Willy Gonzalez
	Trustee Sheila Lidstone	Trustee Richard Moore
	Trustee James D. Yarbrough	

Others:	Rodger Rees	Anthony P. Brown
	Brett Milutin	Mark Murchison
	Jeffrey Thomas	Angie Ramirez
	John Willis	

Chairman Pierson declared a quorum of the Trustees present for the meeting.

The Trustees, visitors, and Port Staff recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Pierson called for the declaration of conflicts of interest on today's agenda items. No items were declared.

Chairman Pierson called for Public Comments. One comment was voiced.

Chairman Pierson called for Business Items.

**B.1 Discuss and Consider 2024 Operating, Renewal & Replacement and Capital Improvements Budget:** After in-depth detailed discussion on the 2024 Operating, Renewal & Replacement and Capital Improvements Budget, The Chairman announced that the Board will take no action on this item, and defer until the November 21, 2023, Regular Monthly Board Meeting. *No formal action taken.*

Chairman Pierson announced that the Trustees were going to recess into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 – Real Estate. The time was 3:48 p.m., Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

Chairman Pierson convened the Executive Session at 3:58 p.m., Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

Chairman Pierson adjourned the Executive Session at 4:46 p.m. Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

Chairman Pierson reconvened the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 4:49 p.m., Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

Chairman Pierson made an announcement that he would appoint an AD Hoc Committee for Real Estate Committee Chaired by Vice Chairman Patterson, with members Trustee Gonzalez and Trustee Moore. Chairman Pierson stated that he would like to formally appoint the committee on the next Regular Monthly agenda.

Chairman Pierson called for the remaining Business Items.

**E.1. Consider and Approve Second Amendment to Professional Services Agreement Between the Board of Trustees of the Galveston Wharves and Bermello Ajamil & Partners, Inc. for Engineering and Architecture Services for the Cruise Terminal 16 Development at an Amount Not to Exceed \$7,276,271:** After a brief update from Mr. Thomas on the Architecture and Services for the Cruise Terminal 16 Development, *Trustee Yarbrough moved to approve the Second Amendment to Professional Services Agreement Between the Board of Trustees of the Galveston Wharves and Bermello Ajamil & Partners, Inc. for Engineering and Architecture Services for the Cruise Terminal 16 Development at an Amount Not to Exceed \$5.3 million, and to give the Port Director the Authority to execute the contract. Trustee Yarbrough stated that the difference between the \$7.2 million requested and the \$5.3 million approved is for construction management services, and noted that we are not at that phase of development for construction, and staff can come back to the Board to amend the contract and add construction services. Trustee/Mayor Brown seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.*

**E.2. Discuss and Consider for Approval an Amendment to the 2024 Galveston Railroad, L.P. Terminal Tariff, GVSR 7006-17b Rates for Customer Switching and Accessorial Services:** *Trustee Yarbrough moved, with the second of Trustee Moore, to approve an Amendment to the 2024 Galveston Railroad, L.P. Terminal Tariff, GVSR 7006-17b Rates for Customer Switching and Accessorial Services. Trustee Yarbrough questioned why this was not amended last month when the Tariff was on the agenda. Mr. Milutin stated that this is Galveston Railroads Tariff, not the Port's. Motion unanimously carried.*

Chairman Pierson called for comments from the Trustees.

After hearing comments from the Trustees and Staff on today's agenda items, Chairman Pierson announced that the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, in the Port's offices. A time will be set for the meeting pending funeral arrangements for Mr. Bobby Moody.

***Chairman Pierson adjourned the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Galveston Wharves at 4:59 p.m., Tuesday, November 7, 2023.***



Angelina Ramirez, Secretary  
Board of Trustees of the Galveston Wharves