

# MISSISSIPPI PORT AUTHORITY

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### SPECIAL MEETING

**September 13, 2016**

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Minutes of the Mississippi State Port Authority Board of Commissioners Meeting,  
Tuesday, September 13, 2016, 2510 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1450, Gulfport, Mississippi at  
which the following Commissioners and staff were present:

Commissioners: E.J. Roberts, President  
Robert J. Knesal, Vice-President  
James C. Simpson, Jr., Secretary  
John Rester, Treasurer  
Jack Norris, Commissioner

Staff: Jonathan Daniels, Executive Director/CEO  
Matthew Wypyski, Chief Operating Officer  
John Webb, Director of Engineering  
Kim Purchner, Executive Asst./HRO  
Mel Arsenaault, Director of External Affairs  
DeeDee Wood, Chief Financial Officer  
Nick Foto, Deputy Program Manager

Ben Stone, Legal Counsel  
Brant Pettis, Legal Counsel  
David Duhe, Legal Counsel

Others: Philip Carter, MDA (via telephone)  
Bob Burns, CH2MHill  
Todd Bradford, YAJV  
Mark McDaniel, Roy Anderson Corp.

Commissioner Roberts noted the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at approximately 2:00 p.m.

Commissioner Roberts stated that in order to ensure an orderly meeting and that all interested parties have an opportunity to address the Commission, public comments will be limited to no more than three minutes.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

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Commissioner Rester moved to close the meeting to determine the need for an Executive Session. Commissioner Simpson seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Simpson moved to enter Executive Session to discuss two legal matters (a lease negotiation and possible litigation). Commissioner Rester seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

(THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT APPROXIMATELY 2:05 P.M.)

Commissioner Rester moved to come out of executive session. Commissioner Simpson seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting returned to open session at approximately 3:42 PM and Chairman Roberts noted that no action was taken during executive session.

Commissioner Rester moved to amend the agenda to add an additional item 3a, for the consideration of the MSPA's contract with Southern Industrial Contractors, LLC. Commissioner Simpson seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Rester moved with respect to item 3a that, based on information provided to the Commission from both staff and legal counsel, the contract between the Mississippi State Port Authority and Southern Industrial Contractors, LLC be terminated, effective immediately. Commissioner Simpson seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Rester moved to adjourn. Commissioner Simpson seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:44 p.m.

Approved and Attested

  
E.J. Roberts  
President

  
James C. Simpson, Jr.  
Secretary